

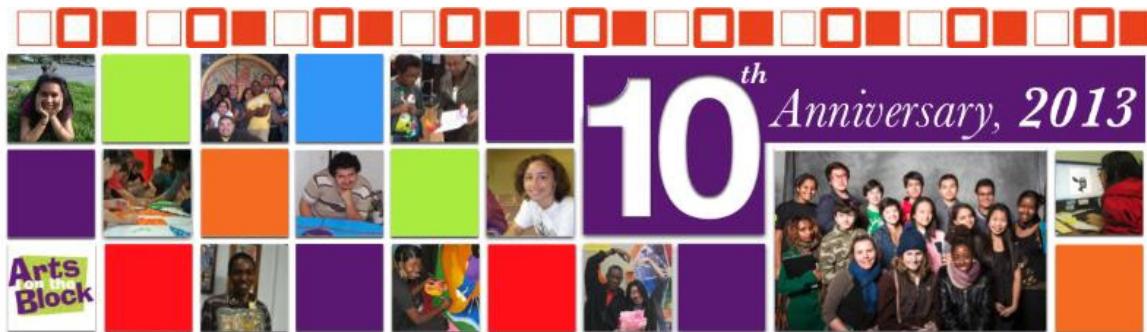


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Dear AOB,

As our tenth anniversary year draws to a close, we are celebrating our growth and countless successes since our founding in 2003, AND launching a **new era** in a **new space** in Kensington, a *creative hub of Montgomery County!* We hope you will consider honoring this red-letter year and supporting the growth and development of the creative young people we serve by making a tax-deductible, end-of-year contribution now!

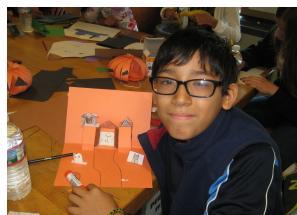
Excel Beyond the Bell 2013

The first 10-week session of our third year of after-school art programs at Argyle, Neelsville, and Roberto Clemente Middle Schools is coming to a close! Here are a few glimpses into the engaging art and youth-development activities to date!

Arts on the Block has moved!

After seven years at our Wheaton location, we are excited to announce our move to 4218 Howard Avenue, Suite 3A, Kensington, MD 20895. Our sunny new studio/gallery and administrative space is on the third floor of a building we share with one of Montgomery County's premier art businesses, The Gary Rosenthal Collection. Surrounded on all sides by a host of creative enterprises from woodworkers to interior designers, we are excited to introduce our apprentice artists to potential careers and countless opportunities for creative partnerships.

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While we still have a lot of unpacking to do, we will be ready to open our doors on January 4 for our next Pour Your ART Out workshop! We invite you to follow our progress on [Instagram](#)!

Growing Bigger and Better than Ever!

We are very excited to announce our first expansion beyond Montgomery County during the summer of 2014 when our signature [Pour Your ART Out](#) program launches out of the [PEPCO Edison Place Gallery](#) in DC! The six-week workshop will culminate in a festive event on **Saturday, August 9**, so mark your calendars! In addition to working on commissioned artwork under the guidance of AOB's Lead Teaching Artist, Carien Quiroga, participants will meet weekly with staff from [Smithsonian Institute's American Art Museum](#) to pursue museum-related projects, and from DC nonprofit [Urban Alliance](#) to prepare them for joining the workforce.

The 6,000 square foot gallery will allow AOB to showcase its apprentices' artwork alongside their creative process. The program provides a unique opportunity for DC and Montgomery County high school students to work together and learn from each other. PYAO brings together teens who are passionate about art to work on commissions for real clients while learning about art, entrepreneurship, and creative careers!

Businesses and organizations can help enrich lives with art through a sponsorship of our program in this well-known art venue in the heart of Chinatown, DC. For more information, please contact Executive Director Jan Goldstein, at [240.645.0730](tel:2406450730).

A New Face at the Studio!

This winter, our signature [Pour Your ART Out workshop](#) will be led by guest teacher Sonal Sheth. For the last two summers, Ms. Sheth brought her creative teaching strategies to middle school art classes for AOB in collaboration with the youth nonprofit, [Identity](#). Before coming to AOB, Sheth, who holds an MA





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The second session begins January 6! Students will have the opportunity to learn about Manga, sculpture, or wearable art!

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in teaching, taught art classes for several DC-area schools and nonprofits including the Latin American Youth Center Art and Media House, and coordinated high school programs for Asian American LEAD. We look forward to a season -- or perhaps two -- of her calming presence and dedication while we continue our search for a permanent half-time teaching artist.



AOB Lead Teaching Artist, Cairen Quiroga, is taking a hiatus from Pour Your ART Out, teaching three days per week for our [Excel Beyond the Bell](#) middle school program. Come summer, she will again be leading PYAO -- but this time, at our PEPCO Edison Place Gallery (DC) location (see above for details).

Support Arts on the Block this Holiday Season!

During the season of giving, [consider making a contribution to transform our community and the next generation of creative youth](#) through art.



Your support at this time is needed for our efforts to expand, grow, and ensure the success of more deserving youth! Thank you for your help!





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