



SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL



ST. LOUIS ARTWORKS

Young at Art, 30

DECEMBER 13, 2025

5959 DELMAR, ST. LOUIS, MO



1995 - 2025

In 2024, St. Louis ArtWorks hired 153 apprentices and 15 teaching artists. Of these, 52.9% lived in the City of St. Louis, and 24.8% were from the County Promise Zone. The apprentices represented 41 different zip codes, reflecting the diversity of our community.



About Us

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Mission

St. Louis ArtWorks enriches the lives of youth by providing art education, essential job skill training, and exposure to career opportunities through paid apprenticeships.

Established in 1995, we have evolved from a summer program held under tents to a year-round initiative in our own remodeled building, which features a state-of-the-art media lab, a makerspace, and expansive studio areas.

St. Louis ArtWorks was modeled after the highly successful Gallery 37 program in Chicago, IL. It began as a collaborative effort involving the Mayor's Office of the City of St. Louis, the Regional Arts Commission, the Missouri Arts Council, Grand Center, Inc., and the St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE). The program started at the Third Baptist Church in Grand Center as a six-week summer program. Today, ArtWorks provides year-round programming and opportunities for over 180 to 200 youth each year.

In 2006, we returned to Grand Center with a home-based office and studio located in the Centene Center for Arts and Education, along with a satellite office in Old North St. Louis. In 2015, we consolidated our spaces and moved to Loop East at 5959 Delmar.



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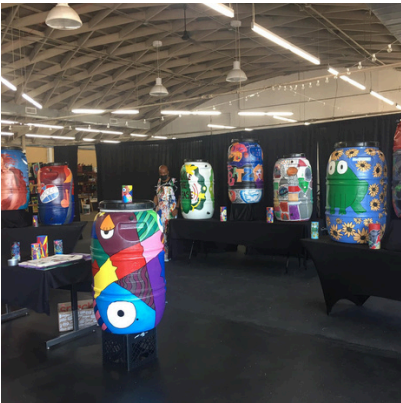
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Purpose

ArtWorks empowers underserved youth (ages 14-19) in the St. Louis region, supporting them to overcome challenges related to unemployment, academic struggles, and school dropout, while inspiring them to pursue brighter post-secondary futures.

ArtWorks bridges the learning gap for underserved youth through job training and life skills education, focusing on 21st-century skills like critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity. Our program helps them access educational and career opportunities that may otherwise be missed.

We offer various artistic disciplines, including mural design, sculpture, textiles, painting, digital art, photography, and more. Apprentices receive training in workforce development, mental health services, career preparation, and life skills while creating art and earning a stipend. Job training includes client meetings, open house events, and public sales. In Life Skills training, youth learn communication skills, environmental stewardship, fiscal literacy, and the importance of nutrition and personal safety. An art therapist provides sessions to enhance apprentices' well-being and community connection.



Anniversary Celebration: Young at Art, 30

Please complete the **Sponsorship Commitment Form** and return to: Jacqueline K. Dace,
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899-9757, Cell: 618-792-5927, Email: jdace@stlartworks.org.

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- during the event Message in the event
- program Social Media mention until the
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- Recognition during event
- Social Media mention until the event date
- 4 Tickets

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- Logo on all event promotions
- Message in the event program
- Recognition during event
- Social Media mention until the event date
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- Logo on invitation, event signage and
- program
- Recognition during event
- Mention at least 1x on Social Media
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