

WHAT WE DO

Brooklyn Arts Council (BAC) gives grants, presents free and affordable arts events, trains artists and arts professionals, teaches students, incubates new projects and promotes artists and cultural groups across our borough.

Brooklyn's cultural anchor since 1966, BAC has also been the catalyst helping the arts community grow. We continually evaluate and evolve what we do to meet the changing times, and keep our commitment to community engagement, diversity and inclusion when it comes to the arts in our borough.

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WHO WE ARE

We are the arts council for the borough of Brooklyn. We bring leadership and energy to every part of Brooklyn's arts scene, supporting and connecting it all. It doesn't matter where you fit into the arts—artist, audience member, participant, venue, educator or supporter—we want you to create and experience the arts in every neighborhood of Brooklyn.

What drives us? Our impassioned belief in the intrinsic value of the arts and artists, as well as what they can do. Art has a unique ability to bridge cultures, inspiring positive transformation in individual lives and entire communities.

CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Brooklyn is the new center of artistic innovation in New York City. Brooklyn Arts Council's programs showcase the tremendous and varied talent based here—music, dance, theater, film, visual arts, literature, media, traditional arts—you name it. We give artists stages, screens, galleries, spaces and the connections needed to share their work.

And BAC helps audiences discover Brooklyn's cultural organizations, events and artists—the burgeoning artist collective showing in an under-the-radar space, the musicians practicing art forms of their native cultures, the filmmaker on your block and the world-renowned venues. We work in partnership with Brooklyn's wealth of artists and groups, big and small, just starting out and established, of every discipline and in every neighborhood from Bushwick to Flatbush to Sheepshead Bay.

Our Folk Arts programs embrace tradition, Brooklyn style. One of the most diverse places on the planet, Brooklyn is home to artists who preserve their heritage and others who morph it into new forms and chart new territory.

Along the way, we document and archive the incredible works happening all around us for future generations to learn from and enjoy.

- [BAC Gallery](#)
- [Dumbo 1st Thursday Events](#)
- [Folk Arts](#)
- [Scene: Brooklyn, Independent Film and Media Arts](#)

GRANTS and SERVICES

Grants are the cornerstone of what we do. BAC provides hundreds of grants totaling over a quarter million dollars each year to Brooklyn's artists and community groups.

We train artists and arts leaders so they can make the best decisions about their career paths and organizational growth. Our website and e-newsletters keep information on opportunities at their fingertips. We help get new projects funded and off the ground through Fiscal Sponsorship. Our networking events encourage exchange among artists and audiences and keep us informed about what's on their minds. And we provide online platforms so artists and cultural groups can promote themselves.

- [BAC Online Forum](#)
- [BAC Community Arts Regrant Program](#)
- [Directory of Brooklyn Arts Organizations](#)
- [E-News and Opportunities](#)
- [Fiscal Sponsorship](#)
- [Professional Development Seminars: *Making Art Work*](#)
- [Registry of Brooklyn Artists](#)

ARTS in EDUCATION

BAC is a leader in preserving arts education in New York City schools. We've done this for over twenty years by bringing a dedicated corps of artists to teach kids across the city. Using research-backed strategies that reinforce other areas of the school curriculum, our teaching artists help transform students into enthusiastic participants in their education.

In addition to providing arts training and appreciation, our programs strengthen student's critical thinking, problem solving and communication and students' skills. Beyond the classroom, we work in community centers, with seniors and families, further extending the educational benefits of the arts.

- [In-School Performance Programs](#)
- [Parent Engagement Sessions](#)
- [Programs for the Community](#)
- [Senior Center Residencies](#)
- [Teacher Training](#)
- [Workshops In-School and After-School](#)

ARTS CONSULTANCY

You need art where? We can help. BAC works with public agencies, real estate projects and community groups to place art in new spaces and launch new endeavors. We leverage our extensive database of Brooklyn artists, curatorial and project management expertise, and knowledge of how art and artists can activate challenging spaces. Because of our day-to-day experience with artists, we bring emerging and mid-career artists to the table who might otherwise be overlooked.

- [Arts Advisement for New Projects](#)
- [Art Competitions](#)
- [Public Art](#)
- [Art for Corporate and Residential Spaces](#)

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