Summer 2017 Newsletter

Photo by Earl Zubkoff

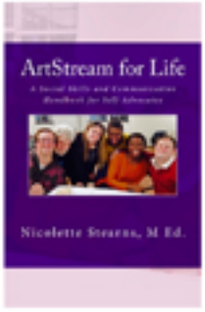
MISSION
Through collaborative performance and lifelong learning opportunities, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities gain the skills and confidence to engage with the world.

PHILOSOPHY
We believe that when people make their own choices and are engaged, stimulated, challenged and inspired, they surpass both their own and others' expectations.

VISION
To build an inclusive world where everyone can perform their art out.

New Resource

ArtStream for Life: A Social Skills and Communication Handbook for Self-Advocates is available now at bit.ly/AS4LIFE, or find it on Amazon and in the Amazon Kindle Store!



The handbook breaks down social skills, self-advocacy, and pre-employment skills into manageable, fun activities based in the arts!

ArtStream Co-founder Nicolette Stearns authored the book and developed the curriculum through many years of ArtStream classes.

Proceeds benefit ArtStream's leadership programs, in honor of Garrie Barnes and Mary Martin, whose influence led directly to the publication of the book.

News from the Programming Office

ArtStream is excited to premiere a new program in fall 2017: the Cabaret Company! Experienced ArtStream actors will create performance pieces individually and in small groups to be presented cabaret style in February 2018.

The Cabaret Company will give actors a chance to follow their performance passions — perform your favorite song, write and direct a short sketch, try stand-up comedy, or perform a puppetry routine. It's all possible in the Cabaret Company!

Actors must audition to participate. Contact Lyndsey at 301-565-4657 or l.medlin@art-stream.org to sign up for an audition and learn more!

ArtStream is "One of the Best" Community-based Nonprofits in the Region!

ArtStream is one of 76 outstanding nonprofits to be featured in print this year. A panel of 120 expert reviewers from area foundations, corporate giving programs, and peer nonprofit organizations evaluated nearly 200 applications.

ArtStream is honored to be included in this select group of nonprofits.

View the full list of honorees at www.cfp-dc.org.

"People want to know where to give and they need trusted information. Based on our in-depth review, we believe that ArtStream is one of the best community-based nonprofits in the region."

- Barbara Harman, editor and founder of The Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington

News from Inclusive Theatre Companies

Congratulations to ArtStream's Inclusive Theatre Companies (ITCs) on a great season of performances! ITCs create original musicals featuring adult actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities — including autism. These productions are funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), and the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County.

We have one more weekend of shows left: *The Great Dame Game* and *Lasagnawood* will be performed June 22-25 at the Silver Spring Black Box Theatre. Go to www.art-stream.org and click the blue "See a Show" button to learn more!

Photo by Earl Zubkoff

Photo by Liz Demaree

Photo by Liz Demaree

"Because of ArtStream, I am more confident in myself and more social. I have grown as an individual and learned quite a bit about the world around me."

- Cassie Rennie, ArtStream Actor

Get Involved!

Running a race, reading a lot of books, or reaching out to friends and family this summer? Peer-to-peer fundraising is a fun way to share your accomplishments and raise money for ArtStream at the same time.

ArtStream is using the popular site crowdrise.com so that you can create your own fundraisers year round. Go to crowdrise.com to get started, and select ArtStream, Inc. as your charity of choice.

See the Spring Fundraiser mailing for more info.

News from the Board of Directors

Thank you to the 76 family members, participants, teaching artists, and volunteers who completed ArtStream's Strategic Planning Survey in January 2017. The Board of Directors and staff are grateful for your input.

We look forward to your continued involvement as ArtStream implements the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan.

Strategic Plan Priorities FY17-19:

- Priority #1 – Improving and Expanding Programs
- Priority #2 – Community Building
- Priority #3 – Growth
- Priority #4 – Strengthen our Organization

Find more details at www.art-stream.org in the blog.

Photo by Rachel Ungos

ArtStream, Inc.
620 Pershing Dr.
Silver Spring, MD 20910

301-565-4567
301-565-1699 (fax)

www.art-stream.org

ArtStream's quarterly newsletters are mailed to active members of the community. Manage your subscription by contacting us at info@art-stream.org.