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Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report 2nd Tuesday of the Month– November 14th, 2017

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Introduction

The following Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report describes activities of the Public Arts Program for the Urbana Public Arts Commission. The report includes information regarding projects which are in progress, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

Updates on Current Projects

- **Staff Update:** Public Arts Intern Samantha Schrage continues to assist us with marketing and events support. She will complete her internship through the Community Learning Lab (CLL) at the University of Illinois in December.
- **Arts in Schools:** This year, the Urbana Public Arts Program received 6 applications for Arts in the Schools, the grant program to support arts education initiatives in Urbana-area schools. The Arts in the Schools jury met on October 26th, and selected three artists to be awarded partial funding for their projects: Roberta Westerman for her “Outdoor Arts Classroom” proposal at Urbana High School; Capoeira Angola Center for their “Capoeira Angola 4 Kids” proposal benefitting multiple elementary schools and Urbana Middle School; and Derek Linzy for his “Essentials in Beat-Making and Recording” proposal benefitting Urbana High School.
- **Murals on Glass:** The City of Urbana Public Arts Program and the Urbana Business Association are proud to announce that local artists Beth Darling and Kelly Hieronymus were selected to display their artwork in the fourth cycle of Murals on Glass, an initiative to feature local artworks on Downtown Urbana windows. Beth Darling’s “Hosta Takeover” will be on display at the City of Urbana’s City Building front windows and Kelly Hieronymus’ “South Farm No. 9” will be displayed on the front windows of the Urbana Park District’s Phillips Recreation Center. Installation will happen next week and a ribbon cutting will be announced soon thereafter.
- **Urbana Art Expo:** The City of Urbana Public Arts Program received 22 applications for the Urbana Art Expo. The jury selected 18 artists and 17 of those will be exhibiting at the upcoming 3rd Annual Urbana Art Expo. The expo will run from 10am-5pm on Sunday, November 19th at the Urbana Civic Center (108 E. Water St. Urbana) and will feature work by Jodi Adams, Hugh Bridgeford, Mary Ciaccio, Fred Delcomyn, Damaris Dunham, EKAH, Lori Fuller, Faith Gabel, Kirsten Gilmore, Caroline Goldsmith, Kelly Hieronymus, Megan Hinds, Sara Jahn, Nika Lucks, Carolina Rodriguez, Cindy Sampson, and Lynn Smith. The Community Center for the Arts (C4A) will also be giving a musical performance. Staff from the Urbana Public Arts Program and 40 North appeared on

WCIA Channel 3 News at Noon to speak about the Urbana Art Expo. Print features will appear in Smile Politely, the Daily Illini, and the News Gazette.

- **Art Now:** November's edition of Art Now features local artist Jenny Chi. Episodes are aired on UPTV 6 every Monday at 6:30 pm, with reruns every Tuesday at 11:00 pm, and are available on YouTube. See more of Jenny's work at www.jennychi.org. View her episode [here](#) on UPTV6's YouTube channel. The next Art Now episodes will feature Mimi Thi Nguyen (December), Liza Sylvestre (January), and Latrelle Bright (February).
- **Art at the Market/Art in the Square:** The last Art at the Market of the season featured a pop-up print shop with UIUC Noble Print Club. In partnership with the Urbana Business Association, the Public Arts Program is offering "Art in the Square" as part of the indoor farmer's market. The first program this Saturday, November 11th from 8am-12pm, will feature potato printing and a performance from the Capoeira Angola Center. A full listing of "Art in the Square" events will soon be available on the Urbana Public Arts Program website.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** The current exhibition, *TEXTILES*, features textile work from Lara Orr and Jill Miller (joint exhibition) and is on display from through the end of December. There will be an *Artist's Talk* in the Urbana Free Library's Auditorium on December 6th, 2017 from 7pm-8pm. The event will feature a short talk, Q & A, refreshments, and concurrent arts activities for families in attendance.
- **Social Media Engagement:** The Facebook page has increased in followers by 24 since the last monthly report, for a total of 1,626 followers. The Twitter page has increased by 4 for a total of 1,982 followers. The Instagram page has increased by 5 for a total of 557 followers.
- **#ArtinUrbana Campaign:** The Urbana Public Arts Program #ArtinUrbana continues to seek submissions. Instagram users are invited to tag photos of local Urbana creativity.
- **Volunteer Program Initiative:** The Public Arts Program has initiated a new volunteer program for local people eager to support the arts. UPA, UPTV, U-Cycle, and the Market at the Square. Those interested in volunteering with the Urbana Public Arts Program can [sign-up here](#).
- **Grants Workshops:** Public Arts Coordinator, Rachel Storm, will present a number of workshops to increase awareness of the Urbana Arts Grant program and the elements of a strong application. All workshops will also give an overview of Urbana Public Arts programs and resources available to artists. The following workshops are scheduled:
 - **Nov. 29th, 12pm-1pm // School of Art and Design, Room 331**
 - **Dec. 5th, 5:30pm-6:30pm // Urbana Campaign Independent Media Center**

Additional workshops will take place at Parkland College and the Urbana Free Library.