



Arts
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Lower East Side

FOURTH ARTS BLOCK INC. ANNUAL REPORT

Financial Year 2018





Dear Neighbors, Colleagues, and Friends of FAB:

2017/18 was a year of growth and change at FAB! A new team, a new partnership with Downtown Art, more than twenty new member groups, and an expanded board of artists and leaders. Through it all, we sought to balance this surge of new energy with a commitment to FAB's core values: community, creativity, inclusion, civic engagement, and respect.

Central to our goals was to ensure that FAB was true to its mission - "strengthening the cultural life of the Lower East Side" - which we define historically, running from 14th Street to Canal, Bowery to the East River. With deep roots on East 4th Street, FAB's future depends on its full engagement with this broader community.

As a team, we took steps to build our understanding of the issues, histories, and cultural makeup of the LES. We reviewed existing programs in light of their impact and effectiveness. We strove to strengthen partnerships across the community and deepen our involvement in community issues like sustainability and small business displacement. We started new pilot programs, adapted existing ones, streamlined administrative processes where we could. We're proud of the work that emerged, the relationships that moved forward. Our team ended the fiscal year with a strong sense of accomplishment and a new depth of understanding.

FAB is always about partnership. We all agree that the joy in our work comes from our collaborations with so many of you—artists, cultural workers, organizers, activists, residents, small business owners, students, and neighbors. We're excited to continue working with you to sustain the diversity and cultural vitality of the place we love and share: the Lower East Side.

Yours,

Ryan



2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

Increased membership from 24 to 45 full and affiliate member groups in the Lower East Side

Launched 'The People's LES', building out LES History Month to an ongoing, year round program; includes website connecting to oral and other local histories, and a public program series

Initiated artist residencies with Chinatown Art Brigade and Native Art Department International

Joined the task force to bring the Stanton Street building in Sarah D. Roosevelt Park back to community use

Transformed our affordable workspace project, Dance Block, to an online platform, opening up better services for the 400+ choreographers using in each year

Created a video series introducing FAB staff and program highlights

Started new member programs including a new peer share group; video making workshop; membership meeting with City Councilwoman Carlina Rivera

Redesigned communications for our eblasts and social media; launched new podcast episodes; developed an online community asset map (City in a City)

Collaborated with Downtown Art to create mural works, oral histories, banners, and buttons to support local sustainability organizing and public housing residents working with GOLES and LES Ready!

Launched 'Culture Work LES', a mailing list of local resident artists and cultural workers to receive news on local jobs and other opportunities

Worked side by side with Downtown Art, sharing space, staff, and complementary program goals

Collaborated with Community Board 3 to host info sessions and survey of local arts and culture priorities

GROWTH AT FABNYC

Built skills through staff participation in Arts & Democracy's 'Cultural Organizing' day-long workshop, a two day Advocacy Institute workshop by the NYC Cultural Agenda Fund, a Pratt Institute workshop on accessing city data, and in-house peer led training on LES history, demographics, and needs

Attended community events of significance in the LES such as Community Board meetings, City town halls, presentations on major local developments, hearings, events honoring long time residents and activists, cultural institution openings, vigils, local parades and festivals

Collaborated with NYU's Art + Community Program at Steinhardt School for Education on multiple student projects documenting community assets and school-based local engagement

Coordinated an immigration and sanctuary learning event for a city coalition of cultural groups, presenting Art Sanctuary, New Sanctuary NYC, and ICE Free Queens



'March for Our Lives' walk out event in front of Downtown Art. with FABnyc members, allies, neighbors, and friends.
Photo by Dakota Scott

Presented at conferences, panels, and rallies organized by Association for Neighborhood Housing and Development on community/cultural partnerships

Organized a local walk-out event in solidarity with 'March for Our Lives' student protest of gun violence

Led presentations on the history of FAB for two NYU classes, national Open Engagement conference; interviewed for oral history by Urban Democracy project

Renovated, repaired, and painted FAB storefront office

Improved administration, setting up new banking procedures, eliminating sizable cash transactions, getting notary public license

Restructured staffing roles and responsibilities

Secured increased city and state funding and a new multi-year grant from New York Community Trust supporting an in-depth process to review and structure the relationship between FAB and Downtown Art



Addison Vawters and LES Ready! members march to commemorate 5th anniversary of Hurricane Sandy. Photo by Ryan Gilliam

**We are artists,
organizers, and
planners working
to sustain,
preserve, and
grow the cultural
vibrancy of the
Lower East Side
neighborhood.**



ABOUT FABNYC

Staff

Ryan Gilliam	Executive Director
Addison Vawters	Operations Manager
Emilio Poppe Martínez	Programs Manager and Designer
Dakota Scott	Director, Special Projects
KT Pe Benito	Dance Block + Communications Associate (thru Aug. 18')
Imani Vieira	Dance Block + Communications Associate (Sep. 18' start)
Kimberly Golding	Dance Block Associate
Antígona González	Technical Production
Partner Organization	Downtown Art: sharing staff, space, and selected programs

Consultants / Services

Financial Services	ArtsPool
Accounting	Rich and Bander LLP
Development + Video	Molaundo Jones
Peoples LES Web design	Tina Orlandini

Artists in Residence

Chinatown Art Brigade
Native Art Department International (with Downtown Art)

Board of Trustees (elected June 2018)

Molaundo Jones	President	Queens Council on the Arts
Lee Ann Gullie	Treasurer	New York Theater Workshop
Ela Troyano	Secretary	Filmmaker & Arts Consultant
Tomie Arai	Trustee	Artist
Dipti Desai	Trustee	Professor, NYU Steinhardt School
Winston Estevez	Trustee	Teatro IATI
Jasmina Sinanovic	Trustee	WOW Cafe Theatre

Trustees who served for a portion of FY18

Cynthia Pringle	President	Creative Time
Jose Oliveras	Vice President	Teatro Circulo

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

ABC No Rio*

Alpha Omega Theatrical Dance
Company

Art Loaisaida Foundation*

Artists Alliance Inc.*

Arts for Art*

Below the Grid Lab*

Chinatown Art Brigade*

The Clemente

Cooper Square Committee

Cooper Square Mutual Housing
Association

Creative Time

Dixon Place

Downtown Art

Duo Multicultural Arts

East Village Community Coalition*

First Street Green*

Frigid New York

GOH Productions

Good Old Lower East Side*

Green Map System*

Greenwich Village Society for Historic
Preservation*

Hemispheric Institute of Performance
and Politics

IATI Theater

La MaMa



Miguel Valderrama and Michael Hickey of Downtown Art pose with Ryan Gilliam, executive director of Downtown Art and FABnyc. Photo by Whitney Browne.

Loisaida Inc

Lower East Side Girls Club*

Mabou Mines*

Magnum Foundation

Mark DeGarmo Dance*

Moving for Life*

Native Art Department International*

New York Theatre Workshop

Nuyorican Poets Cafe

The Art, Education, and Community
Practice Program at NYU Steinhardt
School of Culture, Education, and
Human Development*

Performance Space New York

Phoenix Theatre Ensemble*

Playwrights Downtown

Rod Rodgers Dance Company

Swiss Institute*

Teatro Circulo

Third Street Music School Settlement*

Ukrainian Museum

The Wild Project*

University Settlement - The
Performance Project*

Works in Progress

WOW Cafe Theater

*new in 2018



FABnyc members, allies, friends, and neighbors celebrate another year of FABnyc working in coalition in the Lower East Side at COME TOGETHER The 2018 Benefit party in the Marble Cemetery. Photo by David Hastings.

PROJECT PARTNERS

Alliances and Affiliations

Naturally Occurring Cultural Districts / NY
Alliance of Resident Theaters / NY
Association of Neighborhood Housing and Development
United for Small Business NYC
LES Ready!
Stanton House Task Force
Community Board 3 Arts & Culture Subcommittee

Public Art and Community Partners

Sarah D. Roosevelt Park Coalition
Green Map Project
University Settlement
Village Alliance
Association of Neighborhood Housing and Development
Cooper Square Committee
Artists Alliance & Essex Market
Hemispheric Institute of Performance and Politics
LES Ready! & GOLES

The People's LES

Museum of Chinese in America
Sixth Street Community Center
Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES)
LES Ready!
Five Boro Story Project
James Maher Photography

Downtown Art
Below the Grid Lab
Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservations (GVSHP)
Loisaida Inc.
Ukrainian Museum

Lower East Side History Month Partners (+ 26 FAB Members)

6th and B Garden
Abrons Arts Center
Bowery Alliance of Neighbors
Bowery Arts + Science
Chen Dance Center
Chinatown Partnership
City Lore
Cuchifritos Gallery + Project Space
Earth Celebrations
East Village Independent Merchants Association
Essex Street Market Vendor Association
Friends of the African Burial Ground
Grand Street Settlement - Grand Coalition of Seniors
Henry Street Settlement
Katz's Delicatessan
Kehila Kedosha Janina Synagogue & Museum
La Plaza Cultural
LES Preservation Initiative
LES Ready!

Lower East Side Jewish Conservancy
 M'Finda Kalunga Community Garden
 Manny Cantor Center / Educational Alliance
 Merchant's House Museum
 Museum of Chinese in America
 Museum of Reclaimed Urban Space
 Nazareth Housing
 Neighbors to Save Rivington House
 Neighborhood Preservation Center
 New Museum
 New York Marble Cemetery
 Office of Councilwoman Margaret Chin
 Office of NYS Senator Brian Kavanagh
 Office of Councilwoman Carlina Rivera

Sara D Roosevelt Park Coalition
 Sixth Street Community Center
 Theater for the New City
 The Tenement Museum
 Tompkins Square Library
 The Baroness Latex
 Dinosaur Hill
 East Village Hats
 East Village Vintage Collection
 La Sirena Mexican Folk Art
 Lucky
 MUD Coffee
 Parlor
 Random Accessories
 Veselka



K. Webster and Lower East Side Community Hero Bob Humber pose at the 2017 LES Hero Awards at University Settlement.
 Photo by Whitney Browne.

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This Land is Ours, Marlis Momber; image courtesy of the artist.

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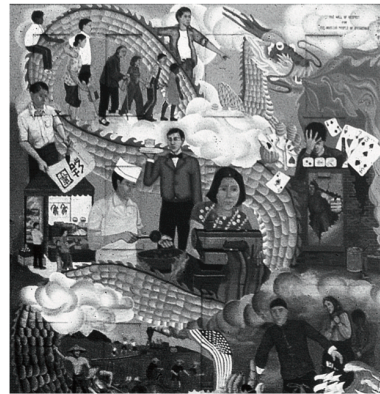
HISTORY

MONTH



Left: Lower East Side homesteaders; image courtesy of Sixth Street Community Center and 596 Acres. Right: *Cabezuedo* effigy of the Nuyorican poet and activist Jorge Brandon a.k.a. El Coco que Habla from the 2017 Loisaída Festival; image courtesy of Ryan John Lee.

Header images clockwise: Frances Goldin marching; image courtesy of Ryan Joseph. Carmelita Tropicana; image courtesy of Uzi Parnes. Detail of *Sowing Homes* sidewalk mural, 2016, Raul Ayala.



Wall of Respect for the Working People of Chinatown, 1977, Community mural project directed by Tomie Arai with Chinatown youth; image courtesy of Tomie Arai.

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**FESTIVALS, WALKING TOURS,
HERO AWARDS, PUBLIC ART,
FOOD, DRINKS & MUCH MORE!**

2017 - 2018 EVENTS

- Sept 16** 'Taste of the East Village' outdoor festival | Small business anti-displacement creative engagement | organized by Cooper Square Committee
- Sept 30** 'Stop n Swap' - recycling event with Grow NYC
- Oct 28** 'Sandyween March & Rally' on climate change with LESReady!
- Nov 6** FAB member meeting on Arts & Community Engagement
- Nov 8** Organized Immigration/Sanctuary learning event for cultural network | Naturally Occurring Cultural Districts/NY (NOCD-NY)
- Dec 2** Panel presentation at the West Side Tenants Conference | Association for Neighborhood Housing and Development
- Dec 11** FAB Member meeting to plan Peer Share project
- Dec 13** Tompkins Square Arts Festival, interactive presentation on neighborhood culture
- Jan 29** 'Arts Town Hall' | providing local priorities for the NYC Cultural Plan co-sponsored with the Arts & Culture Subcommittee of CB3
- Feb 13** 'The People's LES' Launch event & panel presentation



Charles Krezell, Carolyn Ratcliffe, Samantha Leung, Damaris Reyes, Jodi Waynberg, Lisa Burriss. Lower East Side Community Heros stand alongside their nominators at the Lower East Side Community Hero Awards. Photo by Whitney Browne.

- Feb 26** FAB membership meeting with City Councilwoman Carlina Rivera
- March 5** FAB Peer Share: Museum of Reclaimed Urban Space (MORUS) + University Settlement
- March 15** FAB member Video Workshop with Chinatown Art Brigade
- March 23** 'March for Our Lives' walkout event, East 4th Street
- April 10** 'The People's LES': Murals and Messaging panel and presentation
- April 30** Artists in Residence dialogue with Chinatown Art Brigade, Native Art Department International, and Alicia Grullon, artist in residence at the Hemispheric Institute of Art & Politics, NYU
- May 4 & 5** LES Stories: large scale community engagement event - chalking local history across neighborhood sidewalks
- May 14** 'In, Of, and Crossing Essex' with Artists Alliance / Essex Market on artists supporting small business retention; panel presentation



'In, Of, and Crossing Essex' with Artists Alliance / Essex Market on artists supporting small business retention; panel presentation. Photo by Ryan Gilliam.

- May 24** 'oh, so you've had an indian friend', poetry and music event by Native Art Department International
- May 26** Open Studio with Chinatown Art Brigade at FAB storefront
- May 27** Loisaída Festival | Interactive engagement artwork on local resiliency
- May 30** 'The State of the LES', a community dialogue with residents and local organizers
- June 10** 'In, Of, and Crossing Essex' with Artists Alliance / Essex Market on artists supporting small business retention; roundtable
- June 12** 'The LES Community Hero Awards', a community driven recognition of residents
- June 18** 'Come Together' - FAB benefit at Marble Cemetery



Nicole Wallace of The Poetry Project reads a poem at Native Art Department's event *Oh, so you've had an indian friend?* at Downtown Art. Photo by Maria Hupfield



SUPPORTERS

NYC Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council
City Councilmember Carlina Rivera
City Councilmember Margaret Chin
NYC Department of Small Business Services

New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
and the New York State Legislature
Humanities New York
New York State Parks Department
La Vida Feliz Foundation
Mellon Foundation
Mertz Gilmore Foundation
Con Edison
New York Community Trust
Harkness Foundation for Dance
New York University Community Fund
LES Ready!

“COME TOGETHER” - a benefit for FAB

Host Committee: Tomie Arai, Dipti Desai, Gonzalo Casals, Leo Cairo, Winston Estevez,
Alison Fleminger, Tamara Greenfield, Ryan Gilliam, Lee Ann Gullie, Michael Hickey,
Molaundo Jones, Jose Oliveras, Ela Troyano

Community Sponsors: New York Theatre Workshop, Indie Space, Teatro Circulo,
Downtown Art, Swiss Institute, Cooper Square Committee, New York Marble
Cemetery, University Settlement, The Performance Project at University Settlement,
La MaMa

In Kind Donations: Swiss Institute, The Standard, MUD Coffee, SoulCycle, Lucky
on B, Miscelanea, FRIGID New York, New York Theatre Workshop, Ryan Gilliam,
Downtown Art, Below the Grid Lab, East Village Community Coalition, Jimmy's No. 43,
Flux Studios, Anthology Film Archives, Arts for Art, Three Kings Tattoo, Flower Power
Herbs & Roots, East Village Books, Loisaida Center, Yoga Vida, CitiBike, 4th Street
Photo Gallery, Manny Cantor Center, Nuyorican Poet's Cafe, Porsena Restaurant,
Southern Cross Coffee, Exit 9, Creative Time

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	June 30 2018	June 30 2017
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Bank of America	\$ 59,656	\$ -
CitiBank	\$ 27,446	\$ 107,311
Petty Cash	\$ 560	\$ 25
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 87,662	\$ 107,337
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	\$ 46,938	\$ 3,924
Discount present value	\$ (2,162)	\$ (2,162)
Grants & Contributions Receivable	\$ 70,300	\$ 89,884
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,184	\$ 1,132
Prepaid Insurance	\$ 585	\$ -
Security Deposits	\$ 325	\$ 325
Total Current Assets	\$ 117,170	\$ 93,103
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Accumulated Amortization	\$ (12,872)	\$ (12,872)
Accumulated Depreciation	\$ (10,256)	\$ (10,256)
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	\$ 11,494	\$ 11,494
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 12,872	\$ 12,872
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	\$ 1,238	\$ 1,238
Total Assets	\$ 206,070	\$ 201,678
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 9,627	\$ 34,339
Accrued Expenses	\$ 6,642	\$ 4,735
Exchange	\$ (45)	\$ -
Payroll Disability Withholding	\$ 95	\$ -
Rounding	\$ 1	\$ 0
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 16,320	\$ 39,074
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Equity		
Current Year Earnings	\$ 6,896	\$ 20,780
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 78,470	\$ 58,220
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 104,384	\$ 83,604
Total Equity	\$ 189,750	\$ 162,604
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 206,070	\$ 201,678

INCOME / EXPENSE STATEMENT

INCOME

June 30 2018

Earned Income

Member Dues	\$	5,250
Dance Block / Studio Rental Revenue	\$	61,304
Special Events (Gross)	\$	12,388
Other Earned Income	\$	231
Total Earned Income	\$	79,172

Contributed Income

Individual Contributions	\$	1,390
Foundations	\$	96,180
Corporate Contributions	\$	15,198
Government - City	\$	46,100
Government - State	\$	45,950
Total Contributed Income	\$	204,818

Total Income	\$	283,990
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EXPENSES

Salaries & Wages	\$	144,314
Benefits	\$	16,773
Professional Fees	\$	24,663
Office and Studio Rental	\$	67,173
Program Expenses	\$	7,283
Marketing and Promotion	\$	5,826
Fundraising Expenses	\$	3,628
Administrative Expenses	\$	7,782

Total Expenses	\$	277,444
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Surplus (Deficit)	\$	6,546
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Front Cover Interior
Interactive engagement activity on local
resiliency facilitated by Antigona Gonzales
featuring an image of the *Resiste* mural from
the *LES PEOPLE POWER* mural series by Raul
Ayala. Photos by Ryan Gilliam.

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FABnyc staff KT Pe Benito and Kimberly
Golding at the Downtown Art Benefit. Photo
by Molaundo Jones.

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Still from a FABnyc staff profile video featuring
Emilio Martínez Poppe produced by Molaundo
Jones.

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Portrait of City Councilmember Carlina Rivera
speaking at the Lower East Side Community
Hero Awards at University Settlement. Photo
by Whitney Browne.

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Lower East Side History Month poster
designed by Emilio Martínez Poppe

Facing Page
FABnyc staff Addison Vawters and Dakota
Scott
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