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FAB's 20th  
September 30, 2021







**FABnyc is 20.** We're deeply proud of what FAB has accomplished in the past two decades. We're choosing to celebrate our history not only by looking back and remembering... but by looking forward. What are our hopes for the next twenty years? Do we have a vision for our work in the Lower East Side that goes beyond a season or two?

Cultural equity is essential for a thriving LES. In our FABnyc 20/20 vision plan, we're sharing ideas that expand opportunities for cultural participation, nurture partnerships, and activate open spaces for creativity and community.

We hope this vision plan will spark imagination, dialogue, and deeper collaboration with partners and neighbors on the future of arts and culture in the LES.

FAB 20/20: A VISION PLAN



**FABnyc**

September 2021

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Cheers on 20 FABulous years!



from your friends at

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# Program

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## PART I Looking Back on 20 Years

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5:30pm - 7pm @ E 4th St btwn 2nd Ave & Bowery

with.. DJ Sabine Blaizin (Oyasound) and Okai Musik

and an exhibit celebrating our founding members and the history of the East 4th Street Cultural District

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## PART II Looking Forward and Imagining Our Next 20

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7pm - 9:30pm @ Downtown Art, 70 E 4th St

with... Agustin Grasso Quartet, Dennis RedMoon Darkeem, and more from DJ Sabine Blaizin

and an exhibit to launch our FAB 20/20 Vision Plan imagining our next 20 years

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HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY FAB-NYC!



Cooper Square Committee, a founding member of FAB, has been fighting tenant displacement for 62 years. We congratulate FAB on your 20th anniversary!

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POETRY  
PROJECT

# About FABnyc

FABnyc is a team of artists and organizers working to preserve, sustain, and grow the cultural vibrancy of the Lower East Side neighborhood.

FABnyc was founded in 2001 by a coalition of cultural and community nonprofits on East 4th Street to save their homes. Today our commitment to sustaining the cultural character and diversity of the community extends across the LES: from 14th Street to Canal, from Bowery to the East River.

FABnyc works in partnership with the community—bringing artists and arts strategies to

- Fight physical and cultural displacement
- Build collective power and collaboration
- Increase equity and access to cultural resources and public space
- Support local resiliency and community health

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CONGRATULATIONS  
FAB!!

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# FABnyc History

Fourth Arts Block (FABnyc) was founded by grassroots arts and community organizations on East 4th Street to rally against their own displacement from the neighborhood. Through collective advocacy and with community support, groups successfully purchased six buildings and two vacant lots from the city, all deed-restricted to nonprofit cultural use. Today the East 4th Street Cultural District houses 14 arts groups, 10 cultural facilities, and 22 performance and rehearsal venues, and has more active cultural space per square foot than any other block in New York City.



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**DLR Group**

Architecture Engineering Planning Interiors

# Arts for All

**Congratulating FAB on 20 years of preserving, strengthening, and growing the cultural vibrancy of the Lower East Side.**

**We look forward to continued collaboration over the next 20 years!**



[dlrgroup.com](http://dlrgroup.com)







FAB's focus area expanded six years ago to embrace the full Lower East Side, from 14th Street to Canal, from the Bowery to the East River. Through our programs we produce public art and performance, organize community festivals, offer support to 45 member cultural organizations, and commission creative projects that address affordable housing, resiliency, small business survival, and cultural equity.

### **FABnyc's markers of cultural vibrancy**

- All residents have multiple opportunities to access and participate in arts and culture
- The neighborhood is home to a diverse network of thriving cultural organizations
- The cultural legacies of the community are honored and shared
- Arts and culture are integrated into everyday life

# FABnyc: Tracing Our Roots

Timeline: East 4th Street DESIGN CREDIT: DLR



Source: Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian

**PRE HISTORY:** Small waterway leads towards marshland to the east, habitat of beaver, otter, and black bear



**1624:** Dutch arrive, begin to build farms ("boueries") along Lenape trail, renaming it 'Bowery'

**1625:** First Africans arrive, enslaved by Dutch; some likely labored on local farms

**1664:** British oust Dutch, New York established

**1832:** Developers build Albion Place, a row of upscale Greek revival homes

**1910:** Union organizing centered at Labor Lyceum, 64 East 4

**1600**

**1700**

**1800**

**1900**

**PRE COLONIZATION:** Bowery, at western end of East 4th, is the primary Lenape path running north/south in Mannahatta

**PRE COLONIZATION:** Kintecoying (today's 'Astor Place') - major crossroad and meeting place for Lenape trade, diplomacy, and games

**1900:** The Lower East Side is the most densely populated place on earth







**1959:** Robert Moses leads NYC purchase of 4th Street properties, to be razed in 'slum clearance' program

**1959:** Residents form Cooper Square Committee to stop demolition of East 4th St

**1974:** Ellen Stewart secures month to month "as is" lease from city for vacant building at 66 E 4; other cultural groups follow

**2005:** NYC transfers 8 properties to FAB groups for \$1 each, deed restricted in perpetuity

**2016:** FAB grows, expanding activities to serve the entire Lower East Side

**2021: FAB turns 20**

**2000**

**1994:** Cooper Square forms first community land trust for low income residents in NYC

**2020:** NYC reaches \$45 million investment in 4th Street cultural buildings

**2001:** 4th Street arts groups organize against their displacement, founding Fourth Arts Block (FABnyc)



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# TEATROCÍRCULO

A big round of applause for the FABulous Fourth Arts Block! Thank you for being part of East 4th Street's tremendous growth & success over the years. We at Teatro Círculo greatly appreciate your dedication, hard work and creativity. We celebrate not only an organization's anniversary, but also a family that only grew strong defying the odds. Happy 20th Anniversary!

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169/171/173 Avenue B

**Congratulations to FAB  
NYC for another year of  
visionary work!**



# FABnyc Members

The 4th Street Photo Gallery	La MaMa E.T.C. **	1
ABC No Rio	Loisaida, Inc.	2
Alpha Omega Theatrical Dance Company**	Lower East Side Girls Club	
Art Loisaida Foundation	Mabou Mines	
Artists Alliance Inc.	Magnum Foundation	
Arts for Art	Mark DeGarmo Dance	3
Center for Remembering and Sharing	More Art	
Clemente Soto Véléz Cultural & Educational Center	MoustacheCat Dance	
Cooper Square Committee **	Movement Research	
Cooper Square Mutual Housing Association **	New York Neo-Futurists	4
Creative Time	New York Theatre Workshop **	
Dixon Place	Nuyorican Poets Cafe	
Dorill Initiative	The Art, Education, and Community Practice Program at NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development	
Downtown Art **	Performance Space New York	5
Duo Multicultural Arts Center **	Phoenix Theatre Ensemble	
Earth Celebrations	Printed Matter / St. Marks	
East Village Art View	The Poetry Project	
East Village Community Coalition	Queer   Art	6
Educational Alliance Art School	Rod Rodgers Dance Company **	
First Street Green Art Park	Swiss Institute	
FRIGID New York	Teatro Círculo**	
Gene Frankel Theatre	The Ukrainian Museum	7
GOH Productions	Third Street Music School Settlement	
Grand Street Settlement	University Settlement – The Performance Project	
Green Map System	The Wild Project	
Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHP)	Works in Progress NYC **	8
IATI Theater **	WOW Café Theatre **	
KGB Bar and Red Room		

FOUNDING MEMBERS INDICATED WITH \*\*

ADDITIONAL FOUNDING MEMBERS: Choices Theater Project, Lower East Side Printshop, Millennium Film Workshop



# Congrats to FABnyc on 20 years!

We celebrate your two decades of  
service to the Lower East Side and  
greater NY arts community!

With deep gratitude and appreciation for your  
support, we thank you for providing space to host  
our Unity Obon!

Sincerely, the Unity Obon Committee:  
Emily Akpan, Tomie Arai, Becca Asaki, Julie Azuma,  
Jill Cornell, April Gore, Yukiko Hanawa, George  
Hirose, Tsuya Hohri Yee, Stan Honda, Kim Ima, Mike  
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Yuriko Yamaki, Teddy Yoshikami

*The Unity Obon is a space for joy, care, and community-building, organized by  
an ad hoc committee of NYC-based Japanese Americans and organizers.*



# Project Highlights

## From the Past 20 Years

- **FAB! Festival** - cultural celebrations on 4th Street
- **Load Out!** - a backyard arts recycling event
- **FAB Cafe** - a neighborhood hang out on 4th Street
- **Model Block** - a sustainability, energy conservation, and white roofing project
- **Dance Block** - a collaboration on 4th Street to provide affordable dance space
- **Art Up!** - murals on scaffolding, dumpsters, sidewalks and streets
- **NYC Cultural Plan** - outreach partner for citywide cultural plan
- **Lower East Side History Month** - co-founder and organizer
- **LES Community Hero Awards** - neighbors honoring neighbors as unsung heroes
- **Open Arts LES** - a neighborhood wide arts open house
- **Public Art** - installations throughout the LES
- **The People's LES** - an online archive of LES history and culture
- **LES Community Culture Council** - a resident group of folks who care about the arts
- **Arts on Avenue B** - weekly free performance and arts on Avenue B
- **East 4th Street Open Street** - weekly free performance on 4th Street

## Plus years of...

- workshops, advocacy, and gatherings to support LES arts organizations
- sharing out info on local arts & culture
- collaborations to support small businesses
- project partnerships with local community organizations across the LES

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Congrats to FAB, its founders,  
its members, and its partners!  
20 years of art, culture, and  
organizing together..

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Next Performance:  
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Wednesday 10/13/21 at 4:30PM

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**Cheers to FAB at 20!**

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# Thank You

Our deepest gratitude to all our Community Partners  
over the past 20 years including...

- Association of Latino Business Owners and Residents (ALBOR)
- Cooper Square Committee
- Cooper Union
- Downtown Art
- East Village Independent Merchants Association (EVIMA)
- First Street Green
- Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES)
- Hester Street Collaborative
- IATI Theater
- Loisaida, Inc.
- Loisaida Open Street Community Coalition (LOSCC)
- Naturally Occurring Cultural Districts NY (NOCD/NY)
- NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
- Rod Rodgers Dance Company & Studios
- Teatro Círculo
- University Settlement
- Urban Design Forum
- Van Alen Institute
- WOW Café Theater

Plus all of our FAB members (listed in section six) and the 80+ participating  
organizations in LES History Month

Love forever to FAB’s first Executive Director **Tamara Greenfield**  
for her leadership, caring, and many years building the ground  
on which we stand.

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# LAMAMA

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La MaMa is honored to  
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We celebrate FAB's 20th  
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## Staff

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**OCTOBER 2021**  
**FRI 8 - FRI 15**

# PEACE & JUSTICE

In Person at The Flamboyant at The Clemente  
107 Suffolk St, NYC  
Info and Streaming at  
[artsforart.org/peace-and-justice](https://artsforart.org/peace-and-justice)

Congrats on "Looking FAB: A 20/20 Vision!"  
**FABnyc!**

**CELEBRATION:**



**Fri, Oct 8** 7pm Isaiah Collier & The Chosen Few  
8pm Luke Stewart Slit Trio  
9pm Dave Sewelson's Freedom Fighters  
**Sat, Oct 9** 7pm Janice Lowe & NAMAROON  
8pm Joe McPhee Trio XL  
9pm Greg Murphy Quartet

**Sun, Oct 10**  
7pm Darius Jones Trio  
8:30pm Jason Kao Hwang Spontaneous  
River String Orch

**Mon, Oct 11**  
7pm James Brandon Lewis Quartet  
8pm Afro Algonquin Trio  
9pm William Hooker Trio

## FOCUS ON PIANO

**Wed, Oct 13**  
7pm Dave Burrell Solo  
8pm Mara Rosenbloom Bone Labyrinth+  
9pm Alexis Marcelo / James Brandon Lewis

**Thu, Oct 14**  
7pm Angelica Sanchez Trio  
8pm Matthew Shipp Solo  
9pm Lafayette Gilchrist & Fay Victor

**Fri, Oct 15**  
7pm Cooper-Moore Trio Plex  
8pm Eri Yamamoto "Double Drums"  
9pm D.D. Jackson & Curtis Stewart

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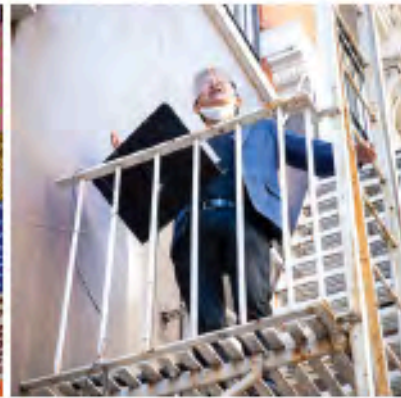
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