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Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report

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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 that are in progress, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

Updates on Current Projects

- **Open Scene Open Mic:** The Urbana Public Arts Program and Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center have moved to a monthly schedule for Open Scene Open Mic, a series of open mic events hosted throughout Downtown. The next scheduled open mic will take place on **November 14th, 2018 at Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center** featuring host, DJ Silkee and an IMC Open House.
- **Art Now:** November's edition of [Art Now](#) features Patrick Earle Hammie, visual artist and Associate Professor at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. A joint production by the [Urbana Public Arts Program](#) and [Urbana Public Television](#), Art Now airs at 6:15pm every Monday on UPTV6, re-runs at 11pm on Tuesdays, and online on the [UPTV6 Youtube Channel](#). To learn more about Patrick Earle Hammie, visit: <http://patrickearlhammie.com/>.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** The current Artist of the Corridor exhibition on display is *I LIKE TO JUMP LIKE A HORSE*, by Angela Inez Baldus and features acrylic paintings and illustrations exploring family, landscape, and memory. The exhibit will be on display through the end of December at The Urbana Free Library and City of Urbana Building as part of the Artist of the Corridor Series. The exhibition includes an opening reception on November 29th from 4:30pm-6pm and will have a closing reception on December 13th, 2018 from 6pm-7pm at The Urbana Free Library.
- **Art at the Market:** Art at the Market, in partnership with Urbana's Market at the Square, finished up the last market of the season on October 27th, with Market at the Square, a celebration of fall and Halloween. The event featured a wide array of family-friendly activities organized through the Urbana Public Arts Program including: spooky stories with the Urbana Free Library, fall games, a pop-up photo booth, trick-or-treating at vendor booths, face painting, paper crafts, etc. The featured workshop was a Make-A-Monster craft with Melissa's Monsters and haunted tunes from Urbana Pops Orchestra from 9:30am-11:30am. Members of Spread the Magic from Illinois State University and the University of Illinois' Star Wars Club volunteered in cosplay as character greeters

and activity volunteers. Market at the Square attendance was approximately 2,723 people. Market staff estimated roughly 1,100 additional people came out to Market at the Square as a result of our programming.

Art IN the Square, a collaboration with the Urbana Business Association, offering concerts as part of the indoor farmer's market will begin on December 8th with a concert every 2nd Saturday of the month at 10am inside Lincoln Square Mall.

- **The Young Artist's Studio:** The Young Artist Studio series presented by the Urbana Public Arts Program and The Urbana Free Library features youth arts workshops every 3rd Sunday of the month. The October 21st workshop features local artist Gayathri Menokee leading a "Zentangle for Kids" activity. The November 18th workshop features local artist, Anna Barnes, leading a "Seed Collage Workshop" activity. All workshops are held 3pm-3:45pm in the Urbana Free Library's Children's Library (lower level).
- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** The Urbana Public Arts Program selected two sculptures for installation in Urbana: *Races* by Bobby Joe Scribner and *Ice Pops* by Craig Gray. *Ice Pops* by Craig Gray was installed in Boneyard Creek Crossing on October 8th featuring a ribbon-cutting with Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin, a brief talk from the artist, and activities for youth in attendance. *Races* by Bobby Joe Scribner will be installed at the corner of Race and Green Sts. in The Urbana Free Library's corner lot, along the Illinois Marathon route on Saturday, November 17th and will include a ribbon-cutting, brief artist's talk, and celebration from 3:30pm-4:30pm. The Urbana Free Library's Foundation Board has promised a financial contribution towards landscaping to assist in showcasing the sculpture. In addition, staff renewed *Three Red Houses* in Boneyard Creek Crossing. *A New Leaf* was not renewed, but has been purchased and will be installed in Champaign.
- **Downtown Events Series:** The Urbana Public Arts Program is working in partnership with the Urbana Park District, 40 North Champaign County Arts Council, and the Urbana Business Association to develop a downtown events series for Downtown Urbana that will take place on the 4th Saturday of the month May-August. Representatives from each organization will continue to meet as the project unfolds.
- **Social Media Engagement:** The Facebook page has increased in followers by 11 since the last report, for a total of 1,991 followers. Twitter experiences an increase of 0 followers for a total of 2,002. The Instagram page has increased by 10 followers for a total of 949 followers.
- **Volunteer Support:** Public Arts Commissioners and the public are encouraged to get involved with the Urbana Public Arts Program's ongoing events and initiatives. Those interested in volunteering with the Urbana Public Arts Program can join planning efforts or sign up to volunteer at: https://www.urbanainillinois.us/arts_support.