



Wayne County Art Institute Authority 2020 Program Report

Governance

Renata Evans and Hubert Massey served as the Wayne County appointees to the Detroit Institute of Arts Board of Directors in 2020.

Free General Admission

Residents of Wayne County received unlimited, free general admission to the DIA as specified by the service agreement benefits for county residents.

Wayne County Admissions to the DIA: 21,006

Wayne County Admissions to the Detroit Film Theatre: 5,007

Total Wayne County Admissions: 26,013

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the museum was closed from March 13–July 10, 2020. The Detroit Film Theater closed on March 13, 2020 and remains closed due to current COVID 19 restrictions.

School Services and Teacher Programs

Education Programs focus on K–12 offerings in the following areas:

- **Expanding field trip offerings;**
- **Collaborating with educators to support curriculum initiatives; and**
- **Providing teacher professional development.**

The DIA provided free bus transportation to all Wayne County schools when group trips to the museum were available, prior to March 13, 2021. 9,037 students from Wayne County participated in the free field trip program.

In support of Detroit Public Schools Community District's cultural passport program, 2nd grade students visited the Museum for a guided field trip experience. Approximately 2/3 of all DPSCD second graders participated in a field trip to the Museum before the closure.

Virtual Field Trips are offered by [reservation](#) to engage students with art through live forums online. Students ask questions, engage in discussion, and participate in activities that promote critical-thinking and close-looking.

Guided field trip experiences available for students virtually or in person includes:

- Learning to Look, grades 2–4, combines open-ended discussion and activities to help students connect to their thoughts and feelings, as well as to the experiences of others.
- Thinking Through Art, grades 3–12, concentrates on open-ended, student-centered discussions using the Visual Thinking Strategies pedagogical approach and gallery engagement activities.
- Shaping Identity, grades 3–12, focuses on the following DIA collection and curricular areas:
 - Arts of Africa
 - Art of the Americas
 - Art of the Ancient World
 - Shaping Identity – World Languages
- Shaping Identity, combined with Thinking Through Art, grades 3–12, explores the breadth of the collections in combination with directed and open-ended discussions and activities.
- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) and Art provides tours tailored to the teachers' goals. Tours may consider themes of friendship, creativity, gratitude, generosity, kindness, patience and/or honesty, followed by a self-guided or teacher-led activity or a teamwork exercise (for older children in grades 5–12).

- Homeschool Afternoons offers collaborative, learner-centered artmaking in the DIA Learning Center & Studio and guided museum tours to local homeschool families with.

Curriculum Development/Support



DIA Delivered educational kit

DIA Delivered Pilot These educational kits connect the school curriculum to objects in the DIA collection and provide opportunities for critical thinking, discovery, and artmaking. Each kit contains lesson plans, age-appropriate books, videos, manipulatives, and all necessary supplies to complete the suggested artmaking activities. *DIA Delivered* includes a professional development plan to help teachers utilize this resource in the classroom or in a virtual learning environment.

Kits were provided to Maples Elementary in Dearborn, Bates Elementary in Woodhaven, and Garvey & Westside Academies in Detroit as part of a pilot program in 2020 and will be available by reservation and shipped free to Wayne County schools in 2021.

The DIA continued to work collaboratively with Wayne County educators to design customized curriculum resources to support field trips. Resources included self-guided activities as well as pre- and post-visit classroom connections. Additional kits are available for African, African American, American, and Native American art. Kits are in development for Ancient Middle Eastern, Egyptian, and Greek and Roman art.

Art Bytes In these short videos, the DIA's gallery teachers introduced collection objects to K–12 students, prompting curiosity, wonder, and critical thinking. *Art Byte* videos can be found [here](#).

Teacher Professional Development

The DIA offers professional development workshops for teachers that model and develop curriculum-related activities for immediate in-person or virtual classroom application.

Teachers from Wayne County participated in the following free professional development events:

January

Refresh, Restore & Revitalize Educator Morning
DPSCD art teachers *Point and Shoot and Submit* photography workshop to support the virtual Student Art Exhibition

February

A Samurai and A Gentleman: Representations of Power and Knowledge in East Asia

March

Refresh, Restore & Revitalize Educator Morning
Hands-on Workshop for Art Educators
Potter's Wheel for Educators

April–May

All events canceled due to closure and all events from June–December were hosted on a virtual platform.

June

Refresh, Restore & Revitalize Educator Morning—Virtual

July

Symbol and Story: Investigating Imagery in East Asian Art for elementary school educators
A Perfectly Material World: Exploring Objects in East Asian Art for middle school educators
Being Diplomatic: How Art Helps to Spread Ideas for high school educators

August

Visual Thinking Strategies: The Virtual Crash Course

October

Ofrendas Preview for Educators
Refresh, Restore & Revitalize Educator Morning

November

Detroit Style Educator Workshop

December

Point & Shoot Digital Submission Workshop
Cultural Passport Preview for Educators

Customized Teacher Professional Development

The DIA actively recruits schools/districts to develop collaborative, customized professional development opportunities for teachers. Adjustments have been made to offer programs on a virtual platform.

Additional Engagement with Wayne County Schools

Teacher Advisory Group

The DIA's Teacher Advisory Group teachers from Wayne County. This group provided feedback about existing professional development resources and assisted in designing teacher events.

Teen Arts Council

The DIA's Teen Arts Council includes students from three Wayne County high schools. Teen Council members work with diverse peers from local high schools and museum professionals to design and implement relevant and meaningful programs for metro Detroit teens.

Senior Program

Thursdays at the Museum

This popular program provides activities for seniors each Thursday in the museum at 1:00 pm. The monthly schedule begins with tours of the permanent collection on the first Thursday; artmaking in the Studio on the third Thursday of the month; and a film shown in the Detroit Film Theatre on the fourth Thursday. The second Thursday of the month offers a variety of experiences such as Art Bingo and music performances.

Thursdays at the Museum, free for all tri-county adults 55+, provided free bus transportation for groups of 25 or more. Individual walk-ins were also invited to participate in the Thursday activities.

The DIA welcomed 26 senior groups to the Museum, serving more than 700 residents prior to the museum closure on March 13, 2020.

Brighton Gardens of Northville
Adult Well Being Services in Detroit
Bridgewater By Delwebb Seniors in Brownstown
Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Senior Group
Country Club Woods Progressive Association Seniors in Grosse Pointe Woods
Eton Senior Center in Dearborn Heights
Grandparents Parenting Again & Kinship Care Support in Detroit
Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club
Henry Ford Village Retirement Community in Dearborn
It Takes A Village Adult Day Care Center in Detroit
Leland Missionary Baptist Church Seniors in Detroit
New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit
Northville Senior Center
Redford Seniors
Restoration Towers in Detroit
September Days Senior Center in Belville
Sheridan Place Apartments in Detroit
St. Charles Lwanga Parish in Detroit
St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit
Tindal Activity Center in Detroit
Top Ladies of Distinction in Inkster
UAW Local 6000 Seniors Union
2nd Baptist Church in River Rouge
Westhaven Manor in Westland

Behind the Seen

Behind the Seen art talks bring insight about the DIA's collection to adult civic and social groups, libraries, senior centers, and other community-accessible locations.

Wayne County groups hosted 18 Behind the Seen art talks at the following locations.

Bowin Place Apartments in Detroit
Canton Newcomers and Neighbors
Cedarbrook Senior Living in Northville
Community Social Services of Wayne County
Garden City Fine Arts Association
Grosse Ile Questers 195
Knapp Public Library in Hamtramck
Northville Women's Club
Plymouth District Library
Sunrise Senior Living of Northville
Wayne Public Library

To accommodate seniors during the pandemic, the DIA transitioned the tri-county Senior Program to a virtual format.

Thursdays at the Museum—Virtual

Every Thursday at 1:00 pm, the DIA provides engaging experiences and programs: interactive talks with Q & A sessions are varied with music, film, artmaking, and special events like Art Bingo.

Behind the Seen—Virtual

Art talks with live Q & A are provided by the DIA's trained volunteers and available to adult civic and social groups, libraries, and senior centers. Group organizers may select from a variety of topics either for seniors who gather in facilities or those who access the program individually via the organizer's virtual platform.

Anytime Access Programs

Additional virtual programs are available to seniors with online *anytime access* and include crossword puzzles, art making videos, curator, and conservation art talks.

Make, Take, and Connect

Artmaking projects, inspired by works in the DIA collection, were the subject of a pilot program with Presbyterian Village of Westland. Kits included materials, instructions, and online curator art talks with Q & A. Feedback from the pilot informed ongoing plans to further engage residents in Wayne County—and beyond—with activities that bring DIA experiences to group living communities, independent seniors, and senior centers, as permitted by current COVID restrictions.

Community Collaborations with Local Arts Organizations and Cities, Townships and Villages

In support of the service agreement with the Wayne County Art Institute Authority, the DIA developed community partnership programs, events, and engagement opportunities for residents of Wayne County.

These partnership projects bring museum resources to communities where there is a demonstrated commitment to increasing local arts programs.

Collaborations are codeveloped with local organizations to respect and sustain the mission of the local organization and preserve the local character of each program.

Inside|Out

Through partnerships with municipalities and community organizations, the DIA's Inside|Out program features high-quality art reproductions at locations throughout Wayne County.

The following Wayne County communities hosted Inside|Out:

Lafayette Greens Gardens
Trenton
Dearborn
Oakwoods Metropark
Livonia
Wayne County Parks
Northville
Southgate
Wayne County Community College District campuses
Grosse Pointe Woods

Additionally, the DIA was approached by Henry Ford Hospital to present Inside|Out at the Birgitte Harris Cancer Pavilion which incorporates art into its program and architecture to reflect its innovative and creative approach to medicine. The installation of nearly 30 reproductions of works occurred in late fall 2020.

Partners in Public Art

The DIA collaborates with communities, nonprofit organizations, and municipalities in Wayne County to design and create meaningful works of public art.

In 2020, the DIA continued a collaborative project with the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and the Plymouth Community Arts Council to create a public sculpture near Kellogg Park in Downtown Plymouth.

Concert of Colors

Concert of Colors, Detroit's world music and diversity festival, was filmed in the Detroit Film Theatre and broadcast on Detroit Public Television and WDET-FM and streamed internationally. The event featured the following artists:

Concert of Colors Forum on Community, Culture & Race: Community Self-Determination
Alina Morr & Fuego (world jazz)
Leafar Village (tribute Charlie Bird Parker)
Sean Blackman (Balkan Fusion+Detroit jazz/funk)
Digging Roots (Indigenous Canadian root, global, pop)
Xiao Dong Wei (avant garde, Chinese erhu)
The Last Gasp Collective (world/hip hop/R&B/jazz/soul/gospel)
Don Was Detroit All Star Revue tribute to John Lee Hooker (video of performance available here [Concert of Colors](#))

Scholastic Art Awards

The Detroit Film Theater was the site for the award ceremony for the 2020 Southeastern Michigan Region of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition.

The DIA partnered with Detroit's College for Creative Studies to coordinate events, attended by approximately 2,000 students, family members, and their guests.

Motor Om Yoga

In partnership with Motor Om Yoga, the DIA provided accessible and inclusive yoga experiences in the Great Hall on the third Saturday of each month.

Ofrenda

In celebration of Dia de Muertos, the Detroit Institute of Arts, in partnership with Detroit's Mexican Consulate, presents a community exhibition of Ofrenda altars.

Celebrating el Día de Muertos was on view during regular museum hours and included with general museum admission from October - November. The exhibition was also available in virtual format online [Ofrendas: Celebrating el Día de Muertos 2020 | Detroit Institute of Arts Museum \(dia.org\)](#).

Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan

The Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan held their Religious Diversity Journeys program at the DIA in January. Over 200 Girl Scouts from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties attended this program. The scouts participated in an app-based scavenger hunt focused on religious themes in art; watched a documentary called "The Children of Abraham" in the Lecture Hall; and had a panel discussion and pinning ceremony in the Museum.

Community Group Art Making Program

The DIA partners with local social service agencies through the Studio Community Group Program. The following Wayne County groups participated in art making and Visual Thinking Strategies sessions virtually in 2020.

The John D. Dingell VA Medical Center
Mariners Inn
Hannan Center

Artwork created by participants were included in the 12th Annual Community Group Art Exhibition, held online in 2020.

Inside Out Literary Arts

In partnership with Inside Out Literary arts, four virtual workshops detailing the history of the magazine as an art form, and its relevance on contemporary culture with live drawing demonstrations on how to create a zine.

Additional Outreach

Inside Out Literary Arts—Young Writers was provided bus transportation for a museum visit.

County Leaders Event

County leaders attended a reception for the following exhibitions in February:

Bruegel's The Wedding Dance Revealed
Guests of Honor: Frida Kahlo and Salvador Dalí

School Field Trips

School	City	School District
Bennie Elementary School	Allen Park	Allen Park Public Schools
Bedford Elementary	Dearborn Heights	Dearborn Heights Schools
Childtime - Dearborn	Dearborn	Dearborn Schools
Dearborn High School	DEARBORN	Dearborn Schools
Dearborn Public Schools	Dearborn	Dearborn Schools
Lindbergh Elementary	Dearborn	Dearborn Schools
Long Elementary School	Dearborn	Dearborn Schools
Lowrey School	Dearborn	Dearborn Schools
O.L. Smith Middle School	Dearborn	Dearborn Schools
River Oaks Elementary	Dearborn Heights	Dearborn Schools
Whitmore-Bolles Elementary School	Dearborn	Dearborn Schools
A.L. Holmes	Detroit	DPSCD
Ann Arbor Trail	Detroit	DPSCD
Bennett Elementary School	Detroit	DPSCD
Bethune Elementary/Middle School	Detroit	DPSCD
Blackwell Institute	Detroit	DPSCD
Brewer Academy	Detroit	DPSCD
Burton International Academy	Detroit	DPSCD
Carstens Elementary-Middle School	Detroit	DPSCD
Carver STEM Elementary/Middle School	Detroit	DPSCD
Cass Tech High School	Detroit	DPSCD
Charles R. Drew Transition Center	Detroit	DPSCD
Clark Elementary	Detroit	DPSCD
Cooke	Detroit	DPSCD
Davison Elementary	Detroit	DPSCD
Detroit Collegiate Preparatory at Northwestern	Detroit	DPSCD
Detroit Innovation Academy	Detroit	DPSCD
Detroit Premier Academy	Detroit	DPSCD
Dixon Educational Learning Academy	Detroit	DPSCD
Duke Ellington Performing Arts School	Detroit	DPSCD
Edmonson Elementary	Detroit	DPSCD
Fisher Magnet Upper School	Detroit	DPSCD
Foreign Language Immersion & Cultural Studies	Detroit	DPSCD
Gardner Elementary School	Detroit	DPSCD
Golightly Educational Center	Detroit	DPSCD
Gompers Elementary	Detroit	DPSCD
Greenfield Union School	Detroit	DPSCD
Henderson Academy	Detroit	DPSCD
Henry Ford High School	Detroit	DPSCD
Hutchinson Elementary-Middle School	Detroit	DPSCD
John R. King Academy	Detroit	DPSCD
Mann Learning Community	Detroit	DPSCD

Marcus Garvey Academy	Detroit	DPSCD
Marion Law Academy	Detroit	DPSCD
Mason Elementary	Detroit	DPSCD
Maybury Elementary	Detroit	DPSCD
Nolan Elementary/Middle School	Detroit	DPSCD
Nolan Elementary/Middle School PreK-8	Detroit	DPSCD
Pasteur Elementary School	Detroit	DPSCD
Thirkell Elementary	Detroit	DPSCD
Thomas Edison Elementary	Detroit	DPSCD
Thurgood Marshall School	Detroit	DPSCD
Vernor Elementary School	Detroit	DPSCD
Wayne Elementary	Detroit	DPSCD
Western International and DCP at Northwestern High School	Detroit	DPSCD
Garden City High School	Garden City	Garden City Public Schools
Garden City Middle School	Garden City	Garden City Public Schools
Brownell Middle School	Grosse Pointe Farms	Grosse Pointe Public Schools
Grosse Pointe North High School	Grosse Pointe Woods	Grosse Pointe Public Schools
Grosse Pointe South High School	Grosse Pointe Farms	Grosse Pointe Public Schools
Pierce Middle School - Grosse Pointe	Grosse Pointe Park	Grosse Pointe Public Schools
Dickinson West Elementary	Hamtramck	Hamtramck Schools
Harper Woods High School	Harper Woods	Harper Woods Public Schools
Harper Woods Middle School	Harper Woods	Harper Woods Public Schools
Huron High School - New Boston	New Boston	Huron Schools
Miller Elementary - New Boston	New Boston	Huron Schools
Foote Elementary	Lincoln Park	Lincoln Park Public Schools
Livonia Career Technical Center	Livonia	Livonia Public Schools
Achieve Charter Academy	Canton	Non-District/Community Organization
All Saints Catholic School	Canton	Non-District/Community Organization
Cesar Chavez Academy Lower Elementary	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Cesar Chavez Middle School	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Charlotte Mason Community School	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Concordia Lutheran School	Redford	Non-District/Community Organization
Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Detroit Merit Academy	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Detroit Waldorf School	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Escuela Avancemos	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Focus HOPE - Center for Children	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
George Washington Carver Academy	Highland Park	Non-District/Community Organization
Gesu Catholic School	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Global Heights Academy	Dearborn Heights	Non-District/Community Organization
Hanley International	Hamtramck	Non-District/Community Organization
Holy Redeemer	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Hope of Detroit Charter Academy	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Northville Public Schools Girl Scouts	Northville	Non-District/Community Organization
Oakwood Academic Center	Taylor	Non-District/Community Organization
Old Redford Academy Preparatory High School	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Parkside Academy Homeschool	Allen Park	Non-District/Community Organization
Regent Park Scholars Academy	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization

Riley Upper Elementary	Livonia	Non-District/Community Organization
Roeper School	Bloomfield Hills	Non-District/Community Organization
St. Michael Catholic School	Livonia	Non-District/Community Organization
Star International Academy	Dearborn Heights	Non-District/Community Organization
Starfish Solutions Our Lady of Guadalupe	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Summit Academy	Romulus	Non-District/Community Organization
Universal Learning Academy	Westland	Non-District/Community Organization
University Liggett School	Grosse Pointe Woods	Non-District/Community Organization
University Preparatory Art & Design	Detroit	Non-District/Community Organization
Wayne Youth and Family Services	Wayne	Non-District/Community Organization
Webelos Cub Scout Pack 781	Plymouth	Non-District/Community Organization
Ruth Eriksson Elementary	Canton	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Workman Elementary	Canton	Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
River Rouge High School	River Rouge	River Rouge Schools
Seitz Middle School	Riverview	Riverview Community Schools
Romulus Middle School	Romulus	Romulus Community Schools
Pierce Middle School	Redford	South Redford Schools
Fordline Elementary	Southgate	Southgate Community School District
Taylor High School	Taylor	Taylor Schools
McBride Middle School	Belleville	Van Buren Public Schools
David Hicks Elementary	Inkster	Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Edison Elementary School	Westland	Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Elliott Elementary	Westland	Wayne-Westland Community Schools
Robichaud High School	Dearborn Heights	Westwood Community Schools
Patrick Henry Middle School	Woodhaven	Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools