

Wayne County Art Institute Authority

2024 Year-End Report

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OF ARTS

Through the Wayne County Art Institute Authority and the Art Institute Service Agreement, the DIA provides special benefits to Wayne residents in the areas of admissions, school, senior, and community partnership programs.

BENEFITS FOR WAYNE COUNTY RESIDENTS

Free General Admission	Free Unlimited General Admission				
School Program	K-12 Field Trips with Bus Transportation	Educator Professional Development	In-School Program Pilot		
Senior Group Program	Group visit and docent-led tour	Group Transportation	Melodies at the Museum	Behind the Seen Art Talks in the Community	
Community Partnerships	Art-based Programming with Cities, Townships, Villages, & Arts Organizations	Inside Out	Partners in Public Art Mural Program		

FREE GENERAL ADMISSION

Unlimited general admission to the museum is always **FREE** for Wayne County residents
In 2024, **105,476** Wayne County residents visited the DIA with free general admission.



Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Thursday	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Plan a visit at dia.org/visit

SCHOOL PROGRAM

The DIA provides free field trips for K-12 students in Wayne County including complimentary bus transportation. Field trip experiences are designed to stimulate critical thinking and close observation through engaging activities, encouraging students to ask questions and participate in discussions. After each field trip or educator workshop, survey feedback is collected to continuously refine and improve educational offerings.

In 2024, **30,815** Wayne County students participated in field trips to the DIA with free bus transportation.



Guided field trip experiences include:

Introductory Tours

- Learning To Look | Grades K–2
- Thinking Through Art | Grades K–12
- Shaping Identity: A Broad Cross-Cultural Exploration | Grades 3–12

Specialty And Collection-Based Tours

- Social And Emotional Learning Tour (SEL) | Grades K–12
- NEW! Art of the Ancient World (Grades 6-12)
- Write Way to Art Tour | Grades 6–12
- Objects of Devotion | Grades 3-12
- The Hero's Journey | Grades 6-12
- Shaping Identity | Grades 3–12
 - *Africana*
 - *Art of the Americas*
 - *Art of the Ancient World*
 - *World Cultures and Languages*

Science + Art Tours

- Putting The STEAM in STEM in Conservation | Grades 6–12

Science + Art Tours continued

- Technological Innovations Through the Ages | Grades 3–12

Gallery + Art Studio Experience

- Meaning Through Art-Making | Grades 3–8

DPSCD Cultural Passport Program

Detroit Public School Community District 2nd graders participated in the free field trip program in 2024. A scavenger hunt was developed to provide students with an introduction to the diverse collection.

IN-MUSEUM K–12 FIELD TRIPS

Wayne County Schools participating in the 2024 Field Trip Program:

Allen Park Public Schools

Allen Park High School
Arno Elementary School
Bennie Elementary School

Clarenceville School District

Grandview Elementary

Dearborn Heights School District 7

Annapolis High School
Bedford Elementary
Madison Elementary

Dearborn Public Schools

Clara B. Ford Academy
Cotter Early Childhood
Dearborn High School
Dearborn Virtual K12
Duvall Elementary
Edsel Ford High School
Fordson High School
Henry Ford Elementary
Iris Becker Elementary
McDonald Elementary
Oakman Elementary
STEM Middle School
Stout Middle School
Unis Middle School
Whitmore-Bolles Elementary School

Detroit Public Schools Community District

A.L. Holmes Academy of Blended Learning
Academy of the Americas
Allen Park High School
Amelia Earhart Elementary/Middle
Ann Arbor Trail Magnet School
Barton Elementary
Bates Academy
Bennett Elementary School
Bow Elementary/Middle School
Brenda Scott Academy for Performing Arts
Brewer Academy
Bunche Preparatory Academy
Burns Elementary
Burton International Academy
Capstone Academy - Riverbend
Carleton Elementary

Detroit Public Schools Community District

Carstens Elementary-Middle School
Carver STEM Elementary/Middle School
Cass Tech High School
Center for Success
Central High School
Cesar Chavez Academy High School
Charles R. Drew Transition Center
Charles Wright Academy of Art and Science
Chrysler Elementary School
Clippert Academy
Coleman A. Young Elementary
Communication and Media Arts High School
Cooke STEM Academy
David Ellis Academy - West
Davison Elementary
Denby High School
Detroit African Youth Development Organization
Detroit Community Elementary/Middle School
Detroit Community High School
Detroit Edison Public School Academy
Detroit International Academy for Young Women
Detroit Lions Academy
Detroit School of Arts
Diann Banks-Williamson Educational Center
Dixon Educational Learning Academy
Dossin Elementary
DPSCD Virtual School
Duke Ellington at Beckham
Durfee Elementary/Middle
Earhart Elementary Middle School
East English Village Preparatory Academy
Edison Elementary School
Edward Duke Ellington Conservatory
Emerson Elementary School
Fisher Magnet Lower Academy
Gardner Elementary School
Golightly Education Center
Gompers Elementary
Greenfield Union School
Hamilton Academy
Harms Elementary
Henderson Academy
Henry Ford High School

Detroit Public Schools Community District

J.E. Clark Preparatory Academy
John J. Bagley School of Journalism and Technology
John R. King Academic and Performing Arts Academy
M. L. King High School
Mackenzie Elementary
Mann Learning Community
Marion Law Academy
Mark Twain Elementary
Marquette Elementary/Middle School
Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary/Middle School
Mason Academy
Maybury Elementary
Mumford High School
Munger Elementary/Middle
Neinas Dual Language Learning Academy
Nichols Elementary/Middle School
Noble Elementary/Middle School
Nolan Elementary/Middle School PreK-8
Northwestern High School
Osborn High School
Palmer Park Montessori
Palmer Park Preparatory Academy
Pasteur Elementary School
Paul Robeson Malcolm X Academy
Pershing High School
Priest Elementary/Middle School
Pulaski Elementary
Renaissance High School
Roberto Clemente Elementary School
Ronald Brown Academy
Rutherford Winans Academy
Sampson Webber Academy
Schulze Academy for Technology and the Arts
Southeastern High School
Spain Elementary School
The Links - Cass Tech
The School at Marygrove
Thurgood Marshall School
Vernor Elementary School
Western International High School
Westside Christian Academy

Ecorse Public Schools

Ecorse Community High School

Flat Rock Community Schools

Simpson Middle School

Garden City School District

Garden City Middle School

Gibraltar School District

Carlson High School

Grosse Pointe Public Schools

Brownell Middle School

Ferry Elementary

Grosse Pointe North High School

Grosse Pointe South High School

Parcells Middle School

Pierce Middle School

Summer Pointes Lit Lab

Hamtramck Public Schools

Dickinson East Elementary

Dickinson West Elementary

Hamtramck High School

Kosciuszko Middle School

Tau Beta School

Harper Woods Schools

Harper Woods High School

Harper Woods Triumph Middle School

Tyrone Elementary

Huron School District

Huron High School

Miller Elementary

Lincoln Park Public Schools

Foote Elementary

Lincoln Park High School

Livonia Public Schools

Churchill High School

Coolidge Elementary

Cooper Upper Elementary School

Randolph Elementary

Stevenson High School

Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Public Schools

Allendale Elementary School

Melvindale High School

Northville Public Schools

Hillside Middle School

Meads Mill Middle School

Northville High School

Novi Community School District

Novi High School

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Discovery Middle School
East Middle School
Farrand Elementary School
Field Elementary School
Hoben Elementary School
Liberty Middle School
Pioneer Middle School
Plymouth High School
Salem High School
West Middle School

Redford Union School District

Hilbert Middle School
Redford Union High School

Riverview Community Schools

Seitz Middle School

Romulus Community Schools

Romulus High School
Romulus Middle School

South Redford School District

Lee M. Thurston High School
Pierce Middle School
Vandenberg Elementary

Southgate Community Schools

Fordline Elementary
Northpointe Elementary School

Taylor School District

Hoover Middle School
Kinyon Elementary
Randall Elementary
Taylor High School
Taylor Virtual Learning Academy

Trenton Public Schools

Trenton High School

Van Buren Public Schools

Belleville High School
Tyler Elementary School

Wayne Westland Community Schools

Adams Middle School
Benjamin Franklin Middle School
David Hicks Elementary
Edison Elementary School
Elliott Elementary
Franklin Middle School
Graham Elementary

Wayne Westland Community Schools

Hamilton Elementary
John Glenn High School
Roosevelt McGrath Elementary
Schweitzer Elementary
Stevenson Middle School
Taft-Galloway Elementary
Walker Winter Elementary
Wayne Memorial High School
Wildwood Elementary
William D. Ford Career Technical Center

Westwood Community Schools

Daly Elementary
Robichaud High School
Thorne Elementary

Woodhaven-Brownstown School District

Erving Elementary
Gudith Elementary School
Wegienka Elementary
Woodhaven High School
Woodhaven Upper Elementary

Wyandotte Public Schools

Jefferson Elementary

Non-District/Community Organization

Academy for Business and Technology
Achieve Charter Academy
Adams Young Academy
Alternatives for Girls
American International Academy
American Montessori Academy - Upper
BLOCK Youth & Teen Center
Boll Family YMCA
Bridge Academy
Caniff Liberty Academy
Chandler Park Academy High School
Charlotte Mason Community School
Christ the King School
Coaching Forward Detroit
College for Creative Studies
Creative Kidz Learning Center
Creative Montessori Academy
David Ellis Academy - West
Detroit Academy of Arts & Sciences
Detroit Achievement Academy
Detroit Catholic Central High School

Non-District/Community Organization

Detroit Edison Public School Academy
Detroit Golf Club Caddies
Detroit Hispanic Development
Detroit Historical Museum
Detroit Leadership Academy
Detroit Merit Academy
Detroit Prep
Detroit Service Learning Academy
Discovery Creative Pathways
Divine Child High School
Dove Academy of Detroit
Downtown Boxing Gym Youth Program
Epiphany Education Center
Escuela Avancemos
George Washington Carver Academy
Girlstown
Glazer Academy
Global Heights Academy
Grace Community Conant UMC Freedom Schools
Hanley International Academy
Homeschool Groups
Hope Academy
Hope Christian Academy
Hope of Detroit Academy
Inter-City Baptist High School
It Takes a Village Academy
Ivywood Classical Academy
Jalen Rose Leadership Academy
Keys2Life Performing Arts Summer Camp
Kids Avenue Christian Learning Center
Life Leaders
Madison-Carver Academy
Metro Charter Academy
Michigan Science Center
New Paradigm for Education
Oakland International Academy High School
Oakwood Academy
Old Redford Academy

Non-District/Community Organization

Plymouth Canton Montessori Center
Plymouth Christian Academy
Plymouth Educational Center
Polger Girl Scouts Troop 77836
Red Bell Summer Camp
Rosa Parks Children & Youth Program
Rutherford Winans Academy
SER Metro Detroit
Spanish for Toddlers
St. Edith Catholic School
St. Francis Cabrini Elementary and Middle School
St. Joseph Trenton
St. Michael Catholic School
St. Valentine School
Star International Academy – Canton & Dearborn Heights
Starfish Family Services
Summit Academy North High School
Taylor Exemplar Academy
Team Wellness Center
The Dearborn Academy
The James and Grace Lee Boggs School
The School at Marygrove
Trillium Academy
Universal Learning Academy
University Liggett School
University of Detroit Jesuit Academy
University Prep Academy
University Prep Middle School
University Prep Science and Math Academy
University Preparatory Art & Design
Urban Neighborhood Initiatives
Voyageur College Preparatory High School
Warrendale Charter Academy
Wayne State University Math Corps
Wayne Youth and Family Services
Westland Youth Assistance Program
Westside Christian Academy
YouthTank Detroit

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT FOR EDUCATORS

Educator Professional Development

The DIA offers professional development workshops designed to equip educators with curriculum-related activities for use in classrooms. The museum collaborates with schools and districts to develop customized professional development opportunities for teachers.

610 teachers from Wayne County participated in the following free educator events:

JANUARY

- Wayne-Westland Community Schools Intro to the DIA
- Power in Art Workshop #1

FEBRUARY

- Power in Art Workshop #2
- Black History Month Educator Workshop
- Power in Art Workshop #3

MARCH

- Women’s History Month Educator Workshop
- Early Education Workshop
- Refresh, Restore, & Revitalize Educator Morning
- Buddhist Traditions and Objects of Devotion Workshop

APRIL

- Teacher Advisory Group Meeting
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- Henry Ford Health VTS Workshop
- Refresh, Restore, & Revitalize Educator Morning

MAY

- Teacher Advisory Group Meeting
- Wayne RESA Educator Workshop

JUNE

- Computational Thinking Workshop
- Refresh, Restore, & Revitalize Educator Morning

JULY

- Henry Ford Health VTS Workshop

AUGUST

- Visual Thinking Strategies Workshop Day 1
- Visual Thinking Strategies Workshop Day 2
- Power in Art Workshop #1
- Power in Art Workshop #2
- Power in Art Workshop #3

SEPTEMBER

- Refresh, Restore, & Revitalize Educator Morning
- Educators’ Night
- The Art of Dining Educator Workshop
- Detroit School of Arts Educator Workshop

OCTOBER

- Ofrendas Educator Workshop
- Capstone Academy Educator Workshop
- Teacher Advisory Group Meeting

NOVEMBER

- Native American Heritage Month Educator Workshop
- Wayne RESA Educator Workshop
- Refresh, Restore, and Revitalize Educator Morning

DECEMBER

- Teacher Advisory Group Meeting
- DPSCD Introduction to the DIA

Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) Educator Workshops

In 2024, the DIA partnered with Wayne RESA to host multiple workshops designed to deepen educators’ understanding of the museum’s offerings and support their integration of art into classroom learning.

May Workshop: Wayne RESA educators visited the DIA to explore the full range of resources available to teachers and students, including field trips, learning materials, and professional development opportunities. DIA Gallery Teachers led a model field trip, demonstrating the variety of themes and engagement strategies used during guided student visits.

June Workshop: Wayne RESA educators participated in a workshop focused on *Computational Thinking (CT)*— the thought processes involved in formulating problems so their solutions can be represented as computational steps and algorithms. Participants learned how to apply CT across disciplines and explored its relevance in artmaking and museum-based learning.

November Workshop: Wayne RESA educators took part in a hands-on workshop where they experienced a model field trip, explored the special exhibition *7 Mile + Livernois*, and participated in a classroom-replicable art-making activity. The session also highlighted the museum’s full range of programs for students and educators.

Learning Resources

The DIA works collaboratively with Wayne County educators to develop customized curriculum resources to enhance field trip experiences. These materials include self-guided gallery activities as well as pre- and post-visit classroom connections designed to deepen student engagement and learning. New resources currently in development include tailored lesson plans and scavenger hunts for K–2 students.

Teacher Advisory Group

The DIA’s Teacher Advisory Group includes five teachers from Wayne County who provide valuable feedback about the museum’s educational resources and professional development offerings. This group plays a role in evaluating existing materials, shaping new resources, and designing educator events. The group includes educators from The School at Marygrove Elementary in Detroit, Annapolis High School in Dearborn Heights, Allen Park High School, and Bates Academy and Mumford High School in Detroit.

Additional Engagement

Detroit Cultural Center Educators’ Open House

In collaboration with Midtown Detroit, Inc. and other Detroit Cultural Center institutions, the DIA opened its doors for a district-wide Educator’s Night. The open house invited educators to learn more about field trip opportunities, traveling educational programs, and summer camps, while experiencing guided tours and other interactive activities.

Teen Arts Council



The DIA’s Teen Arts Council (TAC) includes 5 students from Wayne County high schools. TAC members collaborate with diverse peers from local high schools and museum professionals to design and implement relevant and meaningful programs for teens. In 2024, the TAC hosted 198 teens at events supporting special exhibitions, and other topics of interest like figure drawing. Additionally, graduating TAC members served on a Leadership Panel for the Detroit-based L!fe Leaders organization to discuss their teamwork and leadership experiences.

Educator Newsletter

The DIA-Education department publishes a monthly newsletter, EduNews, that highlights new programs and resources available to tri-county educators and schools.

Sign up for EduNews at <https://dia.org/learning/free-educator-pass>

SENIOR GROUP PROGRAM

The DIA provides experiences for Wayne County seniors through group trips to the Museum, live musical performances, and art talks held at community locations throughout Wayne County.

Group Tours

The DIA welcomes groups of adults 55 and older for self-guided or guided tours of the museum. New curated tours (listed below) provide an exciting way to experience the museum's world-class collection. For all reserved visits, seniors receive vouchers for free refreshments and a discount at the DIA Shop.

- **JANUARY AND FEBRUARY:** *Treasures of the DIA* - Explore acclaimed artworks and masterpieces in the DIA's collection.
- **MARCH AND APRIL:** *Tiff Massey and Women Artists* - Tour the special exhibition Tiff Massey: 7 Mile + Livernois and explore additional artworks by women artists in the DIA's collection.
- **MAY AND JUNE:** *In the Garden* - See beauty captured in the natural landscapes and botanical images at the DIA.
- **JULY AND AUGUST:** *Rivera Court, Indigenous Americas, and Native American Galleries* - Examine Diego Rivera's Detroit Industry Murals and explore related artworks from the DIA's collection.
- **SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER:** *What's in Vogue* - Explore clothing and objects of adornment in the DIA's collection and how it speaks to the Identity of a culture, an individual, or even popular trends in societies.
- **NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER** *Non-Western Art* - Explore the arts of Africa, Asia, the Islamic World and much more.

Free transportation is available for groups of 25 or more.

Melodies at the Museum

Melodies at the Museum is a monthly program featuring live musical performances curated for adults 55 and over. Groups are provided with free transportation, complimentary cookies, and discounts in the museum gift shop.



Marion Hayden Quartet performing in The Detroit Film Theatre

Senior Program Continued

In 2024, the following Wayne County senior organizations reserved **74** group trips to the museum:

Belleville	Wayne County Community College District Seniors (3)
Brownstown	Bridgewater by Del Webb (2)
Canton	The Hindu Temple of Canton Seniors, Canton Newcomers Seniors
Dearborn	Morley Manor, Dearborn Seniors
Dearborn Heights	American House Dearborn Heights, Dearborn Heights Seniors, Canfield Community Center Parks and Recreation Seniors
Detroit	St. Charles Lwanga Parish Seniors (4), People's Community Church Seniors (4), Hartford Village (2), Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Seniors (2), Detroit Association Retired School Personnel, Council Member Gabriela Santiago-Romero Senior Group, Detroit Public Library Seniors, Greater Grace Temple Seniors, Peoples Community Church, Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway Senior Group, St. Scholastica Catholic Church Seniors, St. Patrick Senior Center, The Village of University Meadows Seniors, A. B. Ford Community Center Seniors, Leland Missionary Baptist Church Seniors, Warrendale Community Organization Seniors, Lexington Village Seniors, North Rosedale Park Civic Association
Ecorse	Ecorse Senior Center (2)
Grosse Pointe Farms	Grosse Pointe War Memorial Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club
Grosse Pointe Park	Grosse Pointe Sails Club Seniors
Inkster	Commission on Aging
Livonia	Civic Park Senior Center of Livonia (2) Parkside of Livonia Independent Senior Living Community (2)
Northville	Willow Pines Retirement Community (2), Northville Senior Service
Plymouth	Plymouth Community Arts Council (2), Bradbury Condo Seniors
Plymouth Charter Twp.	Northridge Church Seniors
Redford	Redford Charter Township Seniors (4)
Riverview	Riverview Seniors (3), Riverview Towers Senior Co-Op
Romulus	Romulus Tower Seniors
Taylor	Wayne County Community College District Seniors (2), Taylor Garden Club Seniors, Heritage Park Senior Village, Southland American House
Trenton	Trenton Towers Senior Co-Op (2), St. Paul Lutheran Church Seniors
Westland	Westland Friendship Center Seniors (2)



Behind the Seen Art Talks – In the Community

Presented by trained DIA teaching volunteers, Behind the Seen Art Talks bring insight into the DIA's collection from the museum to the community. Talks last up to one hour and are available to adult civic and social groups, libraries, senior centers, and other community-accessible locations in Wayne County.

Community groups who are interested in scheduling a Behind the Seen art talk can see full descriptions of the twenty (20) topics available and complete the request form at dia.org or contact Shannon Bawulski at (313) 833-7977 or sbawulski@dia.org.

In 2024, Behind the Seen Art Talks were provided to Wayne County residents in partnership with the following organizations. In 2024, **72** art talks were provided more than **1,600** Wayne County residents in partnership with the following organizations:

Canton	Canton Newcomers at Sunflower Club House
Dearborn	Allegria Village
Dearborn Heights	American House
Detroit	Detroit PBS Staff, Detroit Public Television, Tailored Blanks, Thorne Rivertown Senior Community, U.S. Attorney's office, Wayne State University
Livonia	Christ Our Savior Lutheran church
Northville	Northville Public Library, StoryPoint Northville
Plymouth	Cedarbook of Northville, Sunrise of Northville, Three Cities Art Club at Plymouth Public Library
Riverview	American House, Bellaire Senior Living, Michigan House Senior Living
Taylor	Taylor Community Library
Wayne	Wayne Public Library
West Bloomfield Township	Allegria Village
Westland	Westland Public Library



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Making connections to art—both inside and outside the museum walls—is a vital part of the DIA’s mission. This is achieved through a variety of programs, including Inside|Out, Partners in Public Art murals, partnering with local fairs and festivals for art-making experiences, and much more. Below are examples of the many ways the DIA serves the residents of Wayne County.

Inside|Out

Through partnerships with municipalities and community organizations, the DIA's Inside|Out program brings high-quality art reproductions to locations in Wayne County. The 2024 roster of communities, parks and downtowns was on view from May through October.



2024 Inside|Out Partners

- City of Wayne
- Dearborn
- Detroit’s North Rosedale Park
- Detroit’s Grandmont Rosedale
- Northville Township
- Redford
- Romulus
- Wayne County Community College
- Brigitte Harris Cancer Pavilion at Henry Ford Hospital
- Warren C. Evans Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport



Concert of Colors

The DIA celebrated the 33rd year of Concert of Colors in July of 2024. The museum and its lawn were center stage for this free global music festival. The event, established in 1993, celebrates creativity and performance in collaboration with local arts and culture organizations in the Cultural Center.

With a roster of national and international artists that was wide and varied, one local highlight was The Don Was Detroit All Star Revue in the Detroit Film Theatre Auditorium.



3rd Annual Wayne County High School Art Exhibition

The DIA invited students in grades 9 through 12 who attend public, charter, private, or home schools in Wayne County to submit artwork for consideration in the *3rd Annual Wayne County High School Art Exhibition*. Out of hundreds of entries, more than 80 works of art, including paintings, mixed media, and photography were selected to be on view at the DIA from June 21 - July 21, 2024. Images from the exhibition can be found at <https://dia.org/events/exhibitions/wayne-county-high-school-art-exhibition-2024>.



Jellyfish Eyeball (drawing)
Melody Carr, Grade 11
Southgate Anderson High School



Wayne County Executive Warren Evans and student artist Toni Hobby promoting the 2025 exhibition on "Live in the D"

87th Annual Detroit Public Schools Community District Student Art Exhibition

In partnership with Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD), the DIA presented the 87th Annual Detroit Public Schools Community District Student Art Exhibition from April 20 – May 26, 2024. The exhibition featured work created by DPSCD students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Media ranged from paintings, prints, drawings, photography, ceramics, videos, jewelry, and more. More information and images can be found at <https://dia.org/events/exhibitions/87th-annual-detroit-public-schools-community-district-student-exhibition>



We Three (painting)
Darion Hammonds, Grade 10
Denby High School



Swimming Turtle (fibers)
Kaylie Baten-Velasquez, Grade 7
Academy of the Americas

Scholastic Art Awards

In partnership with the College for Creative Studies, the DIA hosted two days of events for the 2024 Southeast Michigan and Thumb Region Scholastic Art Awards. These ceremonies were attended by approximately 1,600 students, their family members and guests.

Drop-In Artmaking at Fairs and Festivals

The DIA provides drop-in artmaking workshops at fairs and festivals throughout Wayne County. In 2024, over 3,100 people participated in drop-in artmaking workshops at the following events.

- Grosse Pointe Woods SpringFest
- Grosse Ile Island Fest
- Motor City Pride
- Canton's Liberty Fest
- Plymouth's Art in the Park
- The Detroit Kite Festival
- Detroit's Jazz on the Ave
- Dearborn's Homecoming
- Belle Isle Art Fair
- People Mover Family Fun Day

Community Group Art Making Program

The DIA's Community Group Program has partnered with human services agencies for over 25 years, providing meaningful experiences through art with gallery tours and artmaking, allowing a safe, nurturing space for participants' creative expression and socialization. The following Wayne County groups participated in classes in 2024:

- The John D. Dingell VA Medical Center
- Mariners Inn
- Hannan Center
- Detroit Recovery Project
- ACCESS Hope House
- Vista Maria
- Services to Enhance Potential (STEP)



16th Annual Community Group Art Exhibition

On view in the Walter Gibbs Learning Center at the DIA from December 6, 2024 – January 5, 2025, this exhibition showcases artwork created through the *Community Group Program*. Artists in this exhibition included veterans, community mental health organizations, and seniors from Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. The annual community group exhibition offers a unique opportunity for participants to share their creative work with museum visitors.



12th Annual Ofrendas: Celebrating el Día de Muertos

Developed in partnership with the Consulate of Mexico in Detroit, the Southwest Detroit Business Association and Mexicantown CDC, the 12th installment of *Ofrendas: Celebrating el Día de Muertos* featured 11 ofrendas, or offerings, by local artists and community members, on display from September 28th – November 3, 2024.

The annual exhibition, designed to familiarize visitors with ofrendas and the Mexican traditions of the Day of the Dead, builds a sense of community as visitors identify with the reasons and ways people honor the deceased while collectively taking part in the act of remembering. The exhibition welcomed over 41,000 visitors.



InsideOut Literary Arts



In partnership with InsideOut Literary Arts, the DIA hosted a poetry-writing workshop in June. Poets took inspiration from the exhibition *Regeneration: Black Cinema 1898-1971*. The workshop resulted in a performance near the entrance of the exhibition.

Senior Fairs



The DIA maintains a presence at senior fairs and expos to promote benefits available to Wayne County residents. These events provide opportunities to connect with the community, share information about exhibitions and programs, and encourage future visits to the museum.

The DIA participated in the following events:

- Detroit Senior Expo at Eastern Market
- Grosse Point Senior Expo

Higher Education

Wayne County Community College District

The DIA and Wayne County Community College District partner to provide access to the arts through participation in the DIA's senior group trip program as well as annual Inside|Out installations on all campuses.

Wayne State University

The DIA partnered with Wayne State faculty to provide special learning opportunities throughout 2024. The DIA Conservation Scientist consulted with Wayne State University on methods for storing basketry from the college's anthropology collections. Additionally, DIA Paper Care Specialists provided Wayne State students with tours of the Paper Conservation Lab and Prints, Drawings, and Photographs storage area and workspaces. The DIA also worked with Philosophy of Art students to analyze artworks and discussed different aesthetic and ethical models of thinking and their practical application to artworks. In addition to these collaborations, the DIA connected with new and returning students at Wayne State University's FestiFall event.

University of Detroit-Mercy

The DIA's Registration and Collection Management Departments hosted an annual visit by UD-Mercy Museum Studies class. The group discussed registration work, followed by a behind the scenes tour of the collection records room, registrars' art processing room, the packing room, and three art storage areas.



Additional Engagement

Throughout 2024, the DIA maintained meaningful connections with communities across Wayne County through a wide range of collaborative programs.

DIA staff from the Evaluation, Interpretation, and Curatorial departments held a town hall discussion at the **Arab American National Museum** to gather community input on the title and themes of the upcoming exhibition, *The Art of Dining: Food Culture in the Islamic World*. This dialogue informed the exhibition's development and underscored the importance of community voice in shaping museum experiences.

The museum welcomed visitors from the **Belleville Area Council for the Arts** during the final weekend of *After Cubism*. Complimentary bus transportation was provided, and guests participated in docent-led tours of the exhibition and other collection highlights.



Additional Engagement continued

In partnership with the **Westland Public Library**, the DIA facilitated a visit for over 100 local residents by providing free transportation, ensuring broad access to the museum’s resources.



La Casa Guadalupeana organized a community visit, with attendees receiving guided tours of the collection. The museum provided free transportation, continuing its commitment to accessibility.



To commemorate the 100-year anniversary of **North Rosedale Park**, the DIA participated in the neighborhood’s June Day celebration. The museum spotlighted its Inside|Out collection, which featured reproductions of seven DIA artworks throughout the community and connected with visitors through an informational booth and guided tours.

The museum also deepened its engagement with young creatives by supporting the **Capturing Belief** teen photography program. A DIA curator held a special session with the participants in conjunction with the *James Barnor: Accra/London: A Retrospective* exhibition.

In collaboration with **Wayne County's Juvenile and Youth Services Department**, the DIA welcomed staff from Capstone Academy for a private workshop focused on the Visual Thinking Strategies teaching method, a cornerstone of the museum's educational approach.



Additional Engagement continued

The DIA hosted Dearborn Day in partnership with the **City of Dearborn**. The event featured bus transportation, a breakfast reception, and a curator-led tour of *The Art of Dining* exhibition for participating residents.



The DIA also partnered with the **Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS)** to offer a special museum experience for local seniors, including transportation and a curator-guided tour of *The Art of Dining*. Additionally, ACCESS leadership members were welcomed for an in-depth tour of the exhibition.



Conservation staff from the DIA collaborated with **The Henry Ford Museum** to support the analysis and identification of plastics within their collections, demonstrating cross-institutional collaboration in preservation.

Furthering community ties through art, the DIA helped jury more than 100 submissions for the **Grosse Pointe Artists Association's** *Food in Art* exhibition, inspired by *The Art of Dining*. The diverse entries included paintings, drawings, prints, collages, quilts, and photographs.

A DIA curator also gave a public lecture on *The Art of Dining* at the **Dearborn Public Library**, broadening public engagement with the exhibition's themes.

Finally, the **Wayne County Commission Youth Council** hosted its annual holiday luncheon at the DIA. The event featured a keynote address by Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, a luncheon, a guided tour of *The Art of Dining*, and a vision board activity, capping off a year of community engagement.