

**MARQUIS
STUDIOS**



**Annual Report
2024 - 2025**

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Marquis Studios' work is made possible by our incredible team of Teaching Artists and staff members, with the support of our dedicated Board of Directors



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A Message from Paula

Dear Friends,

In the 2024–25 school year, we deepened our commitment to inclusion at every level.

As we searched for ways to publicly celebrate the work of our students, we were lucky enough to gain the interest and support of Sotheby's, the world-renowned auction house. Sotheby's hosted *Inclusive Impressions*, a week-long exhibit of art created by students with disabilities.

A major study by On the Move revealed that 87% of arts venues in over 40 countries fail to include people with disabilities in any part of the artistic process. In New York City, more than 20% of children live with disabilities and face significant barriers to participating in creative activities.

Marquis Studios aims to address these gaps, and *Inclusive Impressions* demonstrated the transformative power of inclusion in creating a more equitable landscape. The exhibit not only celebrated the talent of students with disabilities but also called for greater accessibility and representation in the arts.

"Not every mind or body will experience art the same way. But every mind and body is entitled to the experience." – National Endowment for the Arts

The exhibit at Sotheby's was but one of our accomplishments from last year. As you read through our Annual Report, you will see that Marquis Studios continues to be a leader in inclusive arts education programs.

With gratitude,



Paula L. Heitman
Executive Director



Year at a Glance

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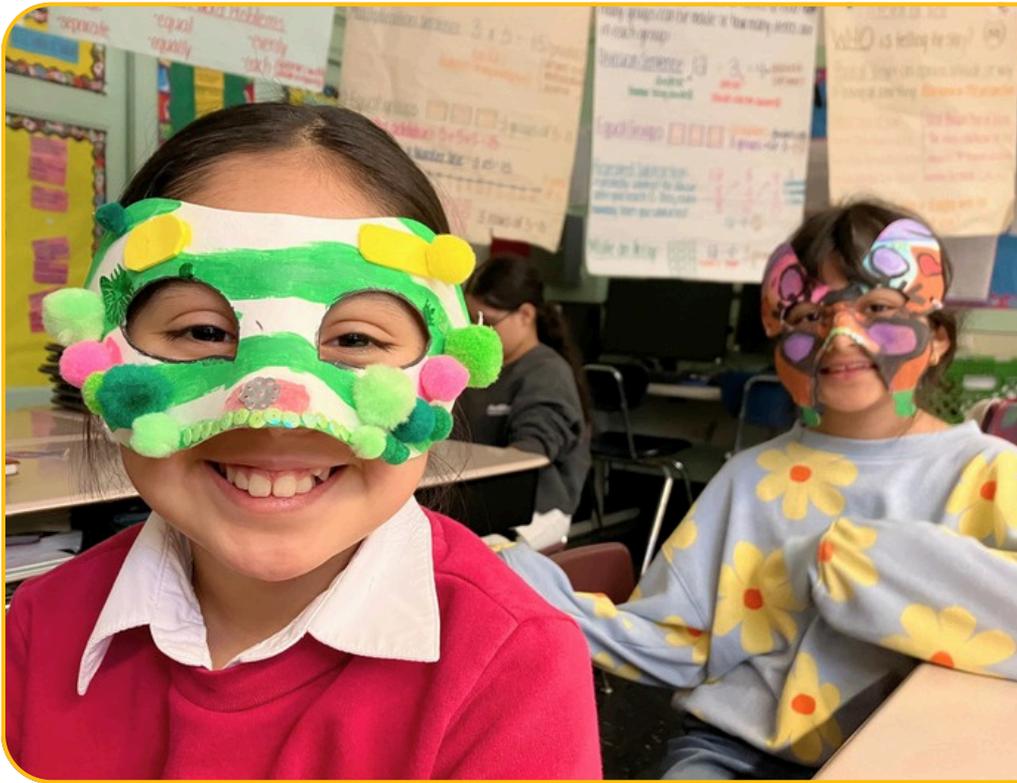
Arts residencies

87

Family
Workshops

28,174

Students served



78

Teaching Artists

162

School sites

1,500+

NYCPS Teachers

Impact Highlights

93%

of participating teachers said students' ability to develop their own artistic ideas & work improved

94%

said that students gained knowledge in the arts through Marquis Studios programs

90%

said that students became more willing to participate in group activities and discussions



Program Spotlight: Expanding *Beam to Brush*



Our expertise in inclusive arts enables us to provide specialized programs like **Beam to Brush**, an adaptive painting residency for students with especially high support needs. Through 1-on-1 facilitation and assistive technology, Beam to Brush empowers students to direct the creative process from selecting brush size and paint color to determining where each brush stroke begins and ends.

With support from the **Christopher & Dana Reeves Foundation**, Marquis Studios was proud to expand this innovative program to PS 10X. PS 10X serves students with significant disabilities throughout the Bronx, making Beam to Brush one of the first adaptive programs of its kind in the borough.

87%

of participating teachers reported that students gained knowledge of diverse voices in the arts

85%

said that students were better able to connect the arts to their own lives

90%

reported that positive interactions among students increased



*"Thank you to our Teaching Artists for providing **such beautifully thought out and interesting lessons!** I absolutely **LOVED** being a part of this experience!"*

- Teacher, P37R, Staten Island

91%

rated Teaching Artists as Good or Excellent at creating inclusive spaces that supported diverse student identities

87%

rated Teaching Artists as Good or Excellent at providing differentiated instruction for different learning styles

Program Spotlight: TATI

TATI TEACHING ARTS
TEACHING INCLUSIVELY

January 2025 marked the 19th year of **Teaching Arts, Teaching Inclusively (TATI)**! TATI provides free, immersive training to arts educators in best practices for working with students with disabilities.

20

NYC art educators
trained through TATI

30

Hours of professional
development



Program Spotlight: BEAR

Marquis Studios Teaching Artists came together twice this year for our **Biannual Education and Arts Retreat (BEAR)**. This day of learning allows Teaching Artists to connect with peers, staff, and experts in the field to further their craft as both artists and educators.

Themes this year included ***Identity and Intentionality*** and ***Reconnecting, Recharging & Reflecting***.



Special Events



2025 Spring Benefit

More than 100 guests gathered in June at **54 Below** for a special benefit production of **Neil Berg's 101 Years of Broadway**, which recreated the greatest moments from the finest shows of the century. The evening featured performances by Rita Harvey, Steven Telsey and Aurelia Williams.

We sincerely appreciate everyone who joined us to celebrate the work of Marquis Studios and to honor **Christopher Reda**, Principal of PS 10X, who was awarded the **2025 Arts Advocate Award** for his efforts to bring arts programming to students with disabilities in the Bronx.

Thank You to our Benefit Sponsors

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Silver



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**EPSTEIN
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GREEN**

Inclusive Impressions

In March 2025, Marquis Studios was honored to present ***Inclusive Impressions: An Extension of Light, An Expression of Ability*** in partnership with **Sotheby's**. The week-long public exhibition highlighted the work of New York City public school students with disabilities.



Sotheby's

Inclusive Impressions was organized through Sotheby's **Community Gallery Program**, an initiative that spotlights artists and creatives in partnership with mission-driven organizations.

***Inclusive Impressions:
An Extension of Light,
An Expression of Ability***
A COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS BY STUDENT ARTISTS

Marquis Studios is pleased to present *Inclusive Impressions: An Extension of Light, An Expression of Ability* in partnership with Sotheby's. *Inclusive Impressions* is a curated collection that highlights the work of New York City public school students with disabilities. The collected paintings were created using technology-assisted and adaptive painting techniques designed to enable students with disabilities, including limited mobility, to participate in a meaningful arts experience. Through a combination of laser technology and one-on-one facilitation, each student brings their unique artistic vision to life. Each piece in this exhibition reflects the boundless creativity and brilliance of students who have discovered the joy of self-expression.



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Thank you to all of our generous supporters. In recognition of their contribution, all donors of \$250 or more are listed below. While we cannot include all of our donors here, we are deeply grateful for every contribution. For a complete list of donors, please see our website. (*Contributor List: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025*)

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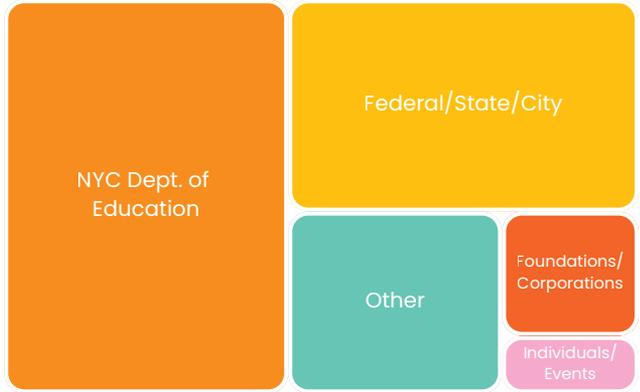
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Financials

Revenue

- NYC Dept. of Education:
\$1,657,306
- Federal/State/City:
\$1,102,420
- Foundations/
Corporations:
\$251,089
- Individuals/Events:
\$113,507
- Other*:
\$569,987



*Other revenue includes Employee Retention Credit, interest from investments and in-kind donations

Expenses

- Program Services:
\$2,494,379
- Operations/Fundraising:
\$601,576

Program Services

Operations/Fundraising

Figures represent Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025)



About Marquis Studios

Founded in 1977, **Marquis Studios** is a multi-disciplinary arts education nonprofit that inspires a passion for learning by bringing the arts into New York City public schools.

Our staff of 75 experienced Teaching Artists provides a full spectrum of arts experiences to over 150 schools each year, serving 30,000 students across all 5 boroughs of NYC. We strive to make learning a positive experience for every child regardless of income or ability. By building strong partnerships between Teaching Artists and educators, we enable students to reach their full potential.

Marquis Studios offers a wide range of inclusive, engaging and enriching programs including school residencies, family workshops and professional development for educators.

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