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## **FOUNDATION FOR NEW AMERICAN ART RECEIVES \$15,220 CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT FROM NYC DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

*Public support will go toward Foundation for New American Art's "Paintbrushes Not Guns" 2023 Initiative*

**New York, NY** – Foundation for New American Art, a 501c3 arts education nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce that it has received an award of \$15,220 from the City of New York. The NYC Cultural Development Fund will support Foundation for New American Art's free after school program **"Paintbrushes Not Guns: Multimedia and the Power of Cultural Memory."** This grant comes as part of New York City Mayor Eric Adams Cultural Development Fund (CDF) grants.

The weekly "Paintbrushes Not Guns" program invites children to attend free art, music, performance art and dance training sessions with special guest Master Artists from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Native America.

Each week children will create their own works of art. During "Sharetime" the child will tell the meaning of their art and how it relates to their lives right now. The sessions will be held at Materials for the Arts in their Long Island City headquarters.

According to Phoebe Legere, Founding Director of the Foundation for New American Art, "We are an indigenous, Two-Spirit and woman-led charity.. We grew out of a basement space on the Lower East Side. Since 2006 our small, grassroots organization has been fueled by the passion of volunteers and small donations from the community. We are overjoyed to receive this vote of confidence and support from DCA to continue the FNAA mission: We bring free high-quality arts education to children of low-income BIPOC communities that have no art classes in their schools.



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The Foundation for New American Art is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation that fosters art and music education programs geared to underserved communities. We help educate, nurture and strengthen, the artistic and musical spirit of the children of low-income communities, as well as provide support for after-school programs.

We bring art and music to low income, at-risk children.  
We offer self-expression as an alternative to gang violence, drugs and crime.  
We engage children in experiences that reinforce a positive personal identity, strong peer relationships, quality skill development in the arts, and a powerful sense of community responsibility.  
Our teachers are trained to nurture, educate and support the artists of tomorrow.  
Studies show that art and music education improve cognitive function, memory and social skills.

We cherish the young visionary artists of tomorrow.

We serve communities of color, immigrant communities, diverse communities, artistic and talented LGBT children, Native American children, children with disabilities, abandoned and forgotten children.  
We are advocates for programs that empower young girls.  
Our board is as diverse as the communities we serve.  
All children are precious. It is our honor to serve them.

