



2012-2022

A DECADE OF

 creative
 momentum



Pratt
Fine Arts Center





As Pratt emerges from the challenges of a global pandemic, we reflect on the achievements of the past ten years and imagine what is possible in the next ten. Our inspired past offers a dynamic foundation for forward momentum and infinite possibilities, as we continue to cultivate a creative, inclusive art-making community.



ELEVATING ART EDUCATION

- » 31,385 students served
- » 5,219 classes offered in 15 different studios
- » Provided 89,086 hours of high-quality instruction
- » Enhanced learning with average class size of 6 students
- » Welcomed Master Artists from around the world for 95 specialty workshops
- » Delivered 17 dynamic Study Abroad experiences in Mexico

NURTURING ARTISTS

- » 1,500+ practicing artists benefitted from independent studio access
- » \$2.37M in wages paid to teaching artists
- » Hosted 8 Artists in Residence
- » Launched the Pratt Points Volunteer Program
- » Tripled the amount of scholarships available annually
- » Awarded \$226,675 in scholarship funding





INVESTING IN YOUTH

- » **6,316 youth & teens served**
- » Doubled weekend youth classes and summer programs
- » Launched Friday Night Teen Takeover for classes campus-wide
- » Developed intergenerational Parent & Me classes

“This is a permission giving place, and one thing truly leads to another and it enriches everybody. Pratt... has many facets and it can create beauty.”

—Julie Speidel, Artist and Former Board Member

ENGAGING IN COMMUNITY

- » Co-founded the Historic Central Area Arts & Cultural District
- » **Provided free demonstrations and interactive activities at dozens of community events and festivals**
- » Offered free workshops for low-income seniors at Ernestine Anderson Place
- » Partnered with Vibrant Palette to host classes for adults with disabilities
- » Partnered with Path with Art to host classes for people recovering from houselessness, trauma, and/or addiction
- » Completed the restoration of James Washington's Fountain of Triumph





EQUIPPING STUDIOS

- » Completed the renovation of two campus buildings
- » Purchased new etching press for the printmaking studio
- » Installed a power hammer in the forge
- » Powered up new glass casting and frameworking kilns
- » **Refurbished the glassblowing studio with all new equipment**
- » Opened a brand-new woodworking studio

INCREASING ACCESSIBILITY

- » Revived and expanded the Tuition Assistance program
 - Awarded \$110,967 in need-based assistance to 455 recipients
- » Doubled Pay-What-You-Can weekend youth programs
- » Developed an annual series of free workshops for Veterans

“It’s an amazing and vital place; it’s a great place to work with material and learn about it.”

—Preston Singletary, Artist





HONORING LEGACIES

- » Celebrated Pratt's 40th Anniversary with an expansive exhibition at Bellevue Arts Museum featuring work from over 250 Pratt teaching artists throughout the organization's influential history
- » **Commemorated Edwin T. Pratt with a series of activities, including:**
 - A special scholarship exhibition at the NW African American Museum
 - A site-specific commission of artwork by local artist Jite Agbro
 - The publication of a long-form essay by local author, Nancy Rawles, celebrating his life and legacy in the context of the local and national civil rights movement

PROMOTING INCLUSIVITY

- » Permanently removed perimeter fencing, a barrier to campus entry
- » **Established an organization-wide commitment to DEI**
- » Developed and implemented an inclusive hiring policy
- » Increased diversity of staff from 10% to 43% BIPOC
- » Diversified the Board, now 69% BIPOC
- » Created the Edwin T. Pratt Scholarship for BIPOC artists





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INSPIRING RESILIENCE

- » Adapted and persisted to deliver on Pratt's mission through the unprecedented circumstances of a global pandemic
- » Produced 230 high-quality virtual classes
- » Engaged 1,109 students in at-home experiences
- » Produced two installments of *Pratt Live!*, an innovative virtual telethon, now with more than 2,200 views

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

- » **Developed and implemented a new, student-focused programming model**
- » **Rebranded the organization to increase accessibility and approachability**
- » **Increased the annual operating budget by 37%**
- » **Established & maintained first-ever invested reserve fund**
- » **Increased total net assets to \$5.6M, an increase of 88%**





CULTIVATING GIVING

- » Launched smARTfund monthly giving program
- » Now generating \$31k per year with an average pledge of just \$22 per month
- » Secured three \$1M gifts
- » Increased the total number of donors by 213%
- » Increased overall individual giving \$\$ by 144%

“What I know is this—Seattle has an incredible, vibrant arts scene and it is a heartbeat and it brings people to Seattle. And I truly believe that Pratt is at the center of that heartbeat, and I’m sure you’ll find a lot of artists who have that story.”

—*Jenny Pohlman, Artist and Former Board President*



OUR MISSION

To foster a creative, inclusive art-making community, providing access to quality education and professionally equipped studios for everyone. We promote the joy and transformative power of art and actively support the development of visual artists.



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