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January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee

***This meeting was teleconferenced using Zoom***

**Attendees:**

Karesia Batan, Chair  
Anatole Ashraf  
Ann Marie Baranowski  
Kat Bloomfield  
Kenny Greenberg  
Eric Narburgh  
Akello Thomas  
Ryan Smith  
Carlos Castell Croke

**Absentees:**

Badrun Khan  
Danielle Brecker  
Stephen Cooper

Edjo Wheeler – Public Member

**Guests:**

Andre Irving, Cucala Dance Company  
Chelsea Goding-Doty, Senior Program Officer  
Molly Kurzius, Director of External Affairs, MoMA PS 1  
Pietro G – Lamicro Theatre

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Karesia Batan welcomed everyone to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting.

Karesia Batan introduced Chelsea Goding-Doty, Senior Program Officer, Leadership Initiatives for New York Foundation on the Arts (NYFA), Leadership Program application information

- Chelsea Goding-Doty introduced herself and shared the link for the NYFA Emerging Leaders Program Info: <https://www.nyfa.org/blog/apply-now-2024-emerging-leaders-program/>
- The Emerging Leaders Program started in 2012.
- The Emerging Leaders Program focus' on the needs and interest of manager level arts administrators who manage people who manage programs.
- The program runs for a year and application deadline for Emerging Leaders Program is January 16, 2024.

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- The program is open to anyone based in the Tri State area.
- The Leadership incubator and the Leadership Program for Leaders of Color will now be separated.
- The Emerging Leaders program is good for mid-career. Anyone who hasn't reached the top executive level of their organization.
- The Incubator Program caters towards the person who is running the organization. The founders/executives could apply for the incubator program.

Karesia Batan introduced Molly Kurzius, Director of External Affairs from MoMA PS 1

- Molly Kurzius shared with the committee the exhibitions that are currently on view at MoMA PS 1
- The links are: Rirkrit Tiravanija: <https://www.momaps1.org/programs/258-rirkrit-tiravanija>
- Leslie Martinez: <https://www.momaps1.org/programs/270-leslie-martinez>
- Studio Museum Artists-in-Residence: <https://www.momaps1.org/programs/317-and-ever-an-edge>
- And Teen Art Salon in Homeroom: <https://www.momaps1.org/programs/316-teen-art-salon>
- Information regarding an evening talk with Silvia Federici next week: <https://www.momaps1.org/events/362-silvia-federici>
- The restaurant space at MoMA has opened with a new vendor.
- The new Director at MoMA PS 1 is Connie Butler.
- The mural at MoMA PS 1 will be extended to early summer.

### Announcements:

Andre Irving - Cucala Dance Company is having their monthly social this Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Visit:

<https://www.longislandcityqueens.com/events/calendar/cucala-january-social/>

Karesia Batan will make a note to have more children's programs invited to the Arts & Cultural meeting.

Pietro G – shared with the committee that he is from [www.lamicrotheater.org](http://www.lamicrotheater.org) and on March 16, 2024 they will be doing a presentation at the Chain Theatre in Manhattan on 36<sup>th</sup> Street, a celebration of 20 years doing work in the latino theatre both English and Spanish in NYC. Lamicro Theater is a not for profit, performing theatre productions around NYC. They do theatre workshops on-line or at the Sunnyside Public Library in Queens but do most of their work in Manhattan.

Edjo Wheeler – Culture Lab shared three art shows will be starting in February as well as two comedy shows, Lunar New Year event on February 10<sup>th</sup> For further events visit:

<https://www.culturelab.org/calendar>

Culture Lab is presently going through applications for emerging artist. Only 4 will be selected. The link is: <https://www.culturelab.org/artist-opportunities>

Culture Lab had 96 live concerts last year that were free in the parking lot. Culture Lab needs to raise more money to pay those performers. From the fine arts standpoint Culture Lab does not take a commission from the art that is sold.

Karesia Batan shared that she attended the One LIC meeting that was specifically focused on arts and culture and encouraged the committee to attend one of these meetings stating how arts & culture need to be included when it comes to development plans.

Kenny Greenberg shared that the LIC Coalition visit <https://www.lic-coalition.org/rsvp-for-long-island-city-coalition-licc-community-engagement-workshop/> is hosting a resiliency workshop at Culture Lab on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Karesia Batan mentioned that the CB2 Board Application are now open. Visit link: [https://form.jotform.com/nyc\\_cb/queens-cb-application-23](https://form.jotform.com/nyc_cb/queens-cb-application-23) She encouraged the committee to reach out to Arts & Culture friends to apply. The application deadline is February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Karesia Batan shared with the committee that there will be budget cuts. DCLA announced that they will be experiencing budget cuts and this will effect grant funding. Kat Bloomfield shared that there are a lot of organizations that may have funded multi-cultural arts before but have changed their priorities.

Short discussion on budget cuts and the importance of organizations working together and finding ways to ask Elected Officials to not forget about art & cultural groups and to keep fighting for the budget.

Karesia Batan mentioned inviting someone from NYC Parks.

Karesia Batan mentioned New Yorkers for Cultural and Arts are having their annual cultural meeting on zoom. Visit <https://www.ny4ca.org/> for more information.

Karesia Batan thanked everyone for their attendance at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kim Waber