Art for art’s sake

Gateway launches art sales series to benefit public art

By Michela D. Maniscalco

On Tuesday, May 22, Washington Gateway Main Street (WGMS) held an art party at 650 Harrison Avenue at the beginning of ARTSE, a series of benefit events to sponsor more outdoor and public art. The inaugural event was a candlelight affair showcasing contemporary and street art by local artists.

Guests washed down small bites from local eateries with the wines of Woburn’s Lord Hobo Brewery and Blue Chair Bay rum cocktails while DJ Bruce Dunning spun funk, soul, disco and hip-hop favorites. Downstairs in the old MohrMcHennessy space, there was a large board on which guests could write the wishes they had for future public art.

Photographer Gabriel Ortiz with his works. Photo by Michela Maniscalco.

This type of event located public art created the 2015 whales mural on Traveller Street facing Ink Block; Rob “Proshak” Gilks, founder of Artists for Humanity, and I was a Nepalese woman street artist whose work was featured.

Summer Theater Season Starts Strong

The Wiz: The Super Soul Musical "Wonderful Wizard of Oz," Lyric Stage Company of Boston, through July 1, 617-505-0876 or lyricstage.com

Noir Hamlet, Centastage, Plaza Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, through June 30, 617-433-6600 or bostontheatrescene.com

By Jules Giger

African-American pride found a breakthrough vehicle in the 1974 Broadway musical "The Wiz" (1973 Tony Award for best musical). Subtitled "The Super Soul Musical Wonderful Wizard of Oz," the funky adaptation—with book by William F. Brown and score by Charles Strouse (and others)—of the classic 1900 L. Frank Baum novel featured an all-black cast and grew the observance of Dorothy Gale, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion a

Salome Smith, Steven Martin and Elie Bordas in revival of musical "The Wiz" (photo credit: Mark S. Howard/Lyric Stage Company of Boston)

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City of Boston’s Family Friendly Beach Is Open

The City of Boston’s “Family Friendly Beach” at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston is open for your enjoyment. The beach is open seven days a week and offers families access to an enclosed stretch of beach on Boston Harbor, restrooms with changing tables, picnic tables with umbrellas, outdoor showers, beach game equipment, wifi and the use of an indoor area to get out of the sun. Experienced, certified lifeguards are on duty. For information on the beach, and the City’s pools, visit Boston.Gov/BCYF.
work incorporates her unique calligraphic style of the Nepalese alphabet.

Works in the exhibit were priced from under $100 to over $5,000, with a portion of the sale proceeds benefiting WGMS. ARTSE encompassed not only art on the walls but live creation by Go6 of the GN Crew, who painted live during the reception. Photographer Gabriel Ortiz had three photos in the show, all taken in an abandoned commuter rail station inhabited by homeless people: “Black Swan,” a portrait dramatically made-up and dressed, dark-haired woman in the station; “Product of My Environment” and “Train Spotters.”

When this writer described his images as painterly in their depiction of their subjects, Ortiz responded, “Even though they are paint- ery, they still have a gritty darkness to them. Kind of like the contradiction of something nice in a gritty environment.”

In a follow-up email, WGMS board president Kristin Phelan declared the ARTSE debut party a success. “We were thrilled with the launch of ARTSE; the vibe and energy felt throughout the night was inspiring. Not only did the event raise funds for a new South End public art initiative, we gained a great deal of feedback from the community regarding the type of art they want to see in the neighbor- hood,” Phelan wrote.

A June 1 follow-up party, ARTSEX, was held at the same venue, with a student from Cathedral High School playing the piano. According to Phelan, WGMS sold 330 tickets at $15 each for the debut event on May 22, and between the May 22 party and its follow-up, ARTSEX, held in the same venue on Friday, June 1 as part of SeWa First Friday, the organization raised over $20,000 toward its outdoor art initiative.

Elsewhere, a popular public art installation has returned to Washington Street, “Nimbus,” the cloud-like cluster of lights that perched above the fountain in Franklin Square last fall, was placed in the same spot for the summer earlier this month. Across the street in Blackstone Square, WGMS brings back a warm-weather favorite, the Summer Solstice party, from 5:30-8:30 PM on Thursday, June 21 with live music by the Savin Hillbillies featuring South End Community Health Center CEO Bill Walczak and the Tyson Jackson Trio; food from a variety of local food trucks; a beer garden brought to you by Lord Hobo Brewing Co. of Wellesley; a fitness class by barre and Endurance Pilates and Yoga; and kids’ activities including soccer led by South End Soccer as well as balloon twisting.
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lively new take on a Shakespeare classic.

Now the Lyric Stage Company of Boston is giving that important added feminist
awareness to its production of "Hamlet." A new female Ophelia and a female
Hamlet, played by Maren Caruso, add a fresh perspective to the classic tale.

Ophelia, played by Laura Shadwell, is a complex character. Her love for
Hamlet is evident throughout, and her death is a tragic moment in the play.

Hamlet, played by Brian McEleney, is a brooding,atile character who
struggles with his own identity and purpose. He is able to connect with
Ophelia on a personal level, and their relationship is a key part of the
play.

The set design, by Kevin F. McCarthy, is simple yet effective. The use of
lights and shadows creates a dramatic atmosphere that enhances the
performances of the actors.

Overall, "Hamlet" is a powerful production that explores themes of
dread, love, and loss. It is a must-see for Shakespeare lovers and
theater-goers alike.

-By Emily Parker
Boston Non-Profit
Silver Lining Mentoring Honored
By The New England 500 Clubs

Submitted by: Boston Communications

Silver Lining Mentoring (SLM), the only mentoring organization in Massachusetts exclusively serving youth in foster care, was honored by the New England 500 Clubs, at the organization’s recent Gala. Founded in 2001, SLM empowers foster youth in Greater Boston to succeed through constructive mentoring relationships and the development of essential life skills.

SLM provides long-term, one-on-one mentoring for young people aged 9 and up, who are placed or aging out of foster care systems. SLM mentors are often the only adults in their mentees’ lives who are not paid to spend time with them.

Selected from more than a dozen non-profit organizations nominated for the award by members of the NES500/501 Circle, the New England 500 Clubs’ philanthropic endeavor, Silver Lining Mentoring was nominated by South Boston resident Beth Babichelli.

Says Babichelli, "I came to know Silver Lining Mentoring through my involvement with the Boston Estate Planning Council. At the Council’s invitation to interview about the organization’s work, I had the privilege of speaking about the organization’s vital mission and the tremendous work and accomplishments.

The New England 500 Clubs are exclusive communities of successful business leaders; seeking like-minded professionals for the purposes of developing relationships, sharing knowledge and resources, reputation enhancement, and creating business opportunities. The group’s NES500/501 Gala Circle is a fund-raising event and managed by The Boston Foundation.

Women of Color Social Justice Summit

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Let Girls Learn at ABCD

A sexual health education program for girls age 11-19 to learn about their body and development to empower them to make choices. Topics include: anatomy, physiology, HIV/STI, sexuality, consent, gender, unhealthy/ healthy relationships, and how and where to access confidential services.

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Matters, creative writing, and a STEM career panel. Limited spots—enroll today!
**Summer Arts and STEM**

- **Week 1**: July 7
- **Week 2**: August 6

Where: Roslindale Community College
- 1201 Columbus Ave, Roslindale, MA 02120

STM weeks take place on campus; Summer Arts and STEM weeks take place at the University of Massachusetts—Amherst. More info: Visit http://www.rosfun.org/ or LilaHagen@massachusetts.edu

**Free Tennis Lessons at Almont Park**

- Free drop-in or tennis lessons for kids, adults, and seniors. Equipment provided.
  - Saturdays: 3:30pm-5:30pm for ages 5-11, 6:30pm for kids and adults over age 11 (weather permitting)
  - Saturdays: 2pm-4pm for kids ages 5-11, 5pm-7pm for adults over age 11

Where: Almont Park, 1 Almont St, Roslindale, MA 02110

More info: More information at www.franklinparktennis.org or call 617-427-8000

- **Franklin Park Tennis Association Summer Camp 2018**
  - Summer camp with tennis, fitness, and fun
  - Activities include arts and crafts, football, dance, soccer, swimming, and more

**Weekly sessions from June 20 through August 27**

Where: Mabel C. O’Callaghan Park, 1200 Martin Luther King Blvd, Roslindale, MA 02110


Vouchers from Child Care Choices accepted, and financial aid available.

**Boston Neighborhood Bike Forum**

- A platform to elevate voices and experiences of people who bike in Boston’s neighborhoods of color

Saturday, June 23rd, 9:30am-1:00pm

Where: Boys & Girls Club of Roxbury, 135 Warren St, Roxbury, MA 02119

More info: Free event, brunch and childcare will be provided. More info: www.bhpc.org/BikeForum

**Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series**

- 30 free fitness classes every week in your neighborhood parks. Offerings include Yoga, Zumba, Aerobic Bootcamp, Cardio Dance, Teen Workshop, Tai Chi, Walking Groups, Live Dancing, and more!
- June 24th—September 29
- More info: More information at www.bhpc.org/SummerFitness

**Nella Health Pilots 24/7 Pediatric Nursing Service**

Nella Health is piloting a concierge nurse service to meet the needs of families with children at home. The service is available to families in need of care during the day or night.

**Paige Academy Summer Program**

- Summer enrichment programs for students ages 5-12. Students may select daily classes in music, art, dance, and more.
  - Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-5:00PM
  - June 25-August 17

More info: More information available at www.paigeacademy.org or contact our Administration and Finance Office at 617-445-8888.

**Free Summer Concerts at Titus Sparrow Park**

Presented by the Friends of Titus Sparrow Park

**Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, unless noted**

- June 27, Bob Dylan
- July 11, Legends of Summer
- July 15, Circo Fantasia
- July 22, Big Ol’ Dirty Bucket
- August 19, The Spectacle
- August 23, Stone Roses and the MadCows

More info: More information available at www.bhpc.org/SummerFitness

- The park is located on West Newton St. between Columbus and Huntington Avenues, next to the South End Corridor Parkland.

http://titussparrowpark.org

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He lived a life of remarkable generosity

Spring to Boston. He is survived by his twin brother, the Cambridge artist Brenda Star, his nephews and their families, and countless others. Donations in his memory can be made to the Mass. College of Art. Full obituary service will be held.

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traditional community meeting. As part of the development review process, IAC members work closely with BPDA staff to identify the impacts of a project and recommend appropriate community benefits to offset those impacts. IAC meetings prioritize discussion between the project proponent (i.e. the developer) and IAC members.

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Homes for Families Community Meeting

Monthly meeting engaging, RA shelter providers, families, and others from the community with presentations and dialogues from a variety of groups including state agencies, researchers, community organizations and more. Email whitley@homesforfamilies.org to join the mailing list for details & presenters for each meeting.

The second Wednesday of each month from 11am to 1pm (with the exception of February and August).

Where: 14 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02116
First Floor conference room

More info: Please contact lan whitley@homesforfamilies.org for more information.
RSVP is preferred but not required.

Community Entrepreneur Business Planning Sessions

Learn the nuts and bolts of starting your own business. Upon completion of the class, your business plan will be finished and you will have access to business resources to launch your business! First course first served. Limited space available.

Every Wednesday starting March 14th, 4-6pm.

Where: 150 American Legion Way
East Boston, MA 02124

More info: For more information, contact Alice Ooms or Anetra Pough at 617-879-8133.

Housing Search Workshop

This workshop offers information and answers how to conduct a successful housing search, including learning how to communicate with housing authorities, agencies, and landlords.

First and third Wednesdays of each month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

69 Temple Place, Floor 5, Boston, MA 02111

More info: Call 617-338-6655 or visit the website http://bostoncl.org/contact/ for any questions.

Immigration Consultants with Volunteer Attorneys

These consultations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call at least 1 week in advance for interpretation other than Spanish and/or disability accommodations.

The first and third Wednesdays of every month from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Free Bilingual Playgroup

There is a free Jamaica Plain based playgroup in English and Spanish for children ages 1-5 years old. Each playgroup is 2 hours long, and parents should bring their children once a week. The playgroup takes place in a classroom setting and the goal is preparation for Kindergarten. Each playgroup includes free play, circle time, meal time, and a gross motor sensory activity. Parents are responsible for providing their own snacks. This is also an opportunity for parents to become familiar with Boston Public Schools and to meet other BPS parents.

Open enrollment - register today.

Monday – Friday from either 9:30 – 11:30 AM, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM, 12:30 – 2:30 PM, or 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Where: Either the Mission Hill K-8 School, 30 Child Street, or the Early Learning Center West, 200 Heath Street, Jamaica Plain

More info: Please contact Silvia at 617-521-5959 or at mission@bostonpubliclibrary.org

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Community Housing Clinic

The Office of Housing Stability’s Community Housing Clinic is a tremendous resource for residents—tenants and landlords alike. To talk one-on-one with a housing professional about landlord-tenant laws, learn how to access affordable housing opportunities, and discover housing resources available to landlords and tenants. Tenants can learn about their rights if their building is sold, their rents are rising, or they’re facing eviction. Landlords can get information on enforcing lease provisions, cost-effective strategies to resolve disputes and programs to support home repairs and maintenance.

Every Thursday 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Where: Department of Neighborhood Development, 26 Court Street, Boston, MA 02102

More info: Please call 617-635-4200 or email Lydia.edwards@boston.gov

$1 Friday Nights at Boston Children’s Museum

Every Friday evening families can enjoy the entire Boston Children’s Museum for $1. The museum includes Art Studio, Construction Zone, and more.

Friday nights from 5:00 – 9:00 PM

Where: Boston Children’s Museum, 308 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02114

More info: Visit http://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/visit/"
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ROXBURY STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, JULY 2
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM
980 HARRISON AVE
Boston Water and Sewer;
2nd Floor Training Room
Boston, MA 02119

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since the 2016 launch of PLAN: Dudley Square, RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on that initiative. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. RSMPOC meetings are held the first Monday of the month at the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Free parking available in the BWSC lot.

Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood.

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