



CULTURE  
LIC

LAB

2021  
Year in  
Review



# LIC, the Arts Happen Here!

Culture Lab LIC's mission is to provide high-quality, affordable arts programming to our community, support local artists of all disciplines, and provide space to our community's nonprofits. This year we exceeded our goals by massively expanding our music programs, launching the Emergence Residency, and creating a multi-camera studio platform. We invested in capital improvements that further support our artists including a 50-foot outdoor stage, audiovisual equipment, new chairs, and improved theatre space. This fulfillment of our mission has shown in the growth of our community from 900 followers to over 10,000 on social media. We accomplished all of this while continuing to hold an inclusive space, where our community feels welcomed and celebrated.

# Culture Lab LIC, 2021 by the numbers



Outdoor Concerts	112	32	Indoor concerts
Musicians	160	9	Art Exhibitions
Theatrical Productions	11	14	Comedy Events
Film and TV Shoots	8	12	3rd Party Programming
Community Events	23	19	Residencies
3rd Party Fundraisers	7	36	Art Group Space Donations
Estimated Total Guests	22,000		



Photo by Lisa Charles

## Music Outdoor

After the success of our 2020 outdoor concert series, we built a 50-foot stage and concession stand out of four shipping containers. This new venue for the community in Plaxall's 23,000 SF parking lot has lovingly become known as "The Lot." Continuing to offer our community free live music four nights a week from May to November, Culture Lab LIC hosted an estimated 14,000 visitors from the local community, featuring over 125 bands. In just two years, our outdoor series has become an institution, offering our community a safe space to enjoy some of the best talents the city has to offer.

*For a full list of our artists and programming, please see the credits located at the end of this document.*





## Live-Stream Concerts

Our indoor theater hosted 29 live-streamed concerts live-edited between five cameras and streamed on Youtube.

### MUSIC : Live-Streams

JJMF & CC

Daniel Meron

King Crash

Hyuna Park

Mike Bono

Mariela Flor Olivo

Jazz Festival

Olivia Lloyd

Giftshop

Arnan Raz

Uncle Brother

J Walter Hawkes

Michael Sarian

Michael Thomas

Craig Greenberg

Alita Moses

Illustrated Pianist

Trampleman

Renee Goust

Diarra Band

Margot & The

Midnight Tenants

Jane Lee Hooker

Alicyn Yaffee

Grateful Dead

Tribute Band

The Bass Language

## The Plaxall Gallery

Our fine art space, The Plaxall Gallery, boasts three galleries totaling 5,000 SF of converted warehouse space dedicated to showcasing the best of regional and national artists. This year we presented twelve gallery shows from electronic to holographic. We also created opportunities to present and curate the work of our Artists in Residence, upholding our mission. Our exhibitions offer curators an opportunity to focus on the work, without the financial concerns of renting a commercial gallery. With space closures and restrictions following the pandemic, we fought to continue to support our artists by providing safe studio and exhibition space.





*My Favorite Person*



*Margot & The Midnight Tenants Music Video*

## Performing Arts

This autumn, we improved our theatre by rigging a lighting plot, putting down a marley dance floor, and installing flats. As one of the few “brick-and-mortar” theaters in Queens, we are proud to host so many great performances, spanning multiple genres such as immersive theatre, musicals, movement theatre, and Shakespeare. Our primary focus is partnering with companies to produce original and in-development work. In service of this, we provide free rehearsal space and only charge a 40% take on their net profits. This structure allows artists the freedom to take bolder creative risks. Given the financial strain of renting rehearsal and performance space in NYC, a co-production with Culture Lab LIC makes it possible for these daring original performances to come to fruition.



Festival of Color



Local School Graduations

## Community

A huge part of the Culture Lab mission is to provide free space to other nonprofit organizations to further their missions. We provide technical needs, community outreach, staffing, scheduling, tables/chairs, and audiovisual equipment. Due to indoor COVID restrictions, three local schools used our outdoor stage for their graduation ceremonies, which allowed parents to see over 2,800 students graduate in person. We hosted a prom, three PTA fundraisers, and several food and school supply drives. We also provided space for the food relief organizations LIC Relief and Connected Chef, the Kids Reuse Fair, AA meetings, Hunters Point Parks Conservancy events, Holi (the Indian festival of color), and more.





Jean Foos Paper Making Workshop

## Education

Our educational programs expanded this year thanks to the New York City Artists Corps Grants. More than ever, artists were in need of a space to present their work and lead workshops. For the past three years, we partnered with Art Strong to provide children's art workshops. Thanks to our profit share structure, Art Strong is thriving and was able to secure their own space this year. Culture Lab LIC is proud to facilitate these projects and support these educators.

# Artist Residencies

Our Artist Residence Program provides visual artists with free studio space to create and develop work, and their own exhibition each year. Programs like these are an invaluable asset to the artists and our community. Through our support, these artists save thousands of dollars in studio rentals allowing them to produce their best work, free from the constraints of skyrocketing studio rent.

## 2021 ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

- Jonathan Lev
- Jean Foos
- Eileen Coyne
- Sharon Taylor
- Annalisa Iadicicco
- Josefina Urraca
- Guillermo Laporta
- CreArtBox
- L Train Brass Band
- Dirt [contained]
- Rude Grooms
- Cait Davis



Blue Bus Project



Artist Studios, Jonathan Lev



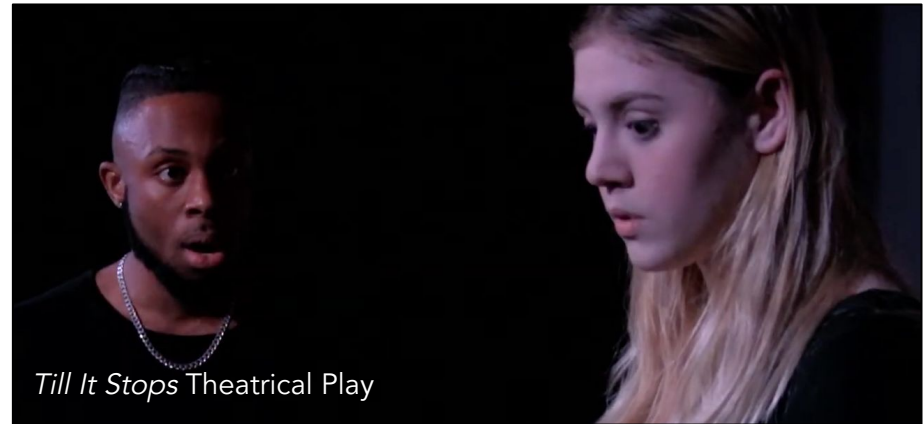
*We're All Skewed Dance Show*

### 2021 EMERGENCE RESIDENCY ARTISTS

Lisa Bettencourt, Ayal Tsubery, Petits Machins, Samantha Wendorf  
Annalee Harlow & Quincey Hydock, Polina Ionina, Soul Inscribed

## Emergence Residency Program

Emergence is a performance residency program that offers individual artists and companies free rehearsal and performance space to develop and produce new work. Artists are given an opportunity to connect with a mentor in their chosen medium, and a platform to showcase their work in progress on Culture Lab LIC's website and social media. The work created is co-produced by Culture Lab LIC and showcased in one of our venues.



*Till It Stops Theatrical Play*

## Special Thanks

Glen Forrest of Forrest Sound and Vision, and GB's Juke Joint for the equipment, advice, and making us sound great!

Rockaway Brewing Co. for LITERALLY keeping our outdoor performances going!

Klipper Family Foundation for the new chairs that saved us! (if you ever volunteered for an outdoor performance, you know how horrible our old ones were)

Joshua Chiet for the sound equipment, saving our techs untold setup and breakdown time.

Our Volunteers! Without them, we would wither and die on the vine, like a grape that should have been turned into wine.

Our Board of Directors: You are the backbone of what we do!

All of our donors who generously donated to this cause.

And of course, thank you to Plaxall Inc. Without their donation of space and support, none of this would be possible.

Most importantly, thank YOU, to our community we strive to serve. You danced with us until the band's last song, and you laughed with us in the wind and the rain as the musician's sheet music blew away. You shared your experience and your art with us, and we sincerely hope you continue to do so. You are always welcome here at Culture Lab!

2022, Here We Come!

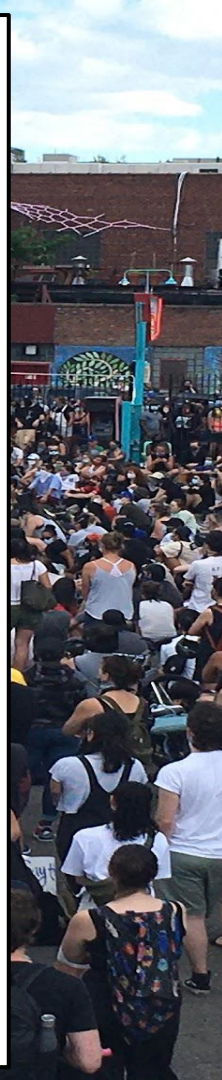
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Grateful Dead Tribute Band  
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## Outdoor Concerts

NYChillharmonic  
Diarra  
Affinity  
Manheim Pierson Livneh  
Culture Lab Crew  
Vin Scialla + Brooklyn Raga  
Massive  
Zoo Berries  
Salieu Suso and World Collective  
Nicole Zuraitis Group  
Emmerson  
Molly Tigre  
Adrien Chevalier's Taraf  
Gideon King & City Blog  
Daniel Tortroledo  
Cloud Explosion  
Stoopkidz  
Baltazanis-Subtonics  
Brawlik  
Craig Greenberg  
Asia  
Os Clavitos  
Sivan Arbel



## Outdoor Concerts

Ranked The Musical  
Musica Reginae  
Robert Whaley  
Outdoor Drag Festival  
Extravaganza (multiple dates)  
Shinbone Alley Stilt Band  
The Loyales  
Scary Burton  
Jennifer Wharton's Bonegasm  
Executive Witches Pride Night  
Queens Film Festival outdoor  
screening  
Melissa Gordon  
Escaper  
Lee Taylor  
The Brewsicians  
Funk Orchestra  
Chanel Andrews  
Lauren Cregor  
L Train parade  
RONI  
Ian Miller  
New Heights Brass Band  
Harmony with Hunter

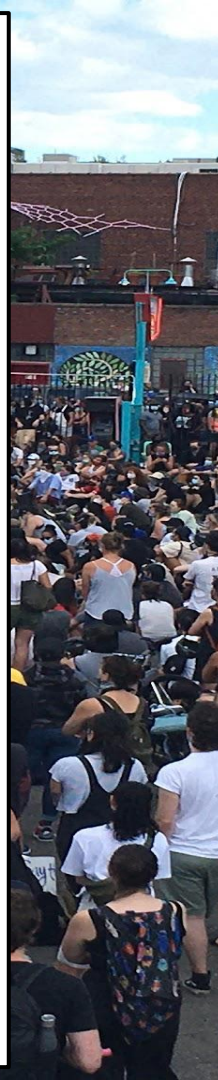
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Little Gorgeous  
Roberto Better  
Hallie Spoor band  
Sonny Singh  
Brian Woodruff  
Stefan Alexander  
Eden James  
Jost Trio  
The Nevermind Orchestra  
Lotus Chamber Music Collective  
Kristine Koller  
Philharmonic  
Dylan Charles  
Strange Majik  
Terraza Big Band  
Hudson Horns  
Gina D'Soto  
Mich Marcus Quartet  
Space Cade7s  
Stacy Dillard // Hyuna Park //  
Julian Smith // Christian Coleman  
Evie Joy  
Remergence  
Castle Black  
Hyesson Hong Orchestra



## Outdoor Concerts

Emily Jeanne Brown  
Amy Rivard  
Aberdeen  
Matthais Löscher "Songs Of Life"  
Flowmingos  
Microwave  
Triple Blind  
J.E.P. Trio  
Chris Cuzme's "what nots" with  
Culture Lab Crew & Friends  
Willie Martinez  
Anjali Rose  
Jennah Vox  
Poetic Thrust  
Svetlana & The Delancey 5  
Alex Wintz Trio  
Bombzr  
Assembly of Shadows  
Stefan Alexander  
Underground Spiritual Game  
Mibra  
Sons of Astro  
Bonobo  
Alejandro Meola  
Almost Sex



## Outdoor Concerts

Kothu- an evening of Lankan  
Diaspora Performance (PBS  
Barefeet Documentary)  
Molina  
Ken Butler's Hybrid  
Sammy Weissberg  
Astoria Music Concert  
Grant Swift  
King Of The World  
Calvin Sexton  
Festejation  
With Watson  
Almog Sharvit  
Queens Preludes Classical Music  
S.K. Invitational  
Erica Seguire/Shan Baker  
Orchestra  
Gentleman Brawlers  
Brawlik Festival (Little Gorgeous,  
MLS + Brooklyn Circle, Trample  
Man, Brawlik, JJMF, Affinity)  
Sam Phelps & The Local 883  
Resurgent Forms

### Outdoor Concerts

Brass Queens  
The Angry Karens  
John Yaho and his 17 piece orchestra  
Chris Cuzme's Silent Arkestra  
Felix Slim  
Middle Blue  
Joseph Herbst Big Band  
Ambrose Getz  
The Great Long Meadow Fire

### Indoor Music

Winter Jazz Fest  
Classic Music Moving Forward Festival  
Crossing The Seas  
Quartet For The End Of Time

### Art Exhibitions

Karen Fitzgerald Solo Show  
Pratt MFA Exhibition  
Artist In Residence Exhibition  
PRIDE Exhibition  
The Ars Electronica Festival  
Artist In Residence Exhibition  
House Of Mark West Exhibition  
Off The Wall Affordable Art Fair  
LIC-A Member's Showcase  
Holocenter Space:Light Exhibition  
Living In The Age Of Ultra Anxiety  
Exhibition by Flux Factory

### Education

Trendy Tree Sculptures Art Workshop  
Art Strong Children's Art Class  
Sing LIC Rehearsal space  
Pierre-Yves Linot Art Workshop  
A Better World Kids Class  
Jean Foos Paper Making Workshop

### Community Partners

Flux Factory Fundraiser  
Beer Week March  
Festival Of Colors  
Queensboro Dance Festival  
Rehearsal Space  
NYC Brewers Guild  
Academy of American Studies  
Graduation  
Dancing with the LIC Stars  
Kid's Reuse Fair  
PTA Meetup  
LIC Relief  
The Connected Chef  
AA Meetings  
Queens Tech Night  
PS/IS78  
PS/IS384  
Better World Coalition  
LIC Tech Night



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Soul Inscribed

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## Performances (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

*\*Emergence Residency Program Participants*

Gruesome Playground Injuries Theatrical Play  
Till It Stops Theatrical Play and Livestream\*  
We're All Skewed live Dance and Livestream \*  
5 Hour Physical Theatre by The How \*  
In The Stillness DocuDance Film Screening\*  
Sheepmeadow Dance Theatre performance of  
"Sleeping Beauty"  
You Look Great film screening  
Queensboro Dance Festival  
Cannabis! A Viper Vaudeville\*  
Young Dance Makers performance  
Weekly comedy nights  
Remergence film screening  
Children's Crusade Theatrical Play  
Valerie Green's Dance Entropy  
Pigeonwing Dance performance  
"Dreamers" silent film in affiliation with  
Blue Bus Project

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Margot & The Midnight Tenants Music  
Video Screening (I Will Make Some Noise,  
Something Like, Button Down Shirt, Oksana)  
Ambrose Getz Music Video Screening  
(Fantasies)  
Dr. B Music Video Screening (Fill My Head)  
Almog Sharvit Music Video Screening  
(Deerhunter)  
Glass Town The Musical concert  
David Glover Poetry Reading  
Miss Jules Theatrical Play  
TAPE Film Screening  
Drag Song Battle Competition  
Between The Balance Dance  
My Favorite Person Movement Theatre  
A Better World Kids Livestream  
Labyrinth Theatre Company Residency  
Writers Workshop  
Queen's Film Festival Screening  
View Chew dance film shoot  
Songs Of The North project  
creation/rehearsal