

The Lucia Bocchino Fund

For Promising Young Artists



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Mission

The Lucia Bocchino Fund for Promising Young Artists has been established in memory of Lucia Bocchino, Artist, Mother, and Wife. The Fund exists to encourage artists in the young stages of their lives in the area of the arts. Lucia was an encourager and a teacher. She was able to see the beauty in all things and all people. Lucia Bocchino always saw the promise in her own six children and all children she came to meet.

To honor Lucia, the Fund hopes to instill a passion and desire in young artists who show promise in their chosen field of the arts. The Fund hopes to encourage those young artists in their artistic endeavors and to make a difference in their lives.

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The Lucia Bocchino Fund's 2021 Virtual Exhibition featured a record number of portraits created for the theme WONDER WOMEN: A Virtual Exhibition of Women in our Lives that Inspire us. Though the pandemic continues to linger, over 600 young artists participated in this year's exhibition from all over the globe!

International Outreach Continues to Grow

In its 13th year, the Lucia Bocchino Fund for Promising Young Artists held its second virtual and international exhibition, receiving over 600 applicants from over 30 countries and 20 US states.

Participants in Pre-K through 12th grade responded to the theme "WONDER WOMEN: A Virtual Exhibition of Women in our Lives who Inspire Us." Submissions included portraits, poems, essays, and sculptures of inspiring women, now featured on the Lucia Bocchino Fund [website](#). The exhibition opened on May 9th (Mother's Day in the USA) following an hour-long [Instagram Live](#) celebration, featuring the Lucia Bocchino Fund team and many

Promising Young Artists that participated.

While some submissions featured famous heroines (Jane Goddall, Michelle Obama, and Aung San Suu Kyi), the majority of submissions are in homage to the everyday "Wonder Women" in our lives: the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, friends, neighbors, health care heroes, teachers, and police officers. And they deserve the celebration!

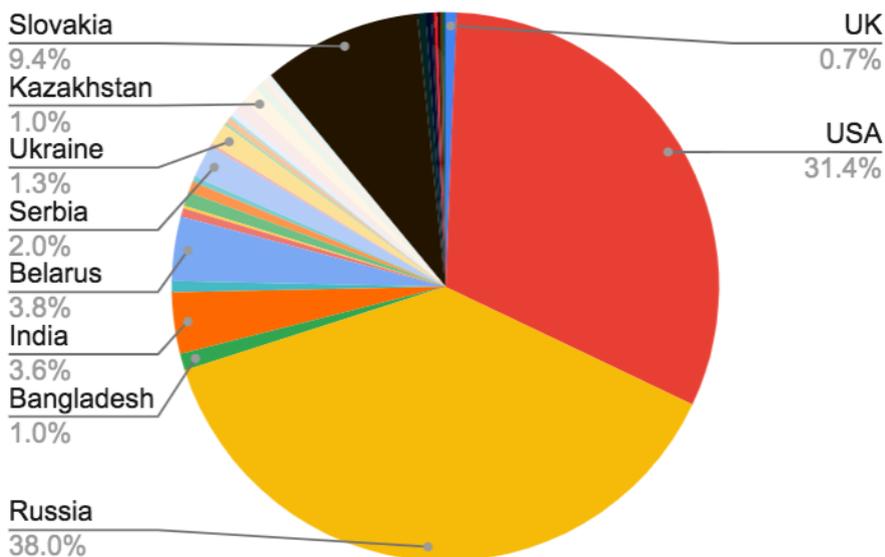
Analytics

Submission increased over 370%, from 157 submissions in 2020 to 627 in 2021. Participants were from 33 Countries and 21 US States. There was a 128% increase in responses from

from New Jersey. The majority of this year's submissions came from Russia (38%) followed by the USA (31.4%) and Slovakia (9.4%).

www.luciabocchinofund.org and will continue to be displayed for your enjoyment in the coming months.

2021 LBF Submissions by Country



Through the use of social media, we were able to reach and interact with a growing number of promising young artists. This year's exhibition asked promising young artists to respond to the prompt "WONDER WOMEN: A Virtual Exhibition of Women in our Lives that Inspire Us." As of May 9, 2021 (Mother's Day in the US) the Virtual Exhibition went live on our website:

Over 600 masterpieces are displayed and organized based on each promising young artist's grade, name, and country.

The artists that participated in this year's exhibition demonstrate the Lucia Bocchino Fund's growing reach and impact it has on promising young artists around the globe.



WORK BY PROMISING YOUNG ARTISTS FEATURED IN OUR 2021 VIRTUAL EXHIBITION.



The Lucia Bocchino Fund for Promising Young Artists presents:

WONDER WOMEN



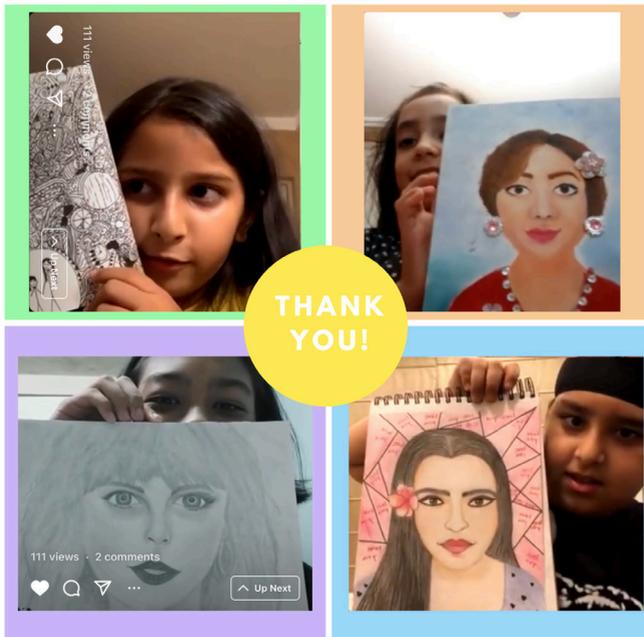
A Virtual Exhibition of Women in Our Lives that Inspire Us!

Visit www.luciabocchinofund.org for more information



Instagram Live Celebration

To congratulate the Promising Young Artists that participated in this year's exhibition, the Lucia Bocchino Fund held an Instagram Live Streaming session. The hour-long ceremony featured members of the Lucia Bocchino Fund team and Promising Young Artists from all over the world speaking to the beautiful masterpieces they submitted to the exhibition. The Celebration featured artists of all ages from India, Russia, Myanmar, and Iran.



We want to thank all of the promising young artists that were part of our Instagram Live Celebration and made this event that much more special - especially to those that stayed up late or logged on early. The Instagram Live Celebration took place on May 9th on the @LuciaBocchinoFund Instagram and is still available to view today.

The LBF team will continue to utilize these social media platforms in order to educate and encourage an international community of promising young artists. Thank you again to everyone that was a part of this experience! We are excited to see what the future holds for each and every promising young artist!

Bernardsville Newspaper

Our virtual art exhibition was also featured in the Bernardsville Newspaper, a periodical published in New Jersey in the USA. The article outlines the success of the exhibition, its global reach, and called all promising young artists to submit work. The feature was written by the LBF team and was published in the newspaper's May 7th edition.

The article also noted how artists could utilize a variety of mediums to create their masterpiece of a woman in their

life who inspires them. Though we received the majority of fine art portraits of Wonder Women - we received quite a few essays and poems of Wonder Women that are featured on our website. We hope that this opportunity welcomed artists of all mediums to submit work to our exhibition. We continue to be thoroughly impressed not only by the reach, but also by the sheer caliber and dedication of the artists that



take part in this exhibition.

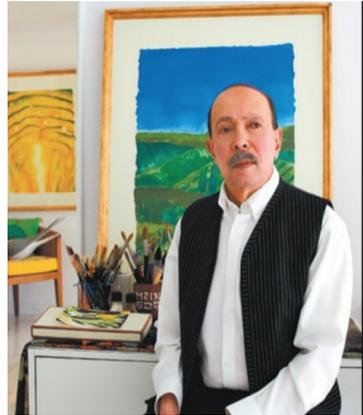
We want to thank every child and parent that participated in making this year's exhibition the success that it is. Considering this year's pandemic crisis, we chose to act as a platform for to uplift and encourage promising young artists across the globe

A Special Thanks

To the Honorable Basil Alkazzi

We want to thank the Honorable Basil Alkazzi for the very generous donations he has given to the Lucia Bocchino Fund for Promising Young Artists. We would like to acknowledge his encouragement over the past 13 years and his initial donation that helped solidify and expand the foundation of the Lucia Bocchino Fund for Promising Young Artists – an organization aimed to encourage and support the artistic talents of promising young artists everywhere. We are so very grateful for his contribution and his support of our cause. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much!

If you are interested in supporting the mission of the Lucia Bocchino Fund for Promising Young Artists, please consider donating, using the [PayPal link](#) on our website under “[Donate/Contact](#)” tab. Moreover, you can select our charity when checking out at



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Yours in Art,
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