

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 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 2022 Virtual Exhibition featured a number of portraits created for the theme HERSTORY: A Virtual Exhibition of Women in Our Lives Who Inspire Us. Although the pandemic continues to linger, over 250 young artists participated in this year's exhibition from all over the globe!

Continuing to Cultivate Promising Young Artists

In its 14th year, the Lucia Bocchino Fund for Promising Young Artists held its third virtual and international exhibition, receiving over 250 applicants from over 18 countries and 7 US states.

Participants in Pre-K through 12th grade responded to the theme "HERSTORY: 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 8th (Mother's Day in the USA) following an hour-long [Instagram Live](#) celebration, featuring the Lucia Bocchino Fund team and guest

Promising Young Artists who submitted their work to this year's exhibition.

While some submissions featured famous women (Maya Angelou, Rosalia, and Billie Eilish), the majority of submissions are in homage to the everyday Women that shape our personal history: the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, friends, neighbors, and teachers. And they deserve the celebration!

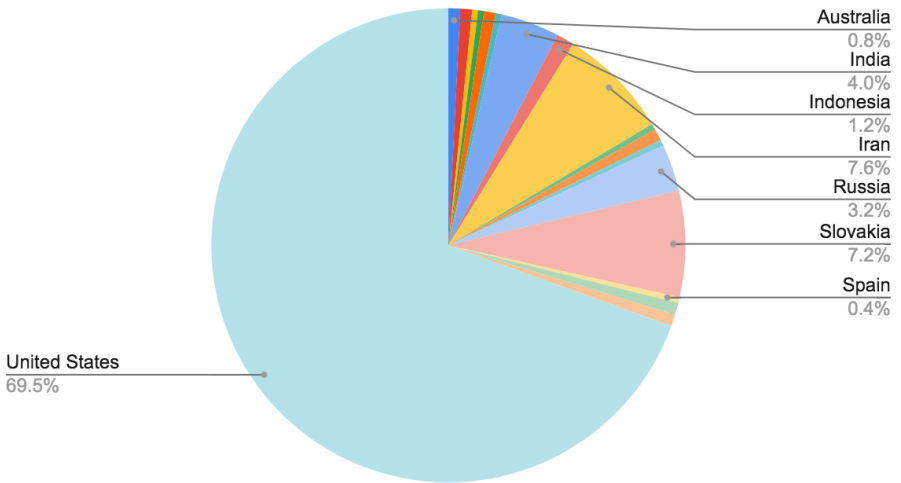
Analytics

This year, we received beautiful submissions from our 250 participants in over 18 countries and 7 US States ranging in grades Pre-K through 12th grade. The majority of

Pre-K & Kindergarten grade category, followed by 2nd Grade (12.9%) and 12th Grade (12.4%). The majority of this year's submissions came from the USA (69.5%) followed by Iran (7.6%) and Slovakia (7.4%).

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

2022 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 "HERSTORY: A Virtual Exhibition of Women in Our Lives Who Inspire Us." As of May 8, 2022 (Mother's Day in

Over 250 masterpieces are displayed and organized based on each promising young artist's name, title of their artwork, and location.

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



WORK BY PROMISING YOUNG ARTISTS FEATURED IN OUR 2022 VIRTUAL EXHIBITION.



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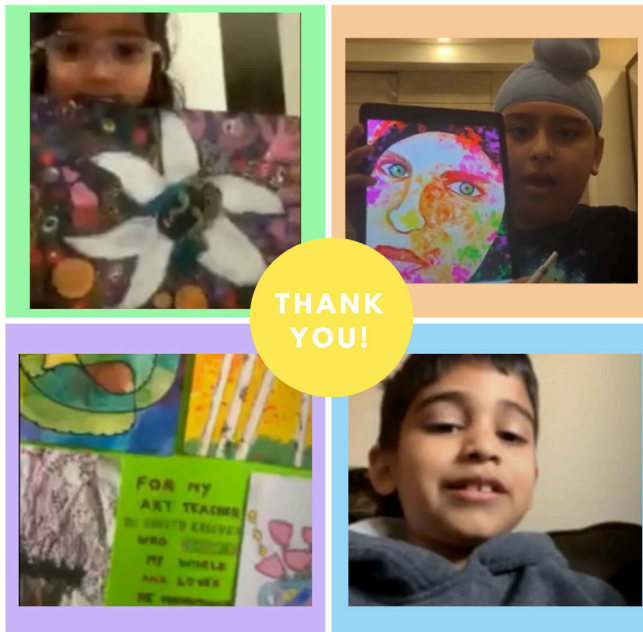
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A VIRTUAL EXHIBITION OF WOMEN IN OUR LIVES WHO INSPIRE US
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Instagram Live Celebration

To congratulate the Promising Young Artists that participated in this year's exhibition, the Lucia Bocchino Fund held an Instagram Live Streaming session. The 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, and Iran.



We want to thank all of the promising young artists that took part in 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 8th 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!

New Jersey Patch

Our virtual art exhibition was also featured in the New Jersey Patch, an online publication that reaches readers across the state of 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 article also noted how artists could utilize a variety of mediums to create their masterpiece of a woman in their

life who inspires them. 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 were once again blown away by the talent and dedication of all participating artists! We are looking forward to remaining connected with this community as their talents are continually cultivated.



We want to thank every child and parent that participated in making this year's exhibition a success. Considering this year's pandemic crisis, we chose to act as a platform 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 14 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



Amazon by going to [smile.amazon.com](#) and selecting “Lucia Bocchino Fund for Promising Young Artists” as your charitable organization of choice. A portion of all purchases will go to benefitting the Lucia Bocchino Fund and our mission to cultivate the talents of promising young artists across the globe. Finally, please always feel free to contact us.

For more information, please visit [www.luciabocchinofund.org](#), our social media platforms, or contact us at info@luciabocchinofund.org.

Honoring Kathy Krey Sova

It is with a heavy heart that we share the passing of a Lucia Bocchino Fund Board Member and long-time supporter. Kathy Krey Sova, Board Member and ever-encourager of the arts, passed away in late 2021, following an almost decade-long fight with Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. A mom to two children, a grandmother, an aunt, and friend, Kathy was truly an inspirational woman whose story continues to inspire others. Not only are we so incredibly grateful for the work and support Kathy provided to our organization; but also, and even more so, we are grateful for her friendship, her kindness, and her legacy.

As an organization that regularly honors the many wonderful women in our lives who inspire us and shape our personal history, we recognize Kathy, a Wonder Woman in her own right. While Kathy's diagnosis stated she only had two years to live, her determination and persistence provided a journey that lasted nine years. In honor of her legacy, a scholarship, the Kathy Krey Sova Breast Cancer



Awareness & Research Award, has been created at the Immaculate Heart Academy in New Jersey, USA, awarding young women who promote mammography screenings and raise funds for breast cancer awareness. If you would like to donate, please send all inquiries to hillebelt@aol.com.

To a woman who has shaped the history of our organization - and the personal history of so many - thank you Kathy! We love you!

Yours in Art,

**The Lucia Bocchino
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