

# 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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## Continuing to Cultivate Promising Young Artists

In its 15th year, the Lucia Bocchino Fund for Promising Young Artists held its third virtual and international exhibition, receiving over 130 applicants from over 11 countries and 2 US states.

Participants in Pre-K through 12th grade responded to the theme “PHENOMENAL WOMEN: A Virtual Exhibition of Women in Our Lives Who Inspire Us.” Submissions included portraits, poems, and essays of inspiring women, now featured on the Lucia Bocchino Fund [website](#). The exhibition opened on May 14th (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 (artist Friday Kahlo and virologist Isabel Morgan), 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!

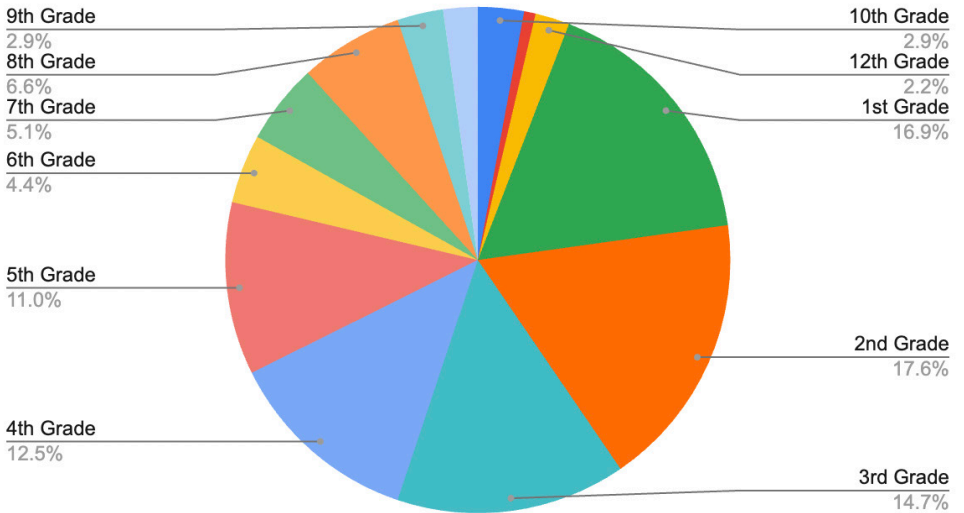
### **Analytics**

This year, we received beautiful submissions from our 136 participants in over 11 countries and 2 US States ranging in grades Pre-K through 12th grade. The majority of

participants are from the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade category (49%), followed by 4th Grade (13%) and 5th Grade (11%). The majority of this year's submissions came from the USA (74%) followed by Iran (15%) and UK (4%).

All masterpieces can be found on [www.luciabocchinofund.org](http://www.luciabocchinofund.org) and will continue to be displayed for your enjoyment!

### 2023 Submissions by Grade



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 "PHENOMENAL WOMEN: A Virtual Exhibition of Women in Our Lives Who Inspire Us." As

displayed and organized based on each promising young artist's name, title of their artwork, and location. We also want to take the time to thank Tara Cook and the students of Arrow Academy in Whippany, NJ for their support. We received over 75 beautiful entries from their students and are so glad to be part of each of their artistic journeys.



WORK BY PROMISING YOUNG ARTISTS FEATURED IN OUR 2023 VIRTUAL EXHIBITION.



# 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 14th on the @LuciaBocchinoFund Instagram and is still available to view today.

# 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](mailto:info@luciabocchinofund.org).



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