ArtPrize Nine grants featured public project

Returning for a second year, ArtPrize's Featured Public Projects program awarded $85,000 in grants to artists and collaboratives from around the country to install large-scale public art projects at prominent and unexpected outdoor spaces within the ArtPrize district—including lasers dancing from the rooftops, video projected on building facades, and murals painted on shipping containers.

Critics' choice experience guide

Let local, national and international art professionals lead your ArtPrize Nine experience through this simple guide. Open to the map and find yourself surrounded by ArtPrize Nine artist entries that won grants from the ArtPrize Arts Advisory Council, one of six Pitch Night events, and the ArtPrize exhibitions team, as well as this year's participating venues that have won or been nominated for the Outstanding Venue Juried Award.

The ArtPrize Nine exhibition rethinks the way urban space is transformed, bringing innovative applications of color, light and sound to unconventional spaces.

Pitch Night grants

ArtPrize launched Pitch Night in 2013 to discover exciting, ambitious projects from across the country and bring them to Grand Rapids. 2017 Pitch Night events took place in six cities this spring, awarding $5,000 and a guaranteed spot in a high-profile venue to an artist at each event.

Pitch Night sponsored by 21c Museum Hotel and Delta Air Lines, underwritten by Experience Grand Rapids.

Artist Seed Grants

For the fourth consecutive year, 25 ArtPrize Artists were awarded Artist Seed Grants presented by the Frey Foundation, valued at $2,000 each. Members of the ArtPrize Art Advisory Council reviewed the applications, seeking ambitious entries from artists who demonstrated both financial need and artistic merit.

Outstanding Venue Juried Award

Following the addition of juried awards in 2010, ArtPrize introduced the Outstanding Venue Juried Award in 2011—awarding a cash prize to a single ArtPrize venue for outstanding curatorial presentation. Visit past award-winning and finalist venues where you'll find innovative, challenging, thoughtful exhibitions.

Critical Discourse presented by ITC, Your Energy Superhighway

Witness the reveal of this year's juried award finalists and hear from critics as they love and lampoon both the public and juried picks, at ArtPrize Critical Discourse. September 25: Jurors' Shortlist. October 2: Why These Finalists? (Part 1). October 3: Why These Finalists? (Part 2).

Arrive early (45 Sheldon Blvd SE) to grab a seat—doors close for each event at 6:45 p.m. or watch the events live on WOOD TV8 from 7 p.m. Critical Discourse presented by ITC, Your Energy Superhighway.

Ask yourself

Art needs you, and your opinion. When you're standing in front of a work of art, follow these steps:
1. Take a moment to pause and experience the work of art.
2. What do you see or hear? What is happening?
3. Why is it the way that it is? The artist statement can help with this.
4. How does it relate to your own life, feelings, or ideas? Does it challenge you?
5. Vote—do you think this work of art is successful?

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ArtPrize mobile app

If you have a smartphone, download the ArtPrize mobile app—free for iOS and Android—to make voting super easy as you explore the event. You can also use the app to discover venues, art and events near you, browse a full list of entries, or search for a specific entry, venue or artist.

ArtPrize Nine guides and pathways

The ArtPrize Nine Experience Guides and the Pantone Pathways collectively offer you a suite of distinctive ways to visit ArtPrize—simply choose the experience you'd like to have, or the neighborhood you'd like to explore.

Keep an eye out for these Pantone Pathway markers around ArtPrize, or find Pathways marked in your ArtPrize Nine Event Guide.

Pantone Pathways presented by X-Rite Pantone.
ARTIST SEED GRANTS

1. Crystal Z. Campbell, Rumsey Street
2. Jonathan Brilliant, The Fed Galleries @ KCAD, Kendall College of Art and Design
3. Eva Rocha, The Fed Galleries @ KCAD, Kendall College of Art and Design
4. Lorio DeRubertis, Grand Rapids Art Museum
5. Emily Mayo, Grand Rapids Art Museum
6. Jessica Wildman, Grand Rapids Art Museum
7. Setia Jones, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA)
8. Michael Peoples, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA)
9. Filippo Tagliati, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park
10. Ryan Spencer Reed, Grand River
11. Nathalie Auzevy, Grand Rapids Downtown Market
12. Taro Takizawa, Grand Rapids Downtown Market
14. Eliza Fernand, Ladies Literary Club
15. Jeffrey Augustine Songco, the city water building by the richard app gallery
16. Sarupa Sidaarth, DeVos Place Convention Center
17. Tom Kiefer, DeVos Place Convention Center
18. Jonathan D. Lopez, PO (Art)Box
19. Marcus, the city water building by the richard app gallery
20. Heather Ward-Migner, Monroe Community Church
21. Mike Wool, Grand Rapids Public Museum

FEATURED PUBLIC PROJECTS

1. Erika Nelson, Gillett Bridge
2. Justin Langlois and Hiba Abdullah, Vandenberg (Calder) Plaza
3. Sheeny McFly, Vandenberg (Calder) Plaza
4. A + J Art + Design, Grand River
5. AJ Paschka, JW Marriott
6. Joshua Lantry and Jamie Topper, Ah-Nab-Awen Park
7. Tanner Wilson, Blue Bridge
8. Tyke Witnes, Blue Bridge
9. CJ Hungerman, North Monroe Park
10. Rena Detrich, Western Michigan University
11. Nina Caruso and Christopher Schneider, Vandenberg Center
12. C.T. Hanks, Van Andel Arena
13. Chris Vitiello, Grand Rapids Art Museum
14. Pippin Frische–Calder, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA)
15. Kurt Gohe and Kremena Todorova, Lyon Square
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OUTSTANDING VENUE AWARD WINNERS & FINALISTS

1. Cultura Collective @ Rumsey St.
2. Fountain Street Church
3. The Fed Galleries @ KCAD, Kendall College of Art and Design
4. Grand Rapids Art Museum Auto
5. Fixit Body Shop
6. Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA)
7. Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

ARTPRIZE HUBS

START HERE! ArtPrize HUBs are the best place to start your visit to ArtPrize. You’ll find free Event Guides, self-guided tours, Family Activity Kits, voter sign up, and the ArtPrize Metro Pass that gets you bus rides, a Clubhouse pass and other great perks.

MAP KEY
- Parking
- ArtPrize Venue
- HUB
- Member Clubhouse