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ANNUAL REPORT

FRIENDS OF MATERIALS FOR THE ARTS

LETTER FROM THE

Dear Friends,

Over the course of my career as a curator, I've worked with cultural organizations and artists all over our city.

After seeing countless projects brought to life by the materials and programs at Materials for the Arts (MFTA), I can say without exaggeration: this is one of the most beloved parts of our agency. Mention MFTA in a room full of New York City artists, and you are guaranteed a round of applause. One of the many joys of returning to the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) as commissioner is that I get to spend more time at the MFTA warehouse. When budgets are tight and projects seem impossible — MFTA can open doors to new possibilities. Last year, MFTA collected over 2.4 million pounds of materials and gave them a second life in the hands of artists, students, educators, and cultural workers around the city. From MFTA's partnership with MOME to expand relationships in the film, television, and theater industries, to the creation of the Designer-in-Residence, Young Designers, and Repair program, the amazing team at MFTA continues to consider ways to expand its support for artists and young New Yorkers.



DCLA Commissioner Diya Vij. Photo courtesy of DCLA.

"Materials for the Arts brings affordability to studios, galleries, stages, and classrooms across the city while also pointing us to a greener, more sustainable future."

Affordability is at the heart of the Mamdani Administration's agenda to build a city where New Yorkers of all backgrounds can live and work with dignity. Materials for the Arts brings affordability to studios, galleries, stages, and classrooms across the city while also pointing us to a greener, more sustainable future. As Commissioner, I continue to ask what a city built by and for artists looks like. Continuing to support MFTA's work is one key answer to this.

I would like to thank the Friends of Materials for the Arts board of directors for their dedication to MFTA's work. I am also grateful to the material and financial donors for their continued support and advocacy. And none of this would be possible without MFTA Executive Director Tara Sansone's expansive and generous vision, and the staff's unwavering dedication to this mission and spirit of this place. On behalf of all New Yorkers — thank you.



DCLA Commissioner Diya Vij. Photo courtesy of MFTA.

Sincerely,

Diya Vij
Commissioner
NYC Department of Cultural Affairs

DCLA COMMISSIONER

LETTER FROM THE

Dear Friends,

I would like to express my gratitude for the public-private partnership between Materials for the Arts and Friends of Materials for the Arts.

We know better than anyone that it takes a village, and it's the combination of these two entities that helps us champion our mission as well as we do.

This year, our walls came tumbling down — literally! With the support of renowned firm CO Adaptive, we were fortunate enough to expand our facilities to unify our various programs —Artist-in-Residence program, Designer-in-Residence program, the Repair program, and our Young Designers program— into one place, fostering collaboration and cross-pollination among MFTA's residency programs. In alignment with MFTA's mission and CO Adaptive's commitment to reducing the carbon impact of the building sector, the firm designed and built the new studio space in MFTA's warehouse made entirely from reused, donated, and salvaged materials, sourced mostly from our 35,000-square-foot sustainability warehouse. For the first time, the new studio space unifies all of our pioneering residency programs in one place.



MFTA Executive Director, Tara Sansone. Photo courtesy of MFTA.

"...Our work is ever-evolving, and what once originated as a community-sourced refrigerator has grown into a full-scale operation dedicated to diverting an average of four million pounds of materials from landfills which serves New Yorkers across the five boroughs."

I find this physical transformation of our space a compelling analogy for our organization's growth. Initially our front office, this space became a pallet room for large-quantity donations, and now serves as an incubator for creativity as various artists and designers come through our warehouse and transform our gallery with their work. Similarly, our work is ever-evolving, and what once originated as a community-sourced refrigerator has grown into a full-scale operation dedicated to diverting an average of four million pounds of materials from landfill which serve New Yorkers across the five boroughs.

From redesigning our space to bolstering our workforce development programs (Repair Program, Young Designers program) to showcasing artists like Daveed Baptiste, Magda Love, Natsuki Takauji, and more, and I could not be more grateful for the expanding reach of our programming. At MFTA, every day is an opportunity to positively impact New Yorkers, and with the help of our team, we're so fortunate to do just that.

'Til Next Time,

Tara Sansone
Executive Director
Materials for the Arts



Executive Director Tara Sansone and MFTA founder Angela Fremont. Photo courtesy of MFTA.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Mission

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Materials for the Arts (MFTA) is a program of the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs and New York City's premier creative reuse center. From our warehouse to all five boroughs, we connect and inspire local students and teachers, artists and non-profits, with materials and programs to imagine a more creative and sustainable future.

Friends of Materials for the Arts (FOMA) is MFTA's non-profit partner, supporting and guiding the organization's major initiatives and goals.



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MFTA RECIPIENTS

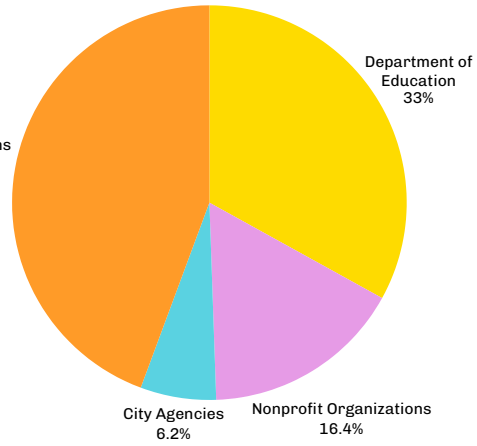
RECEIVE

MFTA's membership base represent a diverse range of organizations across New York City. All boroughs, budgets, and communities can find what they need through our online and warehouse services.

MFTA services over **5,000** member organizations, and in 2025, **1,921** member organizations came to shop at the MFTA warehouse.

In 2025, we provided **2,349,907 lbs.** of supplies valued at **$15,297,316.22** to our member organizations ***free of charge.***

MFTA Member Organizations Who Shopped at MFTA in 2025





In 2025:

-1608 Donors
-5000 membership organizations
-1921 groups shopped in 2025

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MFTA's Latest Members in 2025

MFTA serves over 5,000 member organizations. Below are our latest member organizations, which are just a fraction of the various institutions that benefit from our services.

Accra Literacy
Adany Association
American Ballet Theatre
American Liberty Ballet
American Passage
AMT Theater
Animal Care Centers of NYC - Queens Animal Care Center
Anna Veedra Virtual Drawing Workshop
Around The Block
Artemis Is Burning
Artistic Freedom Initiative
Artists For Humanity
Asociacion De Mujeres Afrodescendientes
Astoria Filmmakers Club
Ballet Imagination
Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center
Bedlam
Black Public Media
Black Theatre United
BOOKME Foundation
Borough Community Action Network (BCAN)
Boshi's Place
Bowery Gallery
Boys & Girls Club of Metro Queens
Boys Hope Girls Hope New York
Butterfly Noir
Cameron Barnett Company
Center for the Preservation of Artists' Legacies
Center for the Women of NY
Church of the Advent Hope | Carnegie Hill Concerts
Circle of Trust
Circle Up! Youth Restorative Justice Arts
City Growers
Climate Film Festival (CFF)
Community Arts Commission
Community Center Services Organization (CCSO)
Community in Particular
Community Mediation Services - Family Enrichment Center of Elmhurst & Corona
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Delgracia Corp
Divine Riot
Dominicans Love Haitians Movement (DLHM)
Elie Enterprises
Eno River Players
Eutopia Rising
Exceptional Artists Foundation
FDNY - Bureau of Communications
FDNY - Bureau of Facilities Management
FDNY - Counseling Support Unit (CSU)
Federation of Italian American Organizations of Brooklyn (FIAO)
Few Pennies Theatricals
FIT - Dept of English & Communication Studies
Flow by Lian
Flushing House
Forest House of Manhattan
Gallery 23 NY
GAUDANSE
Genspace
GG & POP Institute
Girls Inc of NYC
Goddard Riverside - Community Arts Program
Good Apples Collective
Greater Miracles
H.E.A.L.T.H for Youths
Harlem Art Collective
Human Connections Arts
Independent Curators International (ICI)
Inform Your Community
Inspiration Point Center For the Arts
Inter-Grant Fest at Arts On Site
International Girls Ensemble
International Human Rights Art Movement
Inwood Art Works
Jackie Robinson Park Conservancy
JCCGCI - Project HOPE
JLN Arts Education & Development Fund
Kids Program Providers
Kindred Bakery BK
Kinetic Light
Kings Against Violence Initiative (KAVI)
KOPCORP
Krymov Lab
LaGuardia Community College - The Wellness Center (CUNY)
Lewis Latimer House Museum
LIFE Camp Inc.
Lithuanian Alliance Of America
Loco-Motion Dance Theatre for Children
Louis Armstrong House Museum
Lower East Side Printshop
Lucille Lortel Theatre
Lutheran Social Services of New York
Making Our Space
Marcus Garvey Tenant Association
Midsummer
Mil Mundos En Comun
Motivational Monsters
Moxie Arts NY
Mur
Music Art Puppet Sound (MAPS)
National Jazz Museum in Harlem
National Parks of New York Harbor
New Relic Theatre
New Renaissance Arts Center of New York
New York Center for Interpersonal Development (NYCID)
New York Circus Project
New York City Children's Theater
New York Latin American Art Triennial (NYLAAT)
New York Public Library - Clason's Point Branch
New York Public Library - Morningside Heights
New York Public Library - Morrisania Library
New York Public Library - Mulberry Street Library
New York Public Library - Spuyten Duyvil
North Brooklyn Community Boathouse
Notch Theatre Company
NY Guild of Handweavers
NYC ACS Division of Child and Family Well-Being
NYC Commission on Gender Equity
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NYC DOE - District 28
NYC DOE - Office of Safety and Youth Development - Restorative Justice Expansion
NYC DOE - Queens Alternate Learning Center - Linden Academy
NYC DOE - Queens South Special Education Team
NYC DOE K129 -Success Academy Cobble Hill Elementary School
NYC DOE K301 - PS 301 Restoration Academy
NYC DOE K368 - PS 368 @ P120
NYC DOE K428 - Global Innovators Academy
NYC DOE K674 - City Polytechnic High School
NYC DOE K776 - Brooklyn Prospect Downtown Middle School
NYC DOE K863 - Pre-K Center At Bishop Ford School Site
NYC DOE K937 - Brooklyn RISE Charter
NYC DOE K939 - P.S. 939 Sunset School of Cultural Learning
NYC DOE K953 - The East New York Arts and Civics High School (TEACH)
NYC DOE K965 - Bard High School Early College Brooklyn
NYC DOE LYFE Program - Prospect Heights Educational Campus
NYC DOE LYFE Program - Springfield High School
NYC DOE M065 - Democracy Prep Endurance High School
NYC DOE M297 - MS 297
NYC DOE Q321 - Growing Up Green I Middle School
NYC DOE Q367 - Motion Picture Technical High School
NYC DOE Q419 - MS 419

RECEIPTS

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MFTA's Latest Members

NYC DOE Q423 - Central Queens Academy Charter School II - Elementary
NYC DOE Q429 - I.S 429
NYC DOE R088 - Staten Island Hebrew Public Charter School
NYC DOE X190 - E.S.M.T- I.S. 190
NYC DOE X255 - Bronx Charter School for Excellence 1 Middle
NYC DOE X393 - University Prep Charter High School
NYC DOE X472 - Family Life Charter School III
NYC DOE X483 - The Matilda Avenue School
NYC DOE X535 - Rose Hill Pre-K Center
NYC DOE X705 - Family Life Academy Charter School - Elementary
NYC DOE Z075 - District 20 Pre-K Center At 21 Bay 11th Street
NYC DOE Z121 - District 2 Pre-K Center At 252 East 57 Street
NYC Fair Trade Coalition
NYC Health + Hospitals - Elmhurst -Libertas Center for Human Rights
NYCHA - Office of Public Private Partnerships
NYP Brooklyn Methodist Hospital
NYPS Family Community Engagement & External Affairs
Ocean Bay Community Development Older Adult Center
Octavia Project
Odyssey House
Onassis ONX Studio
Opening Act
Opera Praktikos
Oruga International
Out of the Box Theatrics
Palooza Foundation
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PHLI - Brooklyn Community Recovery Center
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Queens College - Dept of Athletics (Summer Camp)
Queens Public Library - Peninsula Branch
Queens Public Library - Whitestone Branch
Red Hook Community Business Alliance
Rockaway Film Festival
RudduR Dance
Satellite Art Show
SBIDC
Seamen's Society for Children and Families
Senior Theater Acting Repertory (STAR)
Servicio de Educacion Basica
Sisters Evangelist Association
Smashworks Dance
Society of American Graphic Artists (SAGA)
Sound Mind Live
South Side Art & Action
Stony Brook University - Film Program (SUNY)
Sybarite Productions
Temple Guaracy New York (TGNY)
The Acting Company
The Afterschool Collective
The Baby Resource Center
The Bee Conservancy
The Brant Foundation
The Feath3r Theory (TF3T)
The Gotham Film & Media Institute
The HALI Foundation
The Here & There Collective
The Interstitial
The Mexican Coalition for the Empowerment of Youth and Families
The Neighborhood: An Urban Center for Jewish Life
The New School - Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts
The New School - Parsons School of Art & Design History & Theory (ADHT)
The New School - Parsons School of Constructed Environments (SCE)
The New School - Parsons School of Fashion (SoF)
The One - One Project
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Youth Communication

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MFTA DONORS

2,349,907 lbs.
Weight of materials donated in 2025

$15,297,316.22
Value of materials received by members in 2

Energy savings
MFTA's 2025 stats from above are equivalent to the following:

127,183,540
Smartphones charged

2,770,219
Miles driven by a standard passenger vehicle

1,208,376
Pounds of coal burned

17,987
Seedlings grown for ten years

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NYC DOE K485 - High School of Telecommunication Arts and Technology
NYC DOE K536 - Community Roots Elementary School Campus
NYC DOE K561 - Williamsburg Preparatory School
NYC DOE M047 - "47" The American Sign Language and English Secondary School
NYC DOE M167 - JHS 167 Robert F. Wagner
NYC DOE M276 - Battery Park City School
NYC DOE M450 - East Side Community School
NYC DOE M964 - Central Park East II
NYC DOE Q107 - PS 107 Thomas A Dooley
NYC DOE Q176 - PS 176 Cambria Heights
NYC DOE Q184 - PS 184 Flushing Manor
NYC DOE Q227 - IS 227 Louis Armstrong Middle School
NYC DOE Q235 - IS 235 Academy for New Americans
NYC DOE Q525 - Townsend Harris High School
NYC DOE Q580 - Baccalaureate School for Global Education
NYC DOE Q706 - Our World Neighborhood 1 Astoria Elementary
NYC DOE Q706 - Our World Neighborhood 1 Middle School
NYC DOE X129 - MS 129 Academy for Independent Learning and Leadership
NYC DOE X382 - PS 382 Elementary School for Math, Science, and Technology
YC DOE X398 - Bronx Community Charter School
NNYC Fair Trade Coalition
NYC Health + Hospitals - Lincoln
NYC Independent Budget Office
NYC Kids Rise
NYC Office of the Mayor - Gracie Mansion
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
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Queens Public Library - Broadway Branch
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VOLUNTEER

VOLUNTEERING AT MFTA

MFTA relies upon volunteers to keep our 35,000-square-foot warehouse organized. Our roster of volunteers ranges from corporate groups and retirees to college students and nonprofit community organizations — all of whom make a difference in our warehouse and across New York City.

In 2025, **178** volunteers and interns completed a total of **14,879** hours at the warehouse.

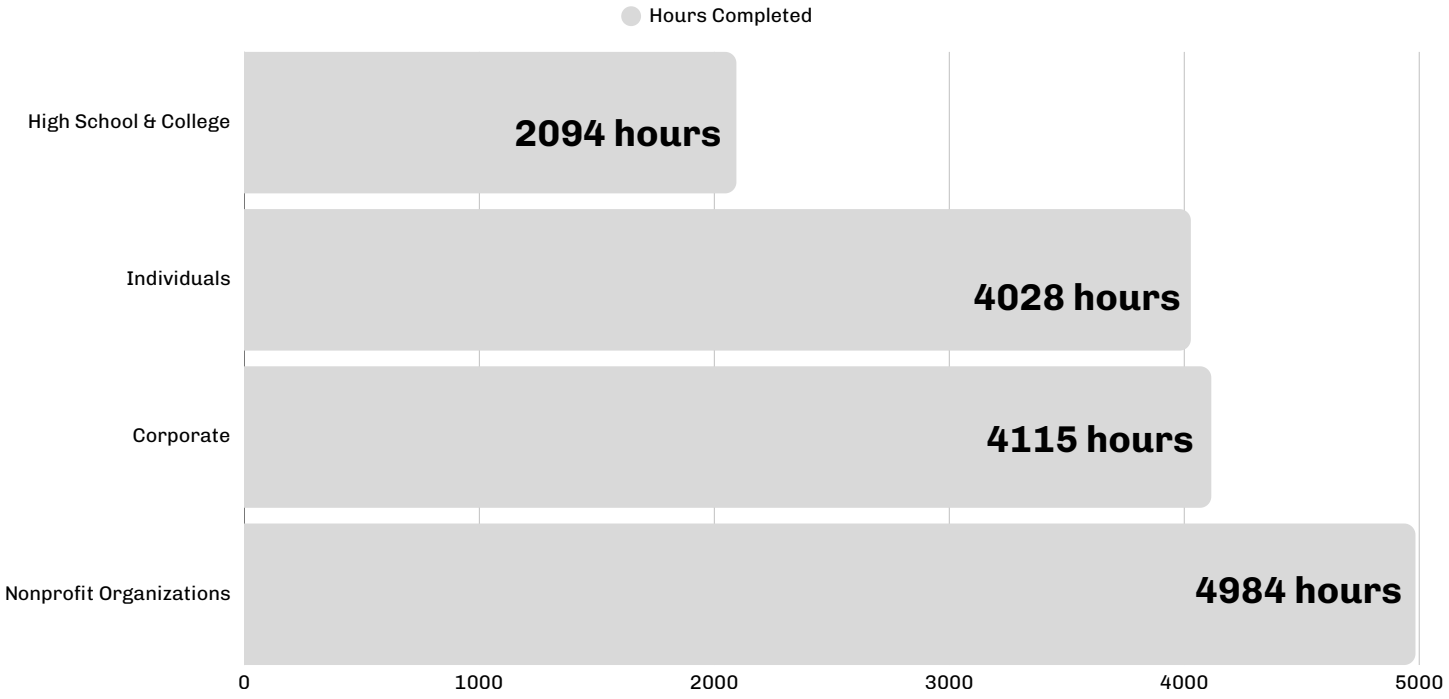
BY THE NUMBERS

14,879
Total volunteer and intern hours

286
Average hours per week

41
Average volunteers and interns per week

2025 Volunteer Contribution Breakdown



2025 VOLUNTEERS



A volunteer from Estée Lauder assists in MFTA's warehouse. Photo courtesy of MFTA.

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Shop Re-purpose
The Door
Community Options



With the help of our volunteers, we're able to serve our membership base consisting of nearly **5,000** organizations.

SUPPORT



A Special Thanks to Our 2025 Supporters and In-Kind Donors

These are just a few of the individuals, corporations, and foundations that generously donate to Materials for the Arts. With their support, we're able to sustain our various programming, including but not limited to: field trips, the Repair program, the Young Designers program, Artists and Designers-in-Residence, and our Third Thursday programming.

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MFTA Stats By the

8,000+

Yearly visitors to the MFTA Gallery

6,761

Students received education through the MFTA Education Center

5,000+

Members of the general public attended our outreach events

2,216

Teachers and community-based educators instructed by MFTA In-school Teaching Artists

982

Members of the general public attended our Third Thursday and Gallery events

344

Teachers across 11 courses received intensive education through our P-Credit Courses

21

In-school Residencies

18

Art classes were taught to visiting colleges

3

Artists-in-Residence with subsequent exhibitions at the MFTA Warehouse

3

Designers-in-Residence

PROGRAMMING

Professional Development



Teachers participate in a PD class led by Master Teaching Artist Joy Suarez. Photo courtesy of MFTA.

MFTA offers professional development workshops to teach educators how to incorporate non-traditional art materials into their curriculum. In 2025, MFTA held **9** professional development courses, benefitting **254** teachers, **90** of which were Title I educators who received a scholarship to attend their course ***free of charge***!

Taught by MFTA teaching artists Joy Suarez and Louie Miranda, our project-based learning workshops have included fabric and fiber, instrument making, costumes, and animation. At MFTA we believe we can expand our impact to more students by training teachers.

2025 Courses Offered:

- Paper Maker
- Props, Puppets and Set Design
- Posters to Podcasts: Art and Social Activism
- Raw Fibers: The Art of Fabric
- Paper: Pulp to Fiction
- Animation: Storytelling for a Culturally Responsive Sustaining Classroom

Programs

Education



Students participate in the repair program at Materials for the Arts. Photo courtesy of MFTA.

During the year, MFTA welcomed **6,622** students through **275 field trips,** including **235 free visits,** providing young people with opportunities to explore sustainability, creativity, and artistic expression using reclaimed materials.

MFTA's In-School Residency program brought creative reuse directly into classrooms across New York City, partnering with **21 schools** to provide hands-on arts education that fostered creativity, environmental awareness, and problem-solving skills. During the year, the program engaged more than **500 teachers** and over **4,000** students, expanding access to arts learning while helping educators integrate sustainability and creative thinking into everyday instruction.

GALLERY

MFTA Gallery



Image from Artist-in-Residence Magda Love's exhibition, "Manos Que Tejen Luz," photo courtesy of Anna Droddy.

Throughout 2025, the Materials for the Arts Gallery showcased a dynamic lineup of artists whose work celebrated creativity, sustainability, and the transformative potential of reclaimed materials. Solo exhibitions featured Daveed Baptiste, Natsuki Takauji, Magda Love, and Mary Mattingly, each offering visitors unique perspectives on contemporary art through the lens of reuse and environmental stewardship. The gallery also presented a group exhibition featuring members of MFTA's Artist Cohort—Justin Sterling, Armita Raafat, Ronen Gamil, and Baseera Khan—highlighting the innovative work of artists engaged in creative reuse. Complementing the exhibition program, MFTA's free Third Thursday series and evening workshops transformed the gallery into a vibrant community gathering space. Throughout the year, visitors attended exhibition openings, Sketch Nights, a special jazz performance featuring Justin Sterling and Daveed Baptiste, a clothing swap and mending workshop led by Victor Pearlman, a tea ceremony with Eri Shoji, a live storytelling event with The Moth.

2025 Exhibitions:

- Magda Love- "Manos Que Tejen Luz"
- Daveed Baptiste- "Soaring High"
- Natsuki Takauji – "Temporal Belonging"



Community members attend the August Third Thursday: Black Dye Event Led by Victor Pearlman. Photo courtesy of Anna Droddy.



Event attendees in the MFTA warehouse. Photo courtesy of Sam Urdang.

Third Thursday Programming:

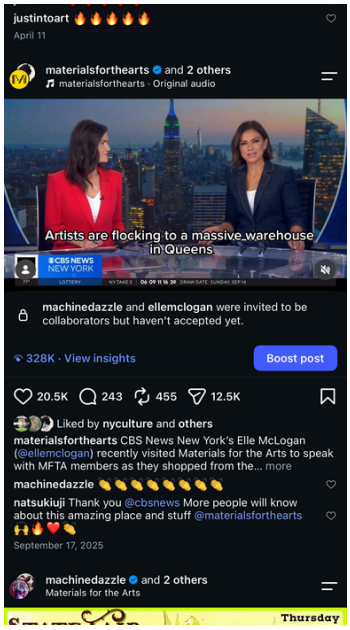
- July – Summer art show opening
- August – Summer Family Night
- September – Natsuki Takauji opening
- September – Sketch Night
- October – Magda Love opening
- November – Jazz Night with Justin Sterling and Daveed Baptiste
- December – Clothes Swap and Mending with Victor Pearlman



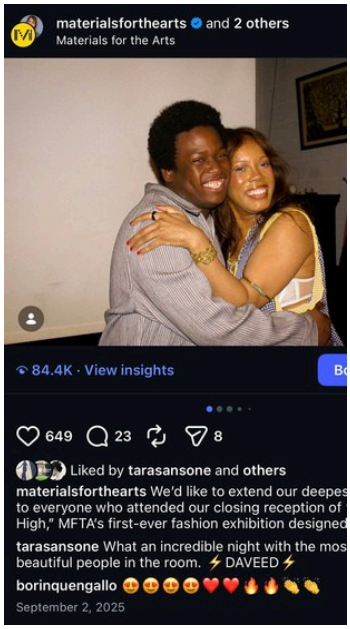
Community members attend the Sketch Night event. Photo courtesy of MFTA.

MFTA Socials









In 2025 MFTA:

- Collaborated with the City of New York on a segment of "I'm Your NYC Neighbor."
  - > The social media collab garnered **643k views.**
- Received CBS news coverage as a result of that @nycgov collab.
  - > The post highlighting the segment received **328k views.**
- Promoted our Artists and Designers-in-Residence programs, including Daveed Baptiste's formal opening and closing of his exhibition.
  - > A few posts promoting Baptiste's closing reception received high engagement, ranging from nearly **85k** impressions to **162k** impressions.



Psst... These are just a few highlights! Take a look at the big picture yourself and visit our Instagram page @materialsforthearts.

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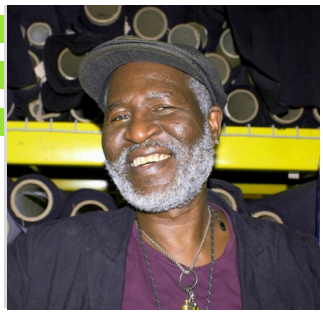
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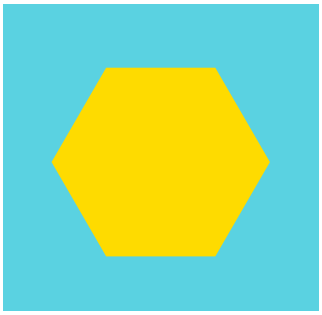
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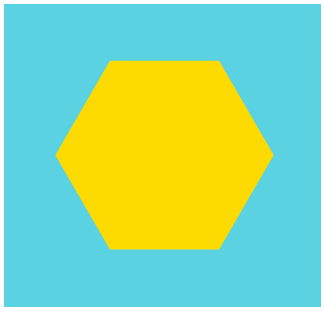
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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 AND 2024

	2025	2024
Changes in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions		
Support and Revenue		
Contributions		
Foundations	$ 305,432	$ 195,902
Corporations	129,958	330,768
Individuals	34,978	47,536
Government	49,500	40,000
Federal Relief Program - Employee Retention Tax Credits	24,168	-
Board members	13,203	27,375
Gross benefit income	90,618	81,067
Less: Direct benefit expenses	(57,267)	(27,427)
Workshop fees	224,071	234,575
Net investment income	18,090	24,950
Interest income	23,080	8,863
Miscellaneous income	773	43
	856,604	963,652
Net assets released from restrictions		
Satisfaction of time and program restrictions	50,000	44,110
Total Support and Revenue	906,604	1,007,762
Expenses		
Program Services	611,314	529,375
Supporting Services		
Management and general	155,905	130,557
Fundraising	202,113	145,176
Total Expenses	969,332	805,108
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	(62,728)	202,654
Changes in Net Assets With Donor Restrictions		
Contributions	65,000	100,000
Net assets released from restrictions	(50,000)	(44,110)
Increase in Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	15,000	55,890
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(47,728)	258,544
Net assets, beginning of year, as previously reported	1,131,630	898,086
Prior period adjustment	25,000	-
Net assets, beginning of year, as restated	1,156,630	898,086
Net Assets, End of Year	$1,108,902	$1,156,630

See notes to financial statements.

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FRIENDS OF MATERIALS FOR THE ARTS, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2025 AND 2024

	2025	2024
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 624,913	$ 681,348
Unconditional promises to give		
Without donor restrictions	-	1,250
With donor restrictions	115,000	50,000
Accounts receivable	54,580	95,175
Prepaid expenses	8,350	7,367
Investments	347,119	318,662
Property and equipment, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation	16,488	27,721
Total Assets	$1,166,450	$1,181,523
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	$ 39,528	$ 14,618
Deferred revenue	18,020	10,275
Total Liabilities	57,548	24,893
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	993,902	1,056,630
With donor restrictions	115,000	100,000
Total Net Assets	1,108,902	1,156,630
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	$1,166,450	$1,181,523

See notes to financial statements.

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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