

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

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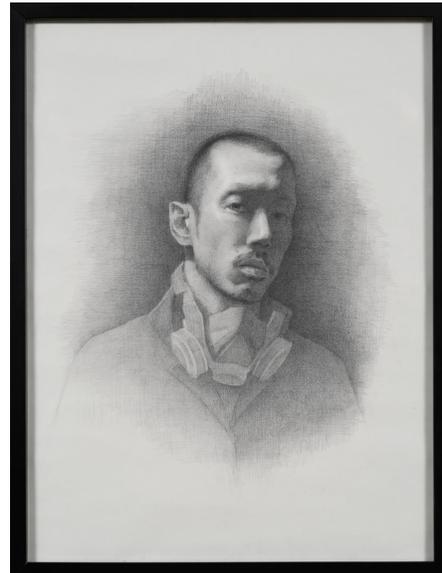
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Call for Work

Each edition of NFTB will feature member artwork chosen by panel of Board of Control members. Submit work by May 30th to MOCC@artstudentsleague.org and include: one hi-res image with title, date, size, medium and artist's name.

Gift Card Giveaway

What should it mean to be a member of the Art Students League and what should be the value of your membership? Email answers to: MOCC@artstudentsleague.org Respondents will be chosen at random to receive a \$10, \$25 or \$50 gift certificate for the Art Students League store.



From the Art Students League Collection
Satoshi Okada Self-portrait as Janitor at the Art Students League 2010
Graphite & Charcoal on Paper, 24" x 18"

Welcome members!

Welcome to the Spring Edition of Notes from the Board (NFTB). Its purpose is to inform members of the Board of Control's (BoC) ongoing work. Committees work with League staff and instructors to perform their duties as follows:

Building Committee

Chair: Steve Rosenthal

Members: Charlotte Bialek, Jack Gordon, Cathy Blake

Tasks: Overseeing facility projects, assisting strategic planning, responding to member input regarding League facilities

Development Committee

Chair: Jacquetta Szathmari

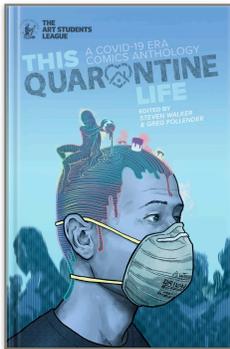
Members: Nelsena Burt-Spano, Charles van Horne, Micheal Jacobs

Tasks: Identifying and cultivating relationships with current and potential donors, encouraging a culture of membership philanthropy

The Art Students League presents its first official comics anthology, "This Quarantine Life: A COVID-19 Era Comics Anthology," edited by instructors Steven Walker and Greg Follender.

Free download

on Apple Books and Dropbox.
theartstudentsleague.org/event/this-quarantine-life-comics-anthology/



Finance & Audit Committee

Chair: Beth Berns

Members: Michael Jacobs, Steve Rosenthal, Charles van Horne

Tasks: Ensuring the League's financial health, facilitating the budget and audit processes, working with investment advisors to optimize and safeguard the endowment

Members Outreach & Communication Committee

Chair: Brian Zukauskas

Members: Cathy Blake, Jacquetta Szathmari, Nelsena Burt-Spano, Charles (Sincero) Chenet

Tasks: Increasing member engagement to enrich the sense of community, enlarging the League's profile to attract new students, members and attention from NYC's art community

Program & Instructors

Chair: Nelsena Burt-Spano

Members: Beth Berns, Brian Zukauskas, Jack Gordon, Charles (Sincero) Chenet

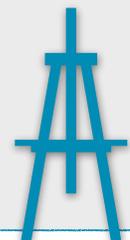
Tasks: Providing oversight of program developments; hosting forums for students and instructor concerns, ensuring that programs serve the League's mission and traditions while embracing contemporary relevance

Board of Control Committee News

Buildings Committee

Repairs from the last summer's flood are complete including all new flooring, plaster, sheetrock and lockers on the third and fourth floors. We've spruced up many of the studios, including new sheetrock, painting and changing rooms and are in the process of renovating the Ceramics Studio and installing a dedicated sink. The HVAC system has been refurbished, repaired and re-constructed with MERV 13 filters, to improve ventilation. We are hiring consulting architects to survey the building exterior and investigating lighting improvements and new security systems. The Committee has also:

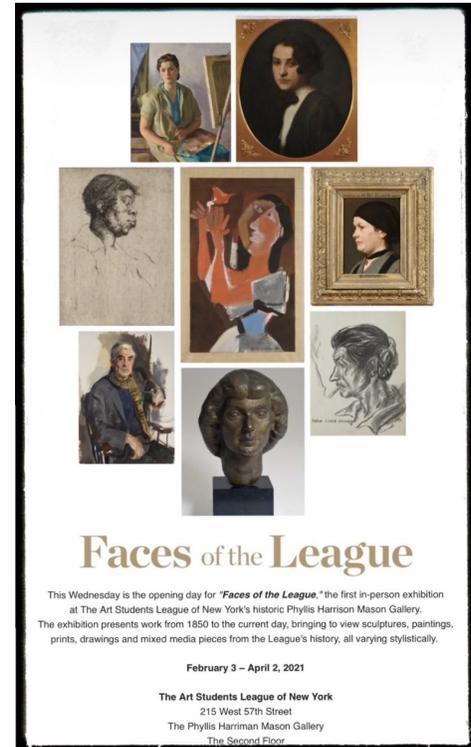
- renovated first floor bathrooms and offices
- replaced the water fountains
- refinished Gallery floor and upgraded the sound system
- installed new gates on 58th street
- repaired the basement ceiling



Collections Committee

We are extremely excited to have featured an exhibition called “Faces of the League” in the Phyllis Harriman Mason Gallery featuring portraits pulled from our Permanent Collection. In March we held a talk for the community featuring the various artists in the exhibition from artist Ellen Eagle, instructor Jerry Weiss, and Gallery and Exhibitions Associate Dir. Anki King. Watch the video <https://tinyurl.com/ASLfaces> and follow our archivist @s.cassidy.historian on Instagram for more updates.

In May in conjunction with the Romare Bearden Foundation the League is proud to present an introductory survey of Cinque Gallery, one of the United States’ most innovative and enduring non-profit artists’ spaces. This ground-breaking exhibition celebrates a diverse selection of late twentieth century and contemporary artists who participated from 1969 – 2004 in this pioneering artist collaborative enterprise. The League is very fortunate to have a substantial art collection. The committee is now looking towards our 150th anniversary to be able to bring our collection online for public viewing as well as for academics and art institutions to enjoy. We have updated the website and added new works from the permanent collection at: <https://artstudentsleague.pastperfectonline.com/>



Constitution Reform Committee

Still at work! The Constitution Reform Committee has big plans this year. We continue working on making the Constitution readable and useful. And finally, after 143 years, we have amendments that show that we have staff that we depend on and changes to the By Laws about the Board of Control, President, Vice Presidents and Treasurer. Still ahead we will take a look at the mission, Board of Control terms and some possible changes in qualifications for membership. If you have ideas, questions or answers for us, please write to us at constitution@artstudentsleague.org. All input is welcome.

Members Outreach & Communication Committee

The MOCC continues to work to find the most effective means to communicate with all members of the League. This newsletter is one example of the work we are doing. We want to hear from you and will be contacting member via e-mail, letters and even phone calls in the time leading up to the League’s eventual opening. Look for these in upcoming weeks. In the meantime, please update us on any changes to your contact information at: <http://theartstudentsleague.wufoo.com/forms/member-information-update-form/>

Board of Control 2021

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Development Committee

We gladly welcome Elizabeth Kingman, our new full-time Director of Development. She will add the needed day-to-day leadership and energy to this most critical ingredient in the League's future.

The Development Committee anticipates many new challenges over the coming year including building a strong foundation to honor the League's 150th Anniversary through member outreach and engagement. We are also focussed on sustainability Projects, including support for new scholarship programs, continuing refurbishment of our historic building, exhibition opportunities. But our overall objective is to ensure the League remains a vibrant organization through its second century, sustained by robust Member engagement in all respects and the financial support that enables our school to maintain high quality programs and training for art professionals and students wherever they may be.

Finance & Audit Committee

The Finance Committee continues to review of the financial conditions of the League. We analyze how the actual expenses and revenue compare to the financial priorities set in the Annual Budget for the fiscal year. This year has been incredibly difficult because our major revenue source, class tuition for in-person studio learning, has been non-existent since last March, but we continue to work with the Financial Staff to provide financial support for ongoing operations. We are closely following the expenditures of the \$1.1 million for the Capital Budget approved in June to provide and support physical improvements to the building and pay for information and technology upgrades.



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Find us on Youtube.com/ArtStudentsLeagueNY

Staff Profile: Meet Zoe Kaplan, Dev. Associate



Q: What do you do at the League?

A: I am The League's Development Associate, but some students might recognize me from behind the front desk in the office.

Q: What drew you to the League?

A: I had taken art classes starting at a really young age and all the way through college, but stopped when I graduated in 2015. I was looking to resume art classes a couple of years ago and checked out The League at my mom's recommendation - she had taken some of our classes in the 80s! I didn't sign up at the time, but a few months later I found out about a League job opening and applied.

Q: What kind of art are you engaged in?

A: I've felt confident in my drawing and watercolor skills for a long time, but but I've never taken a class in oil painting. I'd love to do that next!

Comments? Suggestions? Answers? Email: MOCC@artstudentsleague.org