

LIC Arts Connection

LIC Arts Connection is an innovative, multi-site community arts initiative that builds non-traditional partnerships between public and private landlords, local businesses, employees, students, residents and artists. The goal is to connect LIC's community, both physically on foot and socially through access to arts and culture. This initiative is part of LICP's larger portfolio of work towards connecting LIC's vibrant mixed-use community. Here we share our first five installations completed in the last year.

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Long Island City, 2050

Creative Art Works (artist); Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement (community partner); NYC Parks (site representative)

This mural in Baby Park was painted with local youth volunteers from adjacent Queensbridge Houses. Creative Art Works' final design was based off a community survey conducted in partnership with Jacob Riis Settlement House. Nearly 200 youths and seniors from Queensbridge Houses responded to the survey that resulted in this mural, which represents a possible future for LIC.

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Each One Reach One

Vincent Ballentine (artist), LIC YMCA (community partner); Long Island Rail Road (site representative)

Artist Vincent Ballentine worked with local teens from the LIC YMCA, to design and paint this mural on plywood panels. Nestled between the bustling train tracks, buildings and bridges of LIC, the final work symbolizes the teens' worries and aspirations for the future, while enhancing the path of pedestrians along Skillman Avenue.

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Las Estrellas Brillarán

Lina Montoya AKA Ele Eme (artist); P4Q@Skillman and Boyce Technologies, Inc (community partners); NYC School Construction Authority (site representative)

This mural was designed, fabricated and installed with students from P4Q@Skillman School. It consists of thousands of blue metal tiles, which were fabricated by Boyce Technologies, and vinyl yellow stars that come together to form local LIC landmarks. The work represents how each individual contributes to a larger community.

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Bright New Day

Andrea von Bujdoss AKA Queen Andrea (artist); NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (community partner); Werwaiss & Co., Inc. (site representative)

Andrea von Bujdoss AKA Queen Andrea worked with Long Island City Partnership and the Health Department staff to introduce a moment of relaxation and nature into the sometimes chaotic streets of LIC. The mural highlights some of the Health Department staff's favorite local landmarks as well as directs viewers to nearby trains. Health Department staff helped to paint the lower portions of this mural.

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Onwards

The Noguchi Museum's Teen Advisory Board with Sejin Park (artists and community partners); NYC Parks (site representative)

Through a series of interviews, Noguchi Museum's Teen Advisory Board, led by Sejin Park, collected stories from Long Island City community members on how they advocate for an equitable future by supporting each other as strangers, neighbors, and friends. Selected quotes line the fence of Rainey Park as vertical banners.



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For more information on LICP's work and how to be involved in projects like these, please visit our website at:

LICONS.com

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Phase I—Winter 2018-19



Long Island City Partnership (LICP) is the neighborhood development organization for Long Island City. Our mission is to advocate for economic development that benefits the area's industrial, commercial, tech, cultural, tourism, and residential sectors. The goal is to attract new businesses to LIC, retain those already here, welcome new residents and visitors, and promote a vibrant and authentic mixed-use community.

1. Queensbridge Baby Park
2. LIRR Underpass on Skillman Avenue
3. P4Q@Skillman School
4. 23-02 42nd Road
5. Rainey Park

These sites are Phase 1 of our LIC Arts Connection initiative. Keep an eye out for more public art coming soon as our work continues. For more information, visit our website at:

LICQNS.com

