



2023-2024

# ARTIST & WRITER IN RESIDENCE IN REVIEW

## SUMMARY

Through the Artist & Writer in Residence program, the Art Academy of Cincinnati reached 2,195 students in the Greater Cincinnati region. We partnered with eight area schools and visited 60 classrooms. Two resident artists taught four courses and workshops throughout the year and led one specialized project for World Art Day that reached 1,140 students at three schools.



## ABOUT THE ARTIST & WRITER IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

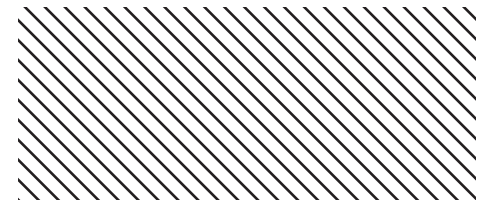
The Artist & Writer in Residence (A&WiR) is the Art Academy of Cincinnati's free outreach and curriculum enrichment program that empowers educators and enhances the learning environment for K-12 students. Students in the A&WiR program are challenged to problem-solve through visual communication methods and develop their learning, focusing on 21st-century skills of creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking.

The professional artists and writers we employ through this unique residency opportunity visit classrooms five times a year. During each visit, they lead a class or workshop that integrates visual art and creative writing with the educators' existing curriculum. This approach enables students to receive hands-on creative learning from professional artists and creative writers during their regular school day.

## Community Partners

The Art Academy is pleased to have partnered with the following schools and library in 2023-2024:

- Clark Montessori High School
- Dater Montessori
- Dayton High School
- Fairview-Clifton German Language School
- Holmes Middle School
- School for Creative and Performing Arts
- Walnut Hills Public Library
- Woodland Middle School



## Courses and workshops our artists and writers led:

- Painting: Experiments in Mixed Media on Wood Panels
- Creative Writing: Poetry and Bookbinding
- Slow Craft: Weaving & Textiles
- Future BFA: Pre-college & College/Career Readiness

# MEET THE ARTISTS & WRITERS IN RESIDENCE

# KELLY KROENER

Kelly grew up in rural Southwestern Ohio. She lives, works, teaches, and collaborates throughout the Midwest and abroad. She works in textiles, installation, and site-specific works that investigate place and the human relation to the natural world. Her work has been noted in *Art In America*, *Glasstire*, *CityBeat*, and *the Economist*. She heads the influential non-profit gallery *BasketShop* with her partner *Eli Walker*. She completed a BFA in fashion at *The School of the Art Institute of Chicago* and an MFA in sculpture from *Cranbrook Academy of Art* in 2022. Her solo exhibition *A Place in Space* opens at *Cincinnati Art Association's Weston Art Gallery* in June 2024.



Original Work by Kelly Kroener



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“To me there could be nothing more important than to help students learn to express and articulate their emotions, imagination, and individual experience. In doing so I believe students are better able to envision brighter, greener, and more empathetic futures together while thinking critically about the world around them.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Art Academy of Cincinnati and local K-12 schools. It had been a while since I found myself in a high school art classroom. This experience reminded me of how much this environment was a place that I felt comfortable in and looked forward to going to more so than any other of my classes.”

—Kelly Kroener



# NOEL MAGHATHE

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Noel is a multi-disciplinary artist and curator based out of Cincinnati. They seek to create impactful moments of connection in their practice that are deeply rooted in their heritage. Their current works draw inspiration from Palestinian resilience in all forms. Through sculpture, performance, and light, they explore themes of identity, cultural memory, and longing.

They have exhibited and performed both nationally and internationally, including at the Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center and the Abrons Arts Center in New York, among other spaces, and shared curatorial projects at the Cue Art Foundation in New York, N Roots & Culture Contemporary Arts Center in Chicago, and apexart in New York. They have also participated in notable residencies such as Ma's House & BIPOC Art Studio on the Shinnecock Indian Reservation and with Trocadero Art Space, Melbourne, AU. Maghathe earned a BFA from the Art Academy of Cincinnati.

“Arts outreach is essential for our K-12 students because it encourages creativity and critical thinking, providing them with the skills for both academic and personal growth. As an artist who grew up in the local public schools, it's particularly meaningful to me to be a part of the arts outreach in schools.

One memorable experience from this year was when we taught experimental painting on wood panels at the German Language School. As the students learned about the fall of the Berlin Wall, they were inspired to create paintings that expressed their own passions in relation to this historical event. It was incredibly inspiring to see how this project allowed the students to uniquely express themselves and consider the powerful voice they have.”

—Noel Maghathe



Original Work by Noel Maghathe



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# WORLD ART DAY 2024

Every year on April 15, artists, educators, and organizations around the globe celebrate World Art Day. It's an opportunity to promote the important relationship between the arts and our society. The Art Academy of Cincinnati contributed to World Art Day this year with a button- and magnet-making project, led by the Artist & Writer in Residence program.

Students from throughout the region responded to various prompts by drawing and creating designs turned into buttons and magnets. Their works were placed on display at the Art Academy with work from students across Greater Cincinnati.





# A NOTE FROM TOMMY BALLARD ARTIST & WRITER IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

After five years of leadership in the Artist & Writer in Residence program, I'm eager to share that we are growing our impact and dedicated to the future of art and creativity in our region. I will be departing from my role this year to pursue my Master of Fine Arts degree, but I'm assured with confidence in the future of this program as an essential and free outreach program for teachers and students.

When I reflect on my own K-12 education, the memories of an artist visiting my school are as clear as yesterday. The Art Academy of Cincinnati continues to make a lasting impression on the youth of our city and surrounding region in their school classrooms. Our teaching artists and writers instill in our students that their voice, creativity, imagination, collaboration with one another, and critical thinking are essential for the future.



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