

LUX CENTER FOR THE ARTS Annual Report July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

NEW CERAMICS CENTER OPENS

Completing First Phase of Capital Campaign doubles classroom space & creates LUX campus









This past summer, more kids than ever were able to take summer camps at the LUX.

The LUX officially doubled its classroom space with the opening of the Ceramics Center adding two new ceramics classrooms. Increased capacity means next summer we'll be able to offer ALL DAY summer camps for kids, making it much easier for parents' busy schedules. And with four total classrooms campus-wide, we'll simply be able to offer more ceramics and more visual arts classes throughout the year.

The new Ceramics Center, just to the west of the main LUX building, also features four new artists-in-residence studios. The new ceramics center features the Wake Student Gallery for exhibiting student work, the Lee and Debbie Stuart Foundation Handbuilding Studio and the WRK Family Foundation Wheelthrowing Studio, as well as glazing, kiln and plaster rooms. There's also a space for outdoor kilns, to allow for a wider array of ceramics capabilities.

The renovations marked the completion of the First Phase of our Capital Campaign and included purchasing the Ceramics Center building, renovations, equipment, a new roof and parking lot.

The second phase, which continues, includes renovation of the historic 104-year-old main building.

OUTREACH PROGRAM EXPANDS LUX will reach 200 more kids in 2017/18

This year, even more at-risk kids living in poverty will have a chance to have first-class art instruction with the benefits that come from STEAM education, using art to illuminate history, science and math.

United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County doubled the amount of their support to help expand the LUX outreach program to reach up to 650 at-risk students in the 2017/18 school year at Lincoln Elementary Schools and the Lancaster County Youth Services' facility. That's 200 students more than have been supported by grants in the past.

Other outreach program partners stepped up to fund this crucial program — Lincoln Community Foundation, All State Corporate Giving, and the Shopko Foundation — because they understand how important it is for children in Lincoln to receive art classes as part of their education. Statistics prove that kids with exposure to the arts stay in school, get better grades and excel as leaders.

Thank you to United Way and our other partners for your leadership and support!



ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE KATELYN FARNETH LEADS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ART SUPPLIES TO 450 KIDS

at the LUX. This past summer, she led a suc- Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation. She cessful drive to fund art supplies for 450 of our attended Edinboro University of Pennsylva-Lincoln Public School's outreach students, so they'd have art supplies at home to work on projects.

"Last year while teaching throughout Lincoln I found that many of the children didn't have access to basic art supplies at home. This year I decided to try and change that. I wanted to give kids the creative outlet they need to foster critical thinking and influence a new generation of artists."

It's this dedication that led Katelyn to be selected as the LUX Kimmel Fellow - the first LUX artist-in-residence to be supported by



Katelyn Farneth lives, works and breathes art a foundation – the Richard P. Kimmel and nia where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Painting, and minored in Drawing and Art History. During her time at Edinboro she also studied Art History abroad in Sienna, Italy. She served as an artist-in-residence for two years and had her solo show in August of 2016

> After her stint as an artist-in-residence, Katelyn joined the LUX staff as Education Coordinator, helping open and organize the new Ceramic Center and assisting the Education Director in managing our education proarams

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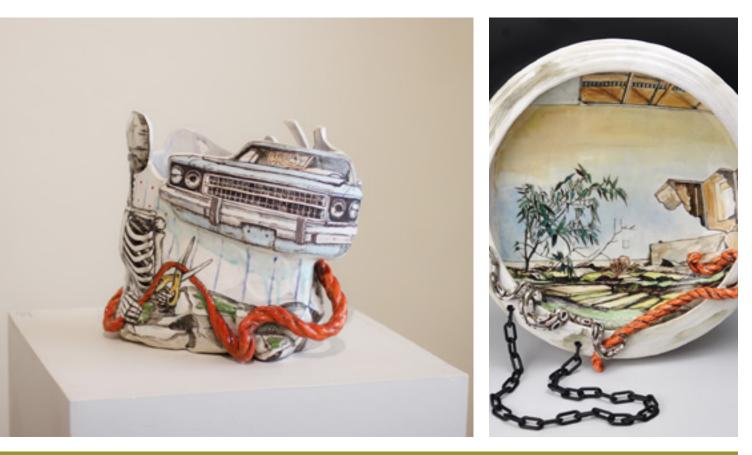
Rising ceramics star Jessica Brandl took her first class at The LUX

Ceramic Artist Jessica Brandl took her first ceramics class at the LUX Center for the Arts when she was in high school. Since that time, she's earned both a Bachelor's and Master's in Fine Art, had numerous artist residencies across the country, and has won awards and accolades for her distinctive ceramic vision.

Her tragic and inspiring story reveals clearly how the LUX helps students to unlock their potential and succeed as artists.

When she returned to the LUX and Lincoln in April 2017 for an exhibit and workshop, she described in her own words how her life was transformed.

Jessica went on to get a BFA from Kansas City Art Institute and a MFA from Ohio State University. She just finished as artist-in-residence at the Tyler School for Art at Temple University and is currently a professor and visiting artist at the Alberta College of Art and Design in Calgary, Canada. In 2017, Brandl was named as an "emerging artist" by the National Council on Education for the Ceramics Arts and won the Zanesville Prize for best vessel.





JESSICA TELLS HER STORY:

"I am so proud to announce that I will be in Lincoln to give a workshop at LUX Center for the Arts. It was here in the summer of 2001 that I took my first ceramic class. I was to be a senior in high school that fall. The class was a two-session raku firing, and the instructor was Michael Strand. The environment, with excited and interested energy, and the availability to be immersed in art making was everything I had hoped I could find as a young student from a rural small town in Nebraska. In that class I did not feel 'other,' but as though I belonged with value and sincere interest placed in a mutual understanding that it is important to look closely at things in the world. After that experience I was filled with energy and I felt that anything was possible in the world. This experience and the hope it provided were crucial for the months to come. As a senior in 2001 there was a cascade of catastrophes that occurred after the summer: The national catastrophe of September 11th, our local catastrophe a month later when our marching band school bus plummeted from a 63 foot tall bridge killing several, and my personal tragedy in early spring when at 18, I became an orphan - losing both of my parents in a motorcycle accident. One week later I received my acceptance letter from the Kansas City Art Institute; like any person in distress the opportunity provided an outlet for me to take flight and build something new."

"Thank you LUX Center for the Arts for the past and the future."

Artists-In-Residence



have a solo exhibition at the LUX.

This year we welcomed one new artist-in-residence to Lincoln – McKenzie Phelps joined us in January 2017. McKenzie is a figurative painter and fiber artist from Omaha, Nebraska. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Sarah Henry.

Top right: Sara Henry's ceramic orbs Middle Right: Jason Piccoli's other worldly urns Bottom Right: Katelyn Farneth's encaustic painting

SPREADING THE JOY **OF ART & CREATIVITY** TO OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

Four dedicated, professional artists-in-residence go through our program each year, bringing fresh artistic perspectives to our community. Teaching classes, they share the joy of creating art to Lincoln children, adults and families in our in-house and outreach classes. Through their studio time here, they create work sold in our gallery shop and

McKenzie joined three other artists: Kimmel Fellow, Katelyn Farneth (you can read more about Katelyn on pg. 3); Jason Piccoli, our Cooper Foundation artist-in-residence; and







LUX patrons tell Congress: SAVE ART!

ART' campaign in response to cuts in state funding and the threat to end funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. The 'SAVE ART' campaign was designed to bring attention to the ways the LUX Center for the Arts receives funding from the NEA. In 2016, we received a \$10,000 grant for a workshop with at-risk youth (see below). We also receive funding as a Basic Support Grantee from the Nebraska Arts Council, which is partially funded by the NEA. If the NEA were to disappear, small arts organizations across Nebraska would lose funding and vital arts programs that enrich Nebraska would be emperiled.

In January, 2017, the LUX launched its 'SAVE The LUX created postcards to both our two Senators and our Congressman which many visitors to the LUX signed. More than 200 postcards were presented to Congressman Fortenberry and our Senators' staff in September and October.

> Thanks to everyone who donated and signed postcards to help us save art at the LUX and in Lincoln.





'Challenging and Diverse' exhibitions continue to draw acclaim





LUX NEA Grant In program sponsored by NEA, artist Kim Darling gave 'VOICES' to at-risk youth

What happens when a group of at-risk kids get to express themselves with art? MAGIC. The Community Room at the LUX exploded in creativity when kids from the Bay and the Lighthouse joined Omaha artist Kim Darling for a very special workshop - creating art from a variety of mediums. The three-week project was made possible with a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Darling led the 30 youth, many of whom had never had any art training, in an exploration of identity and community for several hours each day. The youth created works using

photography, painting, woodworking, and costumes based on their discovery of self. Darling, working side-by-side with the kids, created work inspired by the kids' creative output.

Together, they created a boisterous, joyous and amazing work that organically took over the walls of the LUX Community Room. At the next First Friday, their families, friends and members of the public marveled at the exhibition - VOICES - that they created. Powerful and empowering, the finished result inspired everyone who saw it.





First Fridays at the LUX continued to inspire, impress and astound in 2016/17. Former LUX Gallery Director Bri Murphy's last year at the LUX was stellar.

To many viewers, last year's highlight was tion of the LUX. 'Dynamic Range', an exhibit featuring work that explored the connections between photography and sculpture. Scheduled as part of Lincoln PhotoFest 2017, two of the most striking works were birds sculpted from photographs and paper, by Brooklyn-based artist Oliver Herring. The LUX clearly stood out among PhotoFest Lincoln exhibits, with Lincoln Journal Star's L. Kent Wolgamott calling 'Dynamic Range,' "the most challenging and diverse PhotoFest exhibition that I've seen."

Also receiving critical attention were artist Eddie Dominguez' 'Shifting': raw, honest and intimate drawings reflecting his spiritual and intellectual artistic underpinnings; and Steve Snell's 'Snacks on the River,' documenting a 'trip' down the Missouri River in a cardboard boat.

In May, the LUX said goodbye to Bri Murphy, project." who left to pursue her MFA at Ohio University, "Bri elevated the artistic level of LUX exhibitions during her time here. She had a real

impact on Lincoln's artistic community," said Susan McIntosh Kriz, LUX Executive Director. In May, artist Susan T. Wood joined the LUX Staff as Exhibitions Director. She has already begun to continue and expand the reputa-

LUX Print Collection

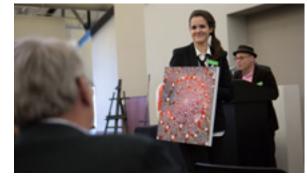
BEST OF THE BEST EXHIBIT SHINES

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the LUX Center, LUX Museum Curator Susan Soriente created a new exhibit - "Celebrating 40 Years with the Best of the Best." The exhibition "wow-ed" visitors with prints by Picasso. Kandinsky, Latrec and others, giving viewers a keen appreciation of the lucid artistic vision of founder Gladys Lux, a lifetime collector. "It was a difficult assignment for me to pick the best works of the print collection, because there are so many that are notable," said Soriente, "It was a very enjoyable

SAVE THE DATE: May 11, 2018 Annual Art Auction

In April 2017, we re-branded our annual art auction and moved it to Spring, with a new location at the Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center. Our new art auction experience received rave reviews.

This year it will be on Friday, May 11, 2018. Our most important fundraiser of the year features awesome art, music, great drinks and hors douevres — all to benefit the programs at the LUX you love. Mark your calendar now!





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81% Programs **11%** Fundraising

8% Administration

LUX IMPACTS LINCOLN 2016/17

Gallery Attendance	7,752
LUX Center Class Attendance	1,520
LUX Outreach Class Attendance	1,099
Community Event Attendance	2,426
Participating Artists	328

Total 2016/17

13.035

LUX'S TEN YEAR IMPACT

Total	126,032
Community Event Attendance	16,432
LUX Outreach Class Attendance	7,992
LUX Center Class Attendance	11,381
Gallery Attendance	90,227

2018 Exhibition Schedule

challenging, critically acclaimed exhi- a chance to meet the artists, and to bitions of fine art and craft. 2018 will be mingle over light refreshments with othno different. Under the leadership of our er art lovers at our openings. new Exhibitions Director Susan T. Wood, we have 16 exciting, thought-provoking exhibitions coming up in next calendar year, curated for your enjoyment. Each you on First Friday in 2018.

The LUX has earned a reputation for first Friday, there's a new free exhibition,

JANUARY 2018

Ryan Crotty | Oil paintings Dana Fritz | Photography

FEBRUARY 2018 Ryan Crotty | Oil paintings

Peter Olson | Ceramics

MARCH 2018

Nancy Friedemann-Sanchez | Paintings Doyan Moskov | Ceramics

APRIL 2018 Nancy Friedemann-Sanchez | Paintings Ruan Hoffman | Ceramics

MAY 2018 Chie Hitchner | Textiles Gillian Parke | Ceramics

JUNE 2018 Chie Hitchner | Textiles Lisa Lockman | Ceramics

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SEPTEMBER 2018 If Water Could Talk | Invitational Anne Hamersky | Photography

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McKenzie Phelps | Oil paintings

OCTOBER 2018

If Water Could Talk | Invitational

NOVEMBER 2018 Gifted: Annual Winter Show

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