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2023

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art events
celebrating
diversity, equity, &
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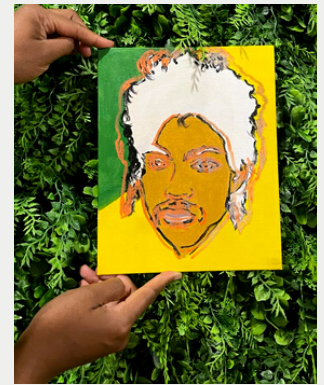
ArtsClub brings people together to learn about, discuss, and create artwork. Every month, we offer lessons and special events to celebrate diverse cultures and holidays. Events can be hosted at our East Village art studio/gallery space, in our Dupont Circle DC studio, with one of our rooftop venue partners, at your office or remotely!

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JANUARY

New Year's

Ring in 2023 with a Warhol Factory Party! At Warhol's studio, known as his "factory", people of all backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, and genders gathered to discuss ideas, create art, and have a great time. Celebrate the diversity of your office by partying like Warhol and creating silkscreen prints together!



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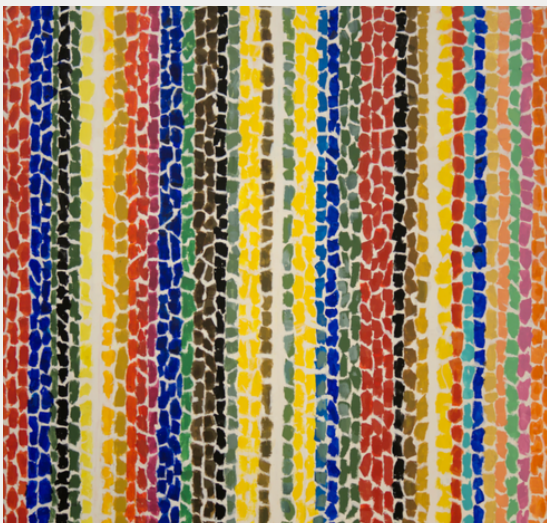
FEBRUARY

Black History Month

For Black History Month, learn about pioneering Black artists Jean-Michel Basquiat, Alma Thomas, and Sam Gilliam. Then create artwork inspired by their styles!

Jean-Michel Basquiat Studio Night

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Sam Gilliam Studio Night

Sam Gilliam was a DC-based abstract artist whose work came to prominence in the 1950s and 60s, at the height of the Civil Rights Movement. He is known for his "drape paintings" and "rake paintings", which challenged traditional painting-on-canvas techniques. Learn about Sam Gilliam and create your own textured rake paintings by raking colorful paint across your canvas!

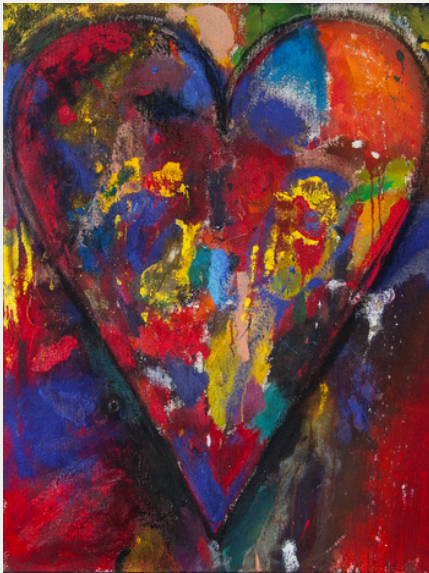


FEBRUARY

Valentine's Day



This Valentine's, celebrate all types of love with lessons on Jim Dine and Robert Indiana. Make your own work inspired by the artists' signature styles! Families welcome.



Jim Dine Studio Night

Jim Dine is an American Pop Artist, known for his abstract paintings of hearts. A self-described romantic painter, Dine embraced the heart because he believed it was a shape with boundless possibilities and a complex meaning. Learn about Jim Dine and create abstract heart paintings.



Robert Indiana Studio Night

Robert Indiana is most known for his famous LOVE paintings and sculptures, four letters stacked together in a perfect square. Since its inception in 1964, Indiana's LOVE series has been translated into multiple languages and adopted as a symbol of love between same-sex couples. In 2008, he repurposed his LOVE format to read HOPE for the Obama campaign. During this event, you'll learn the story behind the invention and evolution of Indiana's LOVE series. Then you'll create your own paintings using any 4-letter word that resonates with you!



MARCH

Women's History Month

Celebrate Women's History Month with lessons on inspiring female artists!



Helen Frankenthaler Studio Night

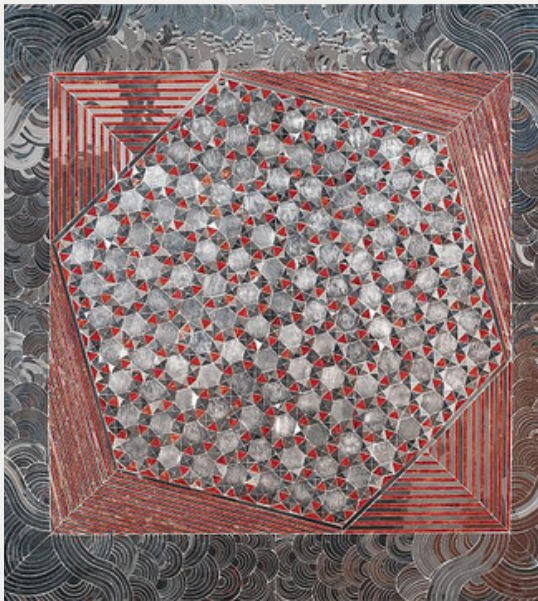
Helen Frankenthaler was an American Abstract Expressionist painter best known for her “soak stain” paintings, which she created by diluting her paint and soaking it into unprimed canvas. Like Jackson Pollock, Frankenthaler didn't use brushes, but rather poured her paint onto the canvas and used sponges to move it around. The result was a calming field of liquid-like color. Learn about Helen Frankenthaler and create your own calming soak stain paintings.

Judy Chicago Studio Night

Judy Chicago is a contemporary feminist artist, best known for her installation at the Brooklyn Museum, *The Dinner Party*, which features 39 elaborate place settings on a large triangular table, each designed to celebrate the accomplishments of an iconic female leader or creative, including Georgia O'Keeffe, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, and Virginia Woolf. Learn about this epic masterpiece and create your own painted plate to represent your place at the table.



Nowruz, or Persian New Year, begins on the Spring Equinox and is celebrated worldwide by people of various faiths and backgrounds. Mark this holiday with a lesson and art making session based on the Iranian artist Monir Shahroudy Faramfarman. Persian catering options available!



Monir Shahroudy Farmanfarman Studio Night

Monir was an Iranian artist best known for her geometric works incorporating mirrors. Her career spanned six decades, during which she worked in both New York City and Tehran. During this event, you'll learn about Monir's artistic journey and create your own works with paint markers and mirror tiles based on sacred geometry.



Celebrate Earth Day by creating abstract art inspired by the patterns found in nature.

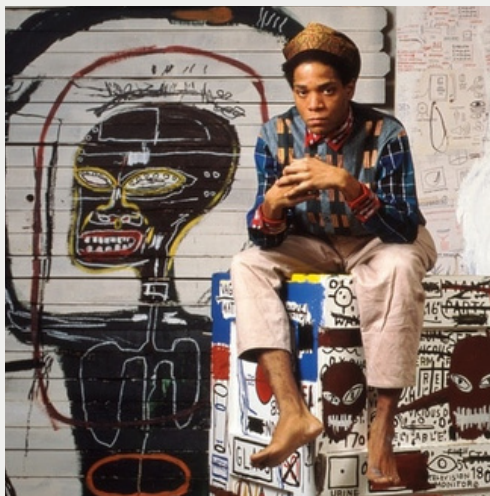


Hilma af Klint Studio Night

Swedish born artist Hilma af Klint created abstract geometric works inspired by the recurring patterns found in organic forms such as shells, flowers and cells. During this event, you'll learn about Hilma af Klint's artistic process and create your own abstract, colorful paintings to celebrate the complex natural world around us!



Welcome summer interns and new employees to New York with lessons on the artists who defined the city's art scene!



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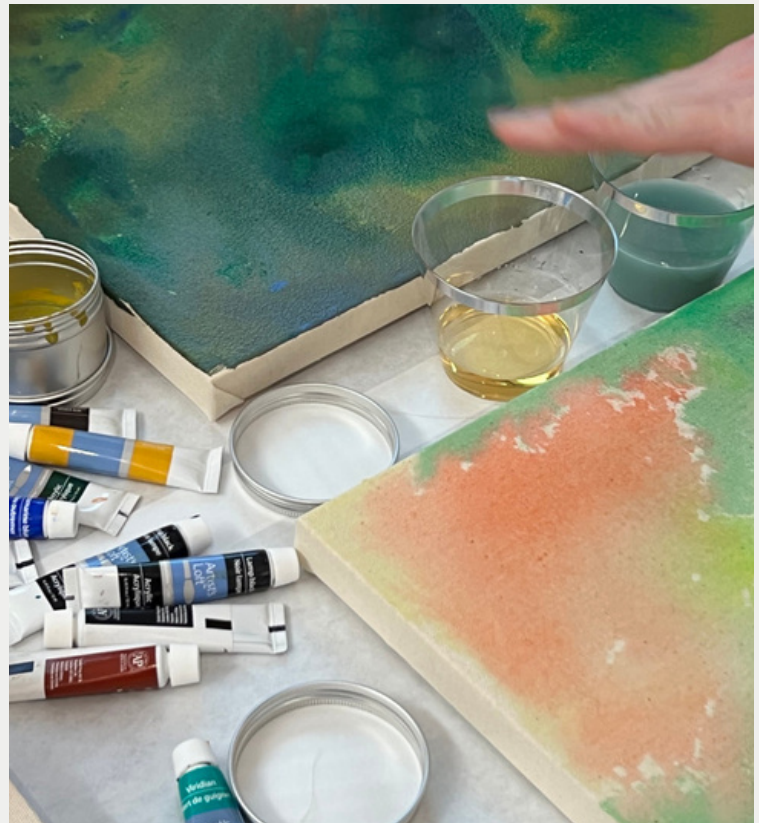
Mental Health Awareness Month

Creating art is a powerful tool for mental health. It has been proven to improve cognitive functioning, foster self-esteem, reduce stress, and improve productivity and creativity at work. In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, learn how to harness the benefits of art on mental health.



Meditate & Paint

This event begins with a brief guided meditation, followed by a painting exercise focused on using color and paint to express your emotions. Your group will leave this event having learned new techniques of using art as a tool to re-center and improve mental health.



Celebrate Pride with a lesson on artist and gay rights activist Keith Haring. Then create your own characters and symbols to express your messages of Pride!



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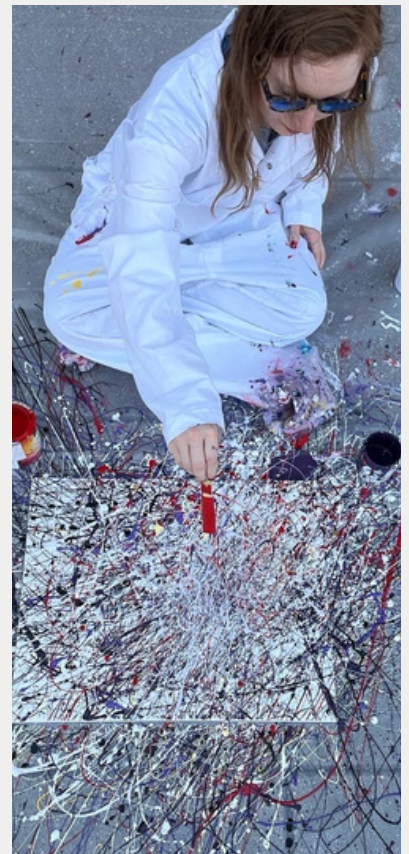


Bring your colleagues together for an evening of outdoor painting at one of ArtsClub's rooftop venue partners! You can choose from any of our lessons, but we recommend you take the opportunity to get a little messy by creating Jackson Pollock inspired paintings!



Jackson Pollock Studio Night

Jackson Pollock was a New York Abstract Expressionist artist who became famous for his "action paintings," which he created by dripping and splattering paint onto his canvases. Learn about Jackson Pollock and create your own action paintings using Pollock's signature technique.



AUGUST

Summer Finale

Celebrate summer by painting outside or 'en plein air' and bringing your favorite vacation destinations to life!

Claude Monet Studio Night

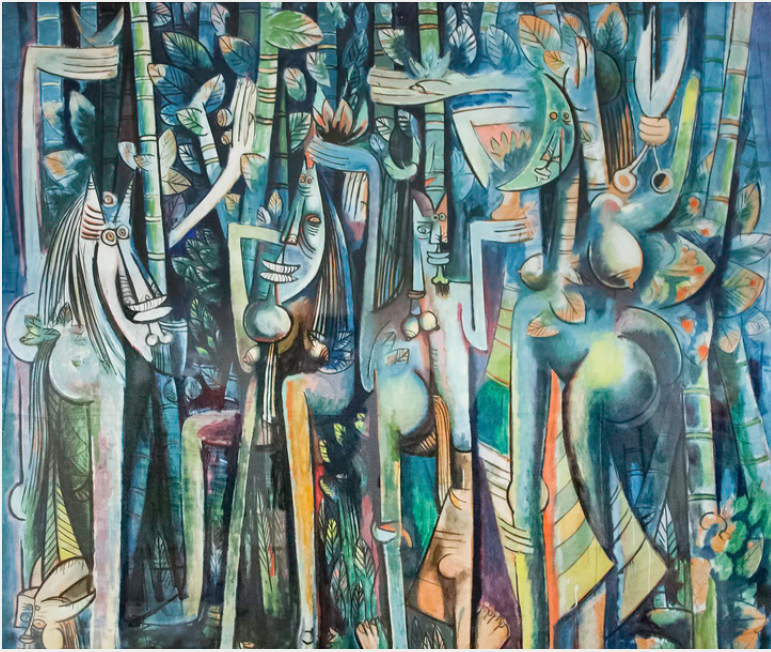
Claude Monet was a pioneer of the French Impressionist movement and is best known for his poetic paintings that capture fleeting moments in nature. Learn the story behind the famous paintings of Monet, from his sunsets and seascapes to his iconic water lilies. Then create paintings of your favorite nature scenes, taking inspiration from the Impressionist techniques of portraying light and color through energetic and perfunctory brushstrokes.



SEPTEMBER

Hispanic Heritage Month

For Hispanic Heritage Month we're highlighting our lessons on Cuban artist Wifredo Lam and Chilean artist Roberto Matta. Learn about their works and create your own paintings inspired by their styles!



Wifredo Lam Studio Night

A major early 20th-century painter of Afro-Cuban heritage, Wifredo Lam created his own style by fusing Surrealism and Cubism with the spirit and forms of the Caribbean. Learn about Wifredo Lam's inspiration and paint your own symbolic self-portraits, integrating Lam's style and symbols with your own life and heritage.

Roberto Matta Studio Night

Roberto Matta was a Chilean artist famous for his "mind-map" paintings that imagined the aesthetics of consciousness. A seminal figure of the Surrealist and Abstract Expressionist movements, he worked between Chile, Mexico, Europe, and New York alongside artists such as Salvador Dalí, Marcel Duchamp, Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko, and Robert Motherwell. Learn about Roberto Matta and create mind-map paintings that explore your subconscious.



OCTOBER

Halloween



Bring your colleagues together to create polka dotted pumpkin art in the style of Yayoi Kusama! Perfect for sophisticated autumn decor.



Yayoi Kusama Studio Night

"I love pumpkins because of their humorous form, warm feeling, and a human-like quality." - Kusama

Yayoi Kusama is one of the world's most widely recognized and commercially successful living artists, most famous for her paintings and sculptures of pumpkins. Her style is characterized by polka dots, organic forms, and optical illusions. Learn about Kusama's artistic journey -- from her career as a young artist in Japan to international artistic stardom -- and create your own polka dot paintings and pumpkin sculptures inspired by her work.



OCTOBER



Diwali

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is an annual 5-day celebration observed by millions of people in India and around the world. The holiday marks the triumph of light over darkness and is often commemorated by lighting Diyas, or clay oil lamps, which can be decorated with bright and cheerful designs. Celebrate this Diwali by decorating a Diya to light up on the special day. Indian catering options available!



DIY Diyas

This event will begin with a brief introduction on the symbolism of the Diya, led by a religious studies expert with a Master's from Harvard Divinity School. ArtsClub's staff will then guide an interactive session on how to paint and decorate your own Diya in anticipation of Diwali. Diyas, special paint, assorted gems, stones, and more will be provided!



NOVEMBER

Autumn



Celebrate fall foliage by creating Matisse inspired paper cut outs. Autumn treats and hot cider included!

Henri Matisse Studio Night

Towards the end of his life, Henri Matisse created a series of colorful and vibrant works capturing the energy of falling foliage. He used a technique he called “drawing with scissors,” which involved painting with gouache on paper, cutting out leaf-shaped pieces and assembling them on boards. During this event, you'll learn about Matisse’s vibrant cut-out works and create your own works by painting, cutting, and assembling paper on board.



DECEMBER

Holiday Parties

Add an artsy twist to your Holiday Party by hosting it at an Art Gallery!



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Celebrate the holidays by bringing your friends, colleagues or family together at ArtsClub's Studio/ Gallery in the East Village! We offer additional catering options as well as a variety of creative activities to choose from, all situated at our charming gallery space, surrounded by artwork from emerging artists. Certain to be an event the office will talk about for months to come!



Hear what our clients have to say!

Our team had a great time with ArtsClub creating our Keith Haring inspired paintings. We loved learning more about the artist and getting to know our teammates a little better through art! This was our favorite team activity so far. A perfect team bonding activity!

— **Account Manager, Google**

The events we have hosted with ArtsClub have been some of the most popular events we have hosted! They provide the opportunity to get out of the office and have an interactive learning experience about the arts.

— **Events Coordinator, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP**

We had a wonderful time and I could tell everyone was excited to be using a different part of their brains. I will recommend to everyone I know!

— **Engineering Manager, Spotify**

Our team could not have had more fun during our event with ArtsClub. Everything was so well organized, and the combination of the art history lesson and painting tutorial made the event both engaging and informative. Our whole team left inspired and ready for our next painting project!

— **Account Executive, LinkedIn**

I organized an ArtsClub event for my team and we all loved it! It was a creative and fun way to bring everyone together. We are all looking forward to our next ArtsClub event!

— **Financial Analyst, Bloomberg**

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