







Dear Friends,

Tomorrow marks the beginning of not just a new year, but a new decade.

I don't know about you, but I have heard more folks than usual making resolutions and big plans for the coming year. At Inclusive Arts Vermont, we have some big plans of our own for 2020.

Check out what's happening in just the first few months of the year:

You can start the new decade celebrating your own unique rhythm at the **Sensory-Friendly Drumming workshop on January 26th**. These fun and inclusive classes are designed for families with a child or adult on the autism spectrum (or for anyone who would enjoy a sensory-friendly experience). No experience is necessary and they're free, but <u>registration is required</u> so make sure you sign up ahead of time.

As we've mentioned in our <u>Strategic Plan</u>, one of our goals is to work towards systemic change by offering more training and professional development opportunities. On February 5th, join us for the highly requested <u>Marketing</u> Accessibility Training at the Vermont Arts Council. <u>Register now, as space is limited</u>.

Our latest **exhibition of work by Vermont artists with disabilities** will open at the Flynn Center's Amy E. Tarrant Gallery. Titled ANEW, the show features the work of 29 artists in a variety of mediums, including paint, photography, assemblage sculpture, and more. I hope you can join us for the kickoff of ANEW's statewide tour at the opening reception on February 15th.

We will usher in the unofficial start of summer on Memorial Day weekend with a fundraising event, celebrating the past, present, and future of arts access in Vermont. As part of the evening we will deliver the first-ever **Award for Arts Accessibility**, given to an individual that embodies and champions our mission of inclusion. Stay tuned for more information soon on tickets, but in the meantime, save the date for Saturday, May 23rd.

Thank you all for being a part of the work we do and this incredible community. Together, we make so much magic and joy. I am so excited to see what the next decade will bring for all of us!

Cheers,

Katie Miller

Executive Director

Thank you for your continued support!



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The mission of Inclusive Arts Vermont is to use the magic of the arts to engage the capabilities and enhance the confidence of children and adults with disabilities. We do this through education, exhibition, and capacity building programs for teachers, students, artists, and organizations.







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