



ATHENA PROJECT

EMPOWERING
WOMEN
THROUGH
THE ARTS

ARTIST PARTICIPANTS
2,136
[95% WOMEN]

SUMMER CAMP STUDENTS
187

202 PERFORMANCES

SCRIPTS SUBMITTED
1,545

AUDIENCE MEMBERS
362,734

88 VISUAL ART SUBMISSIONS

6 VISUAL ART SHOWS PRODUCED

54 NEW PLAYS DEVELOPED

76 COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

835 VOLUNTEERS

SINCE 2012, ATHENA PROJECT HAS BEEN EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH THE ARTS.



2021

READ & RANT

This monthly book club explores plays written primarily by women and aims to raise awareness of the under-representation of women's stories on stage.

ARTISTS SOUND OFF

A sounding board for women artists whose inequities fall on deaf ears.

VIRTUAL PLAYS IN PROGRESS SERIES

Plays In Progress (PIP) Series exists to develop new theatrical works by women* playwrights and share them with an audience to get feedback.

GIRLS CREATE SUMMER CAMPS

Our unparalleled Girls Create summer camp program ignites the passions and talents of 6th to 10th grade girls in playwriting, comedy, and fashion design.

#ARTFINDSYOU

Mobile artists invite communities to experience vibrant local art without having to leave their neighborhoods.

JANUARY-NOVEMBER 2021 (MONTHLY)

MARCH-APRIL 2021 (BI-MONTHLY ON TUESDAYS)

JUNE 5-7, 2021

JULY-AUGUST

SUMMER 2021

Athena Project empowers women* through the arts and creates a world with gender equity where women's voices are amplified. The ways in which we do that are numerous and vary as our organization has grown. We actively evolve with the times, and we always do so with purpose, passion, and intention. Please read on to see what kinds of programs we offer.

PERFORMANCES

Plays In Progress Series

In our innovative Plays In Progress (PIP) Series, women playwrights collaborate with directors, dramaturgs and actors, to bring brand new work to the public as workshop performances, staged readings or table readings—and then the audience talks back! Because viewers' and actors' reactions are so vital to help develop stories further, we invite the public to take part in a discussion after each performance.

EVENTS

#ArtFindsYou

Dance, music, spoken word, comedy, and visual arts take to the streets of metro Denver! Holly Porterfield and Athena Project have continued their partnership to bring visual and performing artists to the city's eleven districts. Coming again this summer, a mobile group of artists will drive through a predetermined route, pausing along the way, inviting communities to experience vibrant local artists without having to leave their neighborhoods. A mobile stage created by Handsome Little Devils will bring dancers, comedians, and spoken word artists. Riding independently in pedicabs will be local musicians and mobile billboards will traverse the city featuring visual artworks. The routes for #ArtFindsYou along with a line-up of artists will be published on our website. For last year's adventures (which included collaborating with K Contemporary Art Gallery), visit ArtFindsUs.org.

Cocktails & Comedy

Our fabulous annual fundraiser, Cocktails & Comedy, features outrageously talented women comedians from around Denver. A gala evening to tickle your taste buds and give you the giggles!

Dine + Drink = Donate

Join Athena Project as we partner with a local eatery in raising funds to support women artists. All proceeds go directly to Athena Project programming. Dine + Drink = Donate events are a fun way to connect with our existing patrons throughout the year AND to get to know brand new supporters!

OFFERINGS

Read & Rant

Read & Rant is Athena Project's monthly book club exploring plays written primarily by women. We read one or two scripts or ancillary materials during the month and meet every third Monday online via Zoom, to discuss the works. We share what

makes a good script; how it affects us and how it links to the larger world and converse with invited guests who bring an in-depth knowledge base. Our monthly free offerings to the community aim to raise awareness of the underrepresentation of women's stories on stage.

Artists Sound Off

Athena Project's newest series amplifies women by calling out gender and racial inequity in the arts. The Artists Sound Off Series empowers participants to identify, discuss, and champion existing barriers to success in various disciplines of the arts. This is a safe space for artists to join with a community of peers and to share their stories, frustrations, and dreams for the future.

Curating Art for Impact

Our unique Curating Art for Impact creates year-round opportunities for artists to design and/or perform works that are in-line with an organization's brand and mission. These works of art are specifically curated to help the organization reinforce their mission in a thoughtful and engaging way to their patrons, supporters or employees. Such unique works could be presented at corporate parties, nonprofit fundraisers, or employee appreciation events. Our connections and expertise are found within our community and include visual artists, dancers, comedians, poets, spoken word artists, musicians, fashion designers and even chalk artists!

EDUCATION

Girls Create

Our unparalleled Girls Create summer intensives ignite the passions and talents of middle and high school girls (6th-10th grade). This invaluable program includes Girls Stand Up Comedy, Girls Design Fashion, and Girls Write. Each camp empowers girls to lead and to affect change in themselves and others through sharing of ideas and creative learning. Professionals teach, guest artists share their expertise, and mentors from the community guide and encourage participants. Each five-day program culminates in a final performance—family, friends, and the community are invited to celebrate the girls' work at a Friday presentation.

Internships

Get involved with Athena Project! Develop hands-on skills working with an established arts nonprofit. Internship opportunities include Social Media, Videography, Photography, Marketing, Graphic Design, Event Coordination and Administration. For seniors in high school through college.

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