

Art Saves Lives 2023

Art, Activism & Cultural Advocacy

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About

Art Saves Lives Foundation

Using Art as a bridge to Education

Art Saves Lives Foundation(ASLF) was founded in January 2013 as a cross-cultural exchange between youth in need and experienced practicing artists who seek to use their talents for positive change.

Each Summer this collaborative project selects renowned artists from around the world who use their expertise to introduce participants to global and local art forms & traditions, thus empowering students with the life skills necessary to effectively deal with the demands and challenges of everyday life.

Using art as a bridge to education, ASLF seeks to facilitate personal empowerment through creativity by engaging, developing, and reinforcing the students' imagination.

The program provides guidance for young artists with aspirations in pursuing a career in performing & visual arts, as well as youth who would like to further explore their own creative curiosity and the impact of art in the world.



Art Saves Lives Foundation

Art Saves Lives (ASLF) is a cross-cultural exchange between youth-in-need and experienced practicing artists who seek to use their talents for positive change. Renowned artists are selected from around the world to travel to St. Maarten and participate in The Summer Intensive, the inaugural project of ASLF. These professionals use the arts to introduce participants to global and local traditions and empower them with the life skills necessary to effectively deal with the demands and challenges of everyday life. The program also provides guidance for young artists with aspirations of pursuing a career in the arts.

Students participating in this program are offered a nurturing learning environment and are exposed to the following:

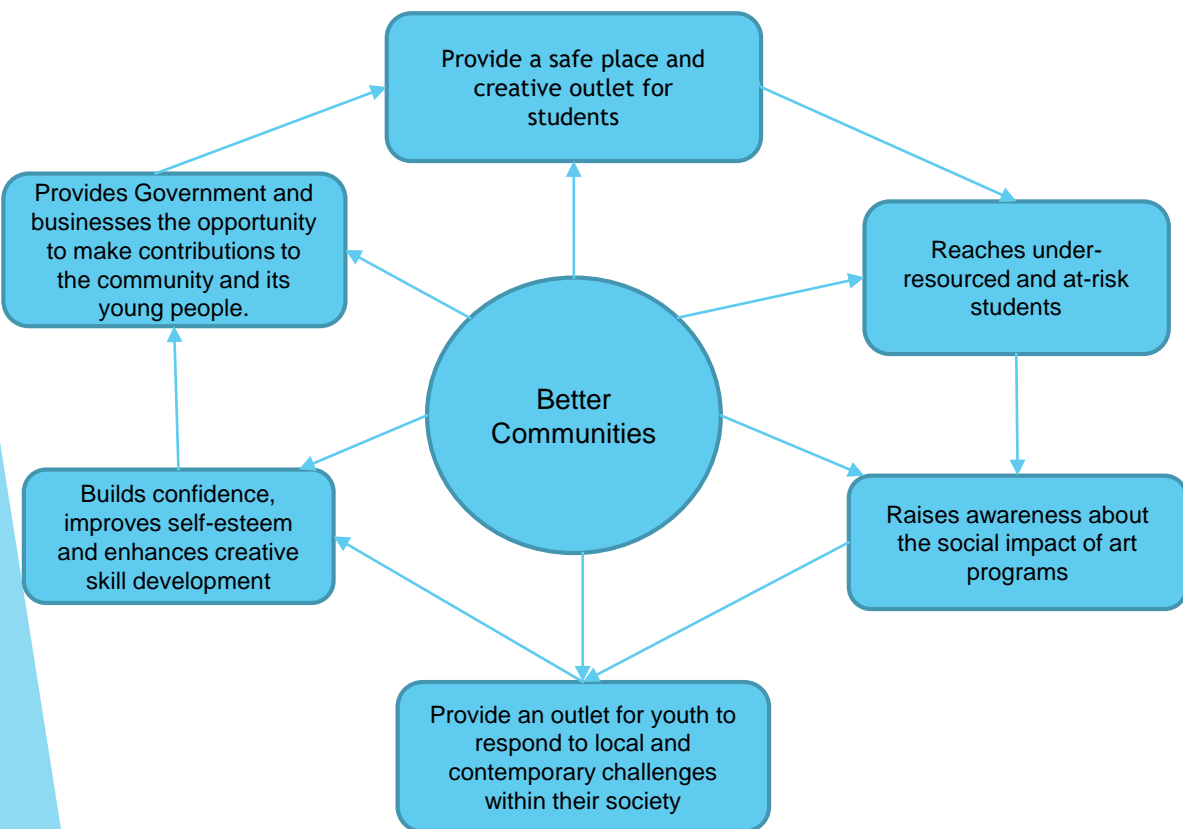
COMMUNICATION: self-expression, articulation, and collaboration.

CRITICAL THINKING: problem solving and reasoning.

ACADEMICS: math, science, and language arts.

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT: the skills needed to perform any task requiring originality, innovation, imagination and improvisation.

Art for Social Change



From creating avenues for children to express themselves better by bringing communities together, artists have always been on the forefront of social change.

Art Saves Lives Foundation endeavors to continue utilizing its resources to change the lives of the children they serve, thereby strengthening communities socially and culturally.

We maintain that art remains at the heart of sustainable societies and we are motivated to continue working hard to ensure that art is no longer an afterthought.

Art Saves Lives Foundation

Mission

Art Saves Lives Foundation is committed to providing a positive, structured and creatively stimulating environment for our students. Our magnet program is tailored to different groups of students with varied levels of expertise from beginner to advanced. Through exposing our students to varied art forms our goal is to promote cross-cultural exchange, foster creative discussions and promote tolerance and understanding among our students.

We meet our core objectives by:

- Preparing students who are interested in careers in the arts by providing them with the skills that will strengthen their technical ability within the creative process.
- Utilize the arts to develop skills in analysis, interpretation, evaluation and problem solving skills that can be used in their everyday lives.

Vision

Art Saves Lives Foundation aims to provide aspiring artists with the training, education and guidance needed for the successful pursuit of careers in performing & visual arts and entertainment. We seek to cultivate the talents of our students and provide a well-rounded program that stimulates the body, mind and spirit of developing artists.



Art, Activism & Cultural Advocacy 2023

The theme of Art Saves Lives Summer Intensive 2023 , Art, Activism and Cultural Advocacy, represents the growth of Arts Saves Lives' work over the past ten years, and speaks to the legacy we intend to impart by continuing our mission into the future. The ASLF Summer Intensive will have two Community Outreach programs happening simultaneously one on the French and one on the Dutch side of the island, the ASLF Summer Intensive Magnet program will be held at the INDISU Dance Theater of St. Maarten, the Orchestra program will be hosted at the National Institute of the Art-NIA. There will also be multiple seminars held throughout the week at the various locations mentioned. The weeklong program will run from Sunday 25th June to Sunday 2nd July and will culminate with our performance on Saturday 1st July at the Philipsburg Cultural Center.

“Art” represents the core of who we are. At the onset of our founding, we sought to bring world-class artists to St. Maarten/St. Martin, to provide our young people with access to rigorous technical training as well as the inner development that comes from the arts: self-expression, self-belief, and positive cognitive & emotional development. It is through these aspects that “art saves lives.”

In addition to building one's artistic capacity, our programs challenge our students to think about what their art stands for and what they want to activate within St. Maarten/St. Martin through their art. ASLF has utilized “activism” to build upon the power of art, by guiding our students to find purpose within their talents, and by fostering opportunities for them to create positive change in the community.

“Cultural advocacy” builds upon the roles of art & activism. This represents the work we have done in the past few years through “Continental Drift”, “We Are Resilient People!”, “Changing Perspective, Shifting the Consciousness” and “Building Legacy, Leadership in Art” to name a few of our themes and initiatives which continues to guide our growth into the future as we actively work to help preserve, promote, and honor the unique cultural traditions of St. Maarten/St. Martin through our programs.

What ASLF Summer Intensive provides

Students participation in this program are offered a nurturing and learning environment and are exposed to the following:

COMMUNICATION: self-expression, articulation, and collaboration

CRITICAL THINKING: problem solving and reasoning

ACADEMICS: math, science and language arts

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT: originality, innovation, imagination and improvisation

Our long term goals are to highlight the inherent value of art and culture to our society and promote an appreciation of the collective contributions of different art forms to our cultural identity. We hope to continue to expand regionally and invite children from neighboring islands to attend our Summer Intensive which encourages cross-cultural exchange, a key component of Art Saves Lives Foundation's mission statement. Over the years we have had student participants from Aruba, Curacao, Anguilla, St. Barths, Montserrat and Florida, USA. This year, we will also have students participating from Nevis.



Classes Provided



Each year we offer classes at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels:

- Mindfulness and Meditation
- Vocal Performance
- Yoga
- Ballet
- Modern / Contemporary Dance
- Hip Hop
- Art of Business and Financial Literacy
- Art of Social Media and Technology
- Spoken Word
- Painting on Canvas
- West African Drumming
- West African Dance
- Musical Theatre Dance
- Afro Soca Dance

Adult classes are offered every year that are open to the public. ASLF has also offered classes in Indian Culture Dance, Salsa, Kizomba, Photography, Sculpting, Music Engineering, Jewelry Making and Entrepreneurship.

ASLF Student Performance



The Summer Intensive cumulates each year with a student performance and the presentation of the Student Awards where a number of students are granted a trip to New York to attend classes and workshops. The Student Award recipients are gifted the experience of taking classes in some of the world's most renowned and prestigious institutions such as Alvin Ailey Dance School, Broadway Dance Center, Steps on Broadway, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Cumbe Dance & Drum Centre, Peri Dance Studios, Djoniba Dance & Drum Centre, Susan Batson Studios for Acting and a private seminar at the Google Headquarters NYC. Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are unable to offer our Student Award trip in 2023.

Despite not being able to take our annual Student Award trip, ASLF is excited and happy to announce in 2022 students Faith Peterson and Senlly Samuel were granted a full scholarship to attend The Debbie Allen School of Dance in LA, California for the summer of 2023. The organization along with the parents of both students mentioned will be fundraising to make their trip to California a success.

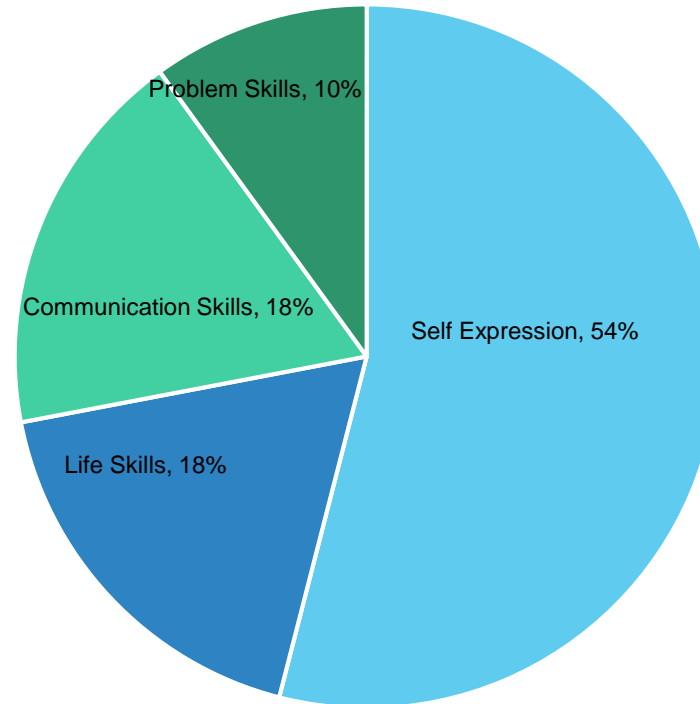
Student Award Trips



The Importance of Art in Child's development

Benefits of Art Education

Creative Arts fosters interaction, Cooperation and promotes social awareness which are the catalysts to developing students who are better prepared to face life's challenges.



- Self Expression, 54%
- Life Skills, 18%
- Communication Skills, 18%
- Problem Skills, 10%

The Benefits of Art & Culture in Tourism

There is a direct relationship between culture and tourism that cannot be denied. Culture reflects the people, places and things that are unique to a country or region through multiple mediums of art. Globally we often see how culture is the driving force for tourism as it highlights the beauty and attractiveness of the destination. As a popular Caribbean tourist destination, St. Maarten /St. Martin has a unique and diverse make-up of people, places, and attractions. Ultimately, it is a traveler's living dream.

The annual program of Art Saves Lives Foundations only adds to the already diverse events and happenings on the island. With our annual program, the impact on the students, parents, families and artists alike is evident through the success of the alumni and the retention rate of students who return annually. In this, our 9th year of programming, we will see many of our former students return as volunteers during their summer vacation as the program fosters a culture of creating lasting relationships. We have also witnessed many years of international students attending the program. ASLF Summer Intensive has hosted students from the neighboring islands such as St. Kitts, St. Barths, Anguilla, Curacao, Aruba, Montserrat, Netherlands and the United States of America. Educational Cultural tourism directly effects and stimulates the island's local economy.

Through the Ministry of Tourism, we can create an ad campaign that highlights the diverse culture of the Island while showcasing the enrichment of young developing artists of promise who participate in ASLF programs. It will also provide the program's teaching artists—who have their own fan base and following—with an opportunity to use their social media resources to promote St. Maarten/St. Martin as a destination for culture, food, nightlife and other activities offered by our beautiful island.



ASLF Partnership with UNESCO



In 2021 and 2022, UNESCO St. Maarten sponsored Art Saves Lives Foundation's Summer Intensive Folklore Dance, Song and History workshops. Thanks to Secretary General of UNESCO St. Maarten Ms. Marcellia Henry, ASLF students studied the traditional dance and song of St. Maarten with Head of Culture Ms. Clara Reyes and her Assistant Rudolph Davis. It was wonderful to witness this process. Everyday we witnessed each student singing and dancing with such Cultural pride.

Art Saves Lives Foundation believes the Ponum Dance, 3-Step Polka, Song and History workshop was one of the most important classes offered in our Art Saves Lives Summer Intensive program. We believe it is important to teach our young people to honor and celebrate St. Maarten's culture and tradition. Our children have to continue to study and embrace their culture. Cultural preservation work is extremely important to ASLF, it is a way for us to prevent our heritage practices from disappearing. With organizations like UNESCO St. Maarten, Art Saves Lives hopes to continue partnering towards the preservation of our island's artistic expressions & traditions.

ASLF Venues 2023

ASLF Summer Intensive Classes

Orientation 25th June

10am to 1pm

Week Intensive 26th July to 30th June

7am-8:30pm

ASLF Summer Intensive Adult Classes

26- 30th June

7pm-8:30pm

INDISU Dance Theatre of St. Maarten

69 Welfare Road, Cole Bay

St. Maarten

+1(721) 544 36 33

ASLF Youth Orchestra Program Week

Intensive 26th June to 9th July

10am-3pm

All-Caribbean Youth Orchestra

National Institute of Arts –NIA St. Maarten

Antigua & Barbuda Youth Symphony
Orchestra (ABYSO)

Bahamas Music Academy (BMA) |
Belissama Music Academy

Festival International de Musique Saint-
Georges | Global Arts Educational Initiative

La Cle des Arts- Henri Salvador- Ecole de
Musique en Guadeloupe

National Institute of Art-NIA Longwall

Road 20, Philipsburg

St. Maarten

+1(721) 543 06 00

Community Outreach Program

Intensive 26th June to 30th June

11am-3pm

La Halle des Sports- Stade Jean Louis Vanterpool

Concordia, Marigot

St. Martin

ASH Hillside Christian School

25 Grapefruit Rd, Cay Hill

St. Maarten

+1(721) 548 47 57

Art Saves Lives Foundation presents ALL- Caribbean Youth Orchestra Program



Conductor Marlon Daniel

Marlon Daniel is a protégé of the renowned Finnish pedagogue Jorma Panula. He has been described as “a natural and enormous talent” by the Chicago Sun- Times and as “fabulous and exceptional” by Pravda – Moscow. He is one of the most dynamic conductors of his generation and is a bright light for diversity in the world of classical music. He has performed in prestigious venues in Asia, Europe and the United States, from Carnegie Hall to the Rudolfinum in Prague.

This year Art Saves Lives Foundation is excited to work in partnership with the NIA Youth Orchestra. Students from the French side of the island will also be invited to take part in this wonderful enriching musical experience. Selected students from the Paul Emmanuel School of Music and Mr. Michael Maxwell Music Workshop will receive invitations.

Visual & Fine Arts



Zillah Duzan
Surface Pattern & Mural Design

Zillah Duzon Hazel is a local Fashion designer, Surface pattern designer and since recently a Mural Artist. She was born and raised on the beautiful Island of St. Maarten. Zillah is a wife, mother and entrepreneur. The name of her company is "Jolie Duzon", a women's clothing brand. The unique aspect of Zillah's fashion creations are her eye-catching bold, colorful hand-painted prints. Her inspiration is drawn from the island St. Maarten and its beautiful surroundings. The nature, the climate, the lifestyle, the colors and landscapes are all inspirations for her and can be seen in the prints and patterns she creates.

The Jolie Duzon brand is an expression of Zillah's creative mind translated into beautiful clothing and accessories. Jolie Duzon was created for women who are not afraid to stand out, women who are confident, women who are leaders, women who are passionate and love life Zillah aspires to be an inspiration to others and to make people smile and feel a sense of happiness when they wear and see her work.

Teaching Artists & Instructors



Ann McCormack
Vocal Performance



Vivian Nixon
Musical Theater Dance



Darian Parker
West African Dance



Alicia Graf Mack
Ballet



Rupali formerly known as Ina B
Indian Cultural Dance



Eleanor Jewels
Mindfulness and Meditation



Dale Allsopp
The Art of Business
Financial Literacy



Shakira Marshall
Afro Soca Dance



Karisma Jay
West African Dance



Jazzston Williams
Film & Content Creation



Leslie Samuel
The Art of Social Media
Technology

Teaching Artists & Instructors



Nikeva Stapleton
Modern Dance



Lee Gumbs
Contemporary Dance



Nicole Baker
Musical Theater Dance



Ryan Miller
Commercial & Hip Hop Dance



"Rasaan Talu" Green
West African Drum



Maud Arnold
The Business of Show Biz



Queen Godls
Spoken Word



Kristopher Williams
Assistant to Youth Orchestra
& Conductor Marlon Daniel



Luam Keflezgy
Commercial & Hip Hop



Jacquelyn Allsopp
Ballet



Head of Culture Clara Reyes
St. Maarten/ St. Maarten History,
Cultural Dance & Song

Art Saves Lives

Art Saves Lives, a foundation committed to promoting the inherent value of the Arts and Culture in our society.

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