



HOPE ON THE HORIZON

Art Gala



ART GALA • SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2024
6461 TRANSIT RD, BUFFALO, NY 14043, USA





EVENT TIMELINE

5:30 - 6:30pm

Guest Check-In, Silent Auction, Networking,
Hors D'oeuvres, Vibrant String Performance,
Live Art by Princessa Figueroa-Williams,
Community art (all guests can participate)

6:30 - 7:00pm

Dinner Service

7:00 - 7:30pm

Welcome | James Jackson & Grace Modi

Remarks from Evelyn Kessler
ICA Founder & Executive Director

7:30 - 7:45pm

Awards Ceremony & Recipient Speeches

7:45 - 8:45pm

Fashion Show
Performances by Sekar Melati Dancer
Nusantara Arts & Amor & Heritage

8:45 - 9:00pm

Silent Auction - Guests are invited to
submit final bids (*9:00pm bids posted*)

9:00 - 9:30pm

After party with LydVicious!

Open bar will be closed 6:30-7:30pm and will reopen at 8:00pm.

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FOR THE FULL
PROGRAM





GRACE MODI



VIBRANT STRINGS



**AMOR &
HERITAGE DANCE**



**PRINCESSA'S STUDIO
& ART GALLERY**

FEATURING

GRACE MODI

Grace is a former refugee from Sudan. Her journey to Buffalo ignited her passion for community service and cultural exchange. She has since become an international model and community activist. We are thrilled to have her as our host throughout this evening of creativity and celebration!

VIBRANT STRINGS

Vibrant Strings is a talented sibling trio from Buffalo who will enchant us with their magical violin music. Johnny, Jaliyah, and Rahim have played since elementary school and now at events nationwide by using their musical gifts to amplify causes and uplift communities,

AMOR & HERITAGE DANCE

Amor and Heritage Dance is a Hispanic folkloric dance company dedicated to promoting multiculturalism and education in Buffalo, NY. Founded by MarCe Zerrate, born in Cali, Colombia, they celebrate Hispanic heritage, through dynamic performances and community outreach.

PRINCESSA'S STUDIO & ART GALLERY

Princessa's Studio & Art Gallery brings a burst of color and positivity to every artwork. Owned by the talented Princessa Figueroa-Williams, the gallery's collection features diverse styles that captivate the imagination. Princessa will showcase live art throughout the night.

FEATURED DESIGNERS



NECTARINE DREAMS

Designer Lynsey Turos founded Nectarine Dreams in 2021. Her brand focuses on bringing the retro, nostalgic vibes of the 70's to life. Her gogo boots and platforms are viral on TikTok and are sold nationwide. Lindsey also uses her art and platform support nonprofits like ICA.



SASMITA BATIK INDONESIA

Designer Novi Paluch will be presenting her stunning Sasmita Batik Indonesia collection. Originally from Jakarta, she has brought the rich art of Indonesian Batik to our city. Sasmita Batik, founded in 2011, has become a beloved staple and even left its mark at New York Fashion Week!

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REGINE NDANGA

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Regine is a licensed social worker and the Director of Development at Christ is the Answer Friends Church. Regine focuses on promoting healthy housing and mental health for refugees while advocating for language and education justice.



**FLOR SALDIVAR
SILVESTRE**

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Flor serves as the Community Engagement Coordinator for Justice for Migrant Families WNY and as an Immigration Paralegal in Buffalo. Flor wants to empower immigrant families through advocacy, legal support, and community outreach.



BIJOUX BAHATI

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Bijoux is Program Manager at the Jewish Family Services of WNY. She supports refugee families by bridging cultural and linguistic gaps in mental health care. Bijoux hopes to continue fostering cultural connections in her community.



MARIANA SILVA

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Mariana has volunteered at ICA since 2019 as the Social Media Manager, embodying the spirit and values of our organization. She has worked to making a positive difference in the community through teamwork, leadership communication, and dedicated service.

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Immigrant & Refugee
M&T Resource Group

M&T Bank's Immigrant & Refugee Resource Group's mission is to support the inclusivity and authenticity of the Immigrant and Refugee communities. They recognize the diversity in people, ideas, and cultural experiences, they continually encourage growth opportunities and promote equitable opportunities at the M&T and beyond.

Over the last 2 years, IRRG has partnered with ICA to empower more than 150 refugee and immigrant youth by providing backpacks, school supplies, and support for personal development through financial literacy sessions.



OLUCHIDINMA OGINI

We're excited honor the M&T Immigrant and Refugee Resource Group recognizing their unwavering commitment to inclusion, advocacy, and opportunity,

Oluchidinma Ogini, M&T Bank Scrum Master, is proud to accept this award on their behalf.



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We have some great items, so please scan the QR code below to BID!

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- After you complete your registration, BetterUnite will email you your unique secure link to join the auction and review the event information.
- You can use the personalized link, created just for you, anytime you want to join or actively participate in the auction through September 14th, 9:05pm.



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***“Alone we can do so little; together
we can do so much” - Helen Keller***

ICA PLANNING COMMITTEE & VOLUNTEERS

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