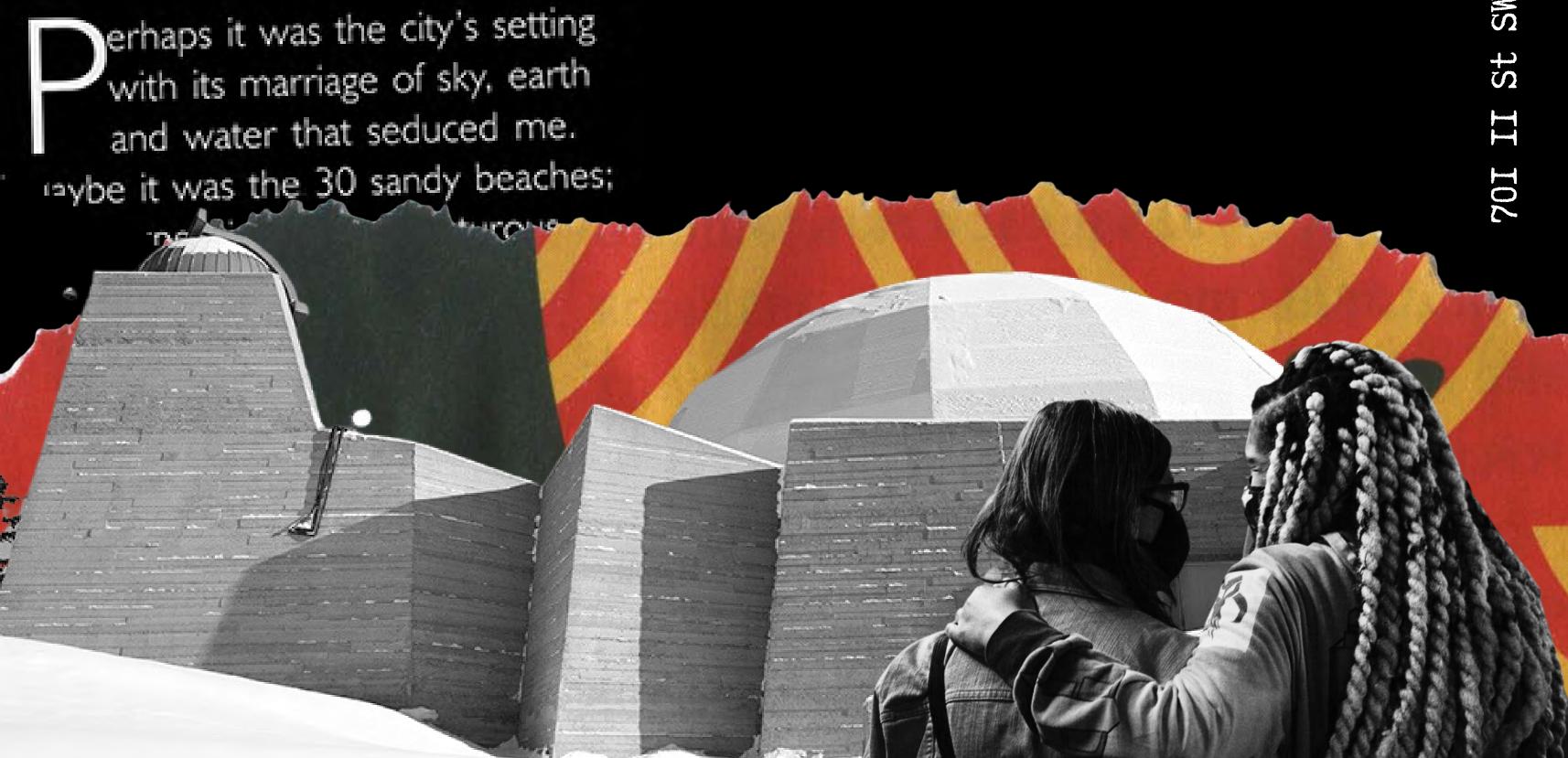


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Our 2022 year at Antyx was truly a fun and exciting one, with hard work put in by many people to ensure youth felt comfortable returning to in-person programming. With that in mind, I would like to first acknowledge and thank the staff who moved on from Antyx in 2022, who helped make us such a success over the years. Our staff, partners, parents, and community members all made heroic efforts for our Antyx youth this past year.

It is a common misconception that Antyx only runs programs in our new central location at Contemporary Calgary's gallery space, since moving our staff offices from Forest Lawn in late 202I. Something Antyx has heard as feedback loud and clear is to actively invest time and resources to clarify in 2023, as our community presence is a huge asset to what makes Antyx special.

Antyx not only has never stopped running our previously existing programs in Falconridge and Forest Lawn, but we are actually offering even more in those neighborhoods than ever before. Antyx currently offers I5 programs a week, of which, five programs a week are in those specific communities. Our most programs offered in the history of Antyx in those areas and overall, around Calgary. A huge credit to our funding partners for that.

We are excited to dive into our communications plan for 2023 and beyond, as we seek to highlight and inform the public about our great community work in those vital areas.

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In 2022 we ran some incredible programs such as our new "The Film Lab" digital arts programming, which saw a partnership with Crooked Cinema to create this new offering 3-times per week. Our Hip Hop programs hosted some incredible breakdancing events that saw IOO+ spectators each time.

Our long-running Youth Arts Action program moved from Bob Bahan Community Space to Southview Community Hall with some very excited and welcoming partners in that community association. The Contemporary Calgary Teens and Kids programs also saw some great creative offerings, often maxing out our 30 youth/day maximum each weekend.

We also saw some partnerships bloom with Calgary Public Library formally signing a MOU with Antyx to operate in both the Central Library, and the Forest Lawn Library every Monday and Wednesday respectively. Sharing the vision that natural community spaces are vital for Antyx to offer programs in, to ensure accessibility for all families to be connected to natural supports beyond only Antyx' scope.

Calgary Foodbank has also supported Antyx to continue monthly food and snack packages to keep our youth engaged with a healthy snack afterschool.

2023 launched a new IO-week cycle program delivery model and our 2023-2026 strategic plan. Stay tuned for those highlights as our first IO-week cycle wraps up in April 2023.

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Antyx Community Arts Society



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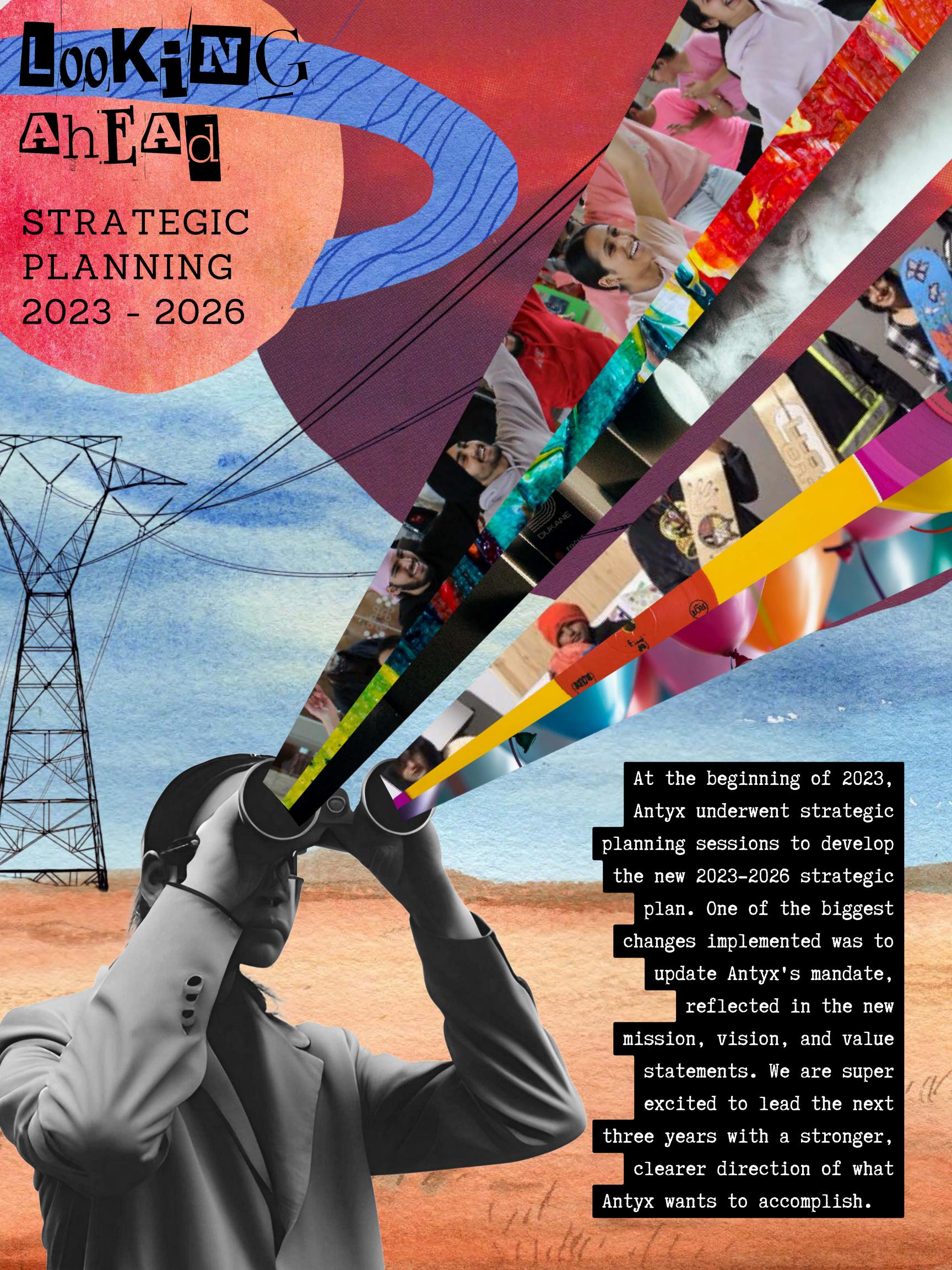
AS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF ANTYX, I AM THRILLED TO REFLECT ON THE ORGANIZATION'S SUCCESSFUL AND IMPACTFUL YEAR IN 2022. I'M EXTREMELY PROUD OF OUR ENTIRE TEAM, WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY TO ENSURE THAT YOUTH FELT COMFORTABLE AND SUPPORTED IN RETURNING TO IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK ALL OF OUR STAFF, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PARTNERS, PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY ADVOCATES FOR THEIR TIRELESS SUPPORT OVER THE PAST YEAR, ALL OF WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO ANTYX'S GROWING SUCCESS IN SERVING OUR YOUTH.

AS WE MOVE FORWARD INTO 2023, ANTYX IS EXCITED TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR OUR NEW STRATEGIC PLAN, CONTINUE OUR COMMUNITY-FOCUSED WORK AND INVEST IN AMPLIFYING OUR PRESENCE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOODS WE SERVE. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO OUR VISION OF CONNECTING YOUTH TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AND NATURAL SUPPORTS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF OUR ORGANIZATION.

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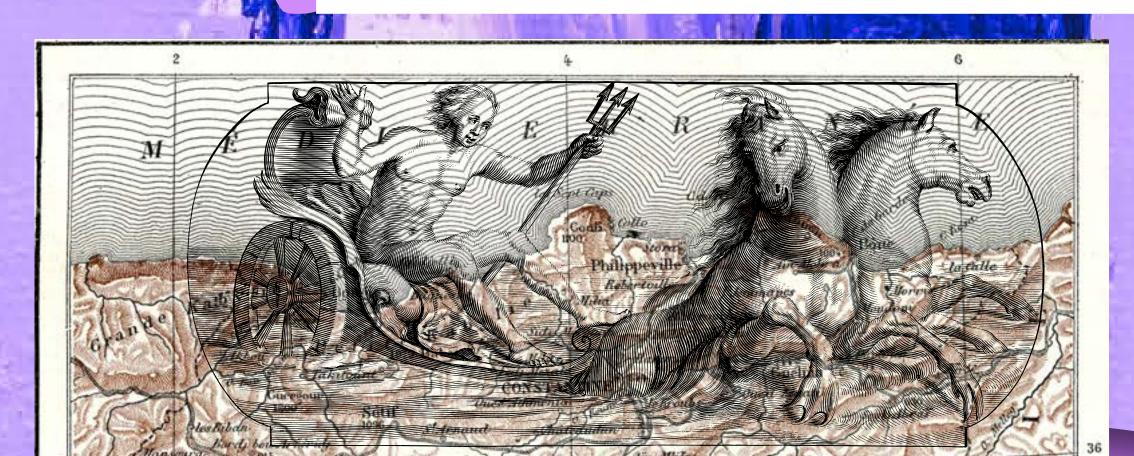
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Through exploring creative outlets and engaging in meaningful discussion, Youth Arts Action provides youth with the opportunity to express themselves through the therapeutic benefits of traditional art mediums. In 2022, we started to offer the program across three locations including Southview Community Association, Contemporary Calgary, and Genesis Centre. During the summer, the program focused on connecting and engaging youth while encouraging community involvement through discussions about community building, identity exploration and expression.

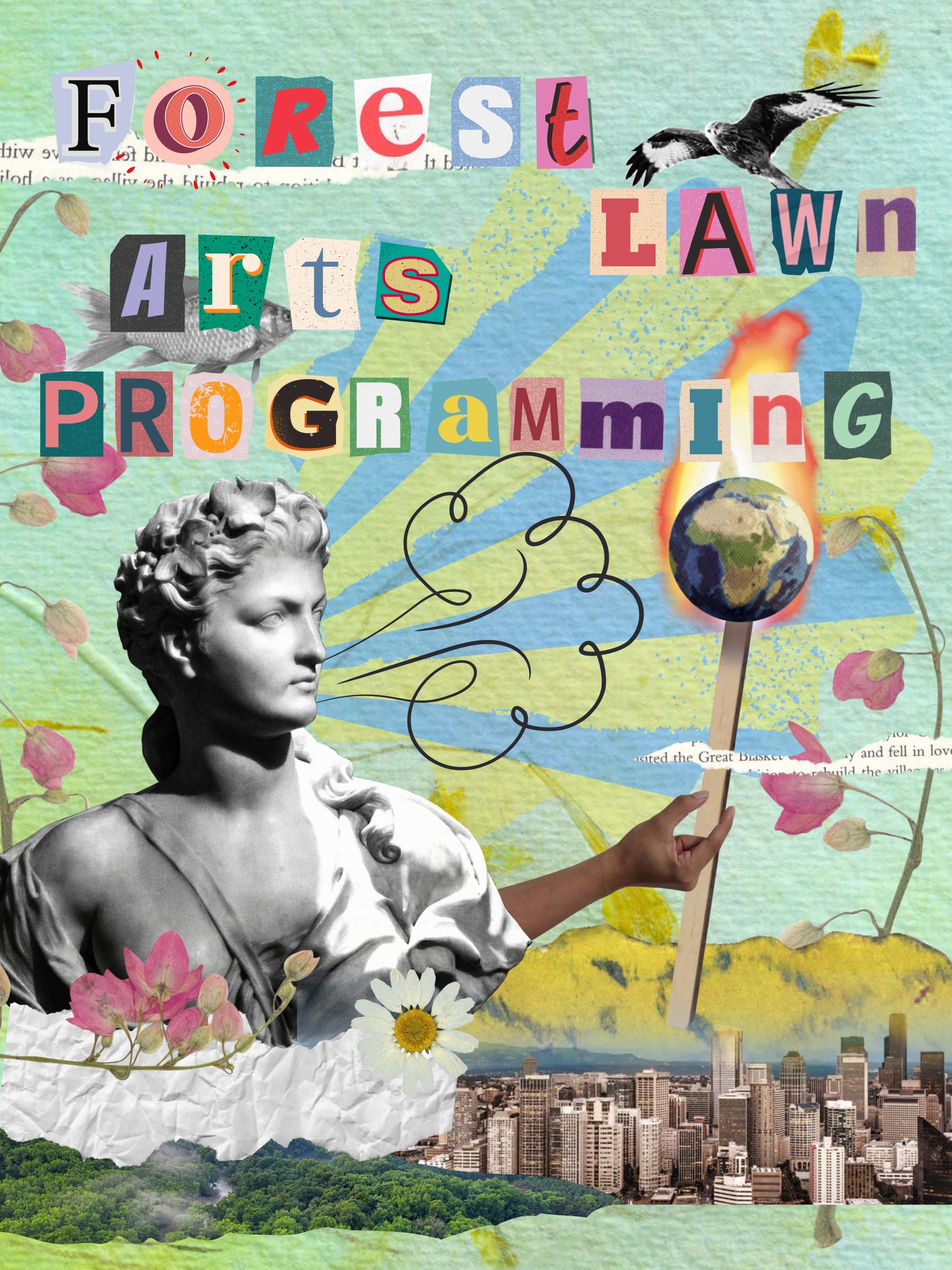
IN THE FALL OF 2022, YOUTH ARTS ACTION TRANSFORMED INTO A WEEKLY ART PROGRAM THAT RUNS IN 10-WEEK CYCLES LEADING TO A FINAL ART PROJECT TO CONCLUDE EACH SEMESTER. EACH CYCLE EXPLORES A THEME THAT EMBEDS SOCIAL JUSTICE TOPICS WITH THE INTENTION OF CREATING IMPACTFUL ART AS A FORM OF EMOTIONAL PROCESSING, SELF-EXPRESSION AND A WAY TO BRIDGE YOUTH TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

THE CURRENT FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH IS LEADING TOPICS OF EMOTION MANAGEMENT AND EMPATHY AS THE HEART OF DISCUSSIONS AND PROJECTS BEING COMPLETED THIS CYCLE. THROUGH CO-CREATING A SPACE OF RESPECT AND VULNERABILITY, YOUTH HAVE BUILT A FOUNDATION OF CONNECTION THROUGH THE CREATIVE PROCESS. WE ARE THRILLED THAT THE ART PIECES CREATED IN THE SEMESTER WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR A FINAL ART SHOWCASE IN APRIL AT CONTEMPORARY CALGARY GALLERY OPEN FOR PUBLIC ENJOYMENT.

THE FUTURE OF YOUTH ARTS ACTION IS BRIGHT AS WE WILL BE EMBARKING ON AN EXPLORATION OF COLLECTIVE IDENTITY IN THE UPCOMING SEMESTER. THIS WILL BE FOSTERED THROUGH EXPLORING VARIOUS STYLES OF ART AND UNEARTHING HOW YOUTH CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING. THE CUMULATIVE PROJECT WILL BE A 3-PANNEL ART MURAL THAT WILL BE ON DISPLAY TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND ENGAGEMENT. WE ARE EXCITED TO CONTINUE TO INTERSECT ART, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE BRILLIANCE OF YOUTH TO CONTINUE BUILDING A BRIGHT AND BOLD COMMUNITY.









is developed with a main project in mind that ties in with a theme related to mental health. Youth experiment with different art mediums such as acrylic and watercolour painting, drawing collaging, etc., to create art and learn about social justice issues they are passionate about.

The program has since been changed to be a registered program for youth with the main focus of creating safe and brave spaces as well as opening the table for conversations around social justice issues. The objective of this program currently and moving forward is to welcome social and emotional learning to the space through icebreaker games, have youth form healthy relationships with their peers, and create art both individually and collectively to demonstrate a sense of community and connectedness while also giving youth the opportunity to express themselves through different mediums.

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In 202I, we had the amazing opportunity to collaborate on a program with Contemporary Calgary. A year and a half later, we're super excited to still be working with Contemporary Calgary to facilitate Contemporary Kids and Teens youth programming! We have been able to expand the age range that we work with to include kids ages 4-I2 and we're continuously fascinated to see how young minds grasp artistic themes and portray them in their own way. Since October 2022, we have been creating workshops based on the current exhibitions at Contemporary Calgary, Human Capital featuring multiple artists, and Chitra Ganesh's Astral Dance. These workshops are created to invite children to learn about modern and contemporary art through unique and engaging art activities, and to inspire young people through the exploration of contemporary art, connecting them to community, global, and current social issues.

For the future of the program, we'd like to continue to incorporate different mediums of art based on the exhibits and have conversations around social justice issues that are relevant and important in the modern world. A program goal is to design a mural that allows for different youth of all age ranges from different weeks to work collectively on a piece together to demonstrate collective identity and explore the idea of working on a piece of art and then leaving it for someone else to finish. Our hope is to also expand the youth program and get more youth involved in the program diving deeper into the conversations through art critiques and creating a brave space for expression and advanced art skills.





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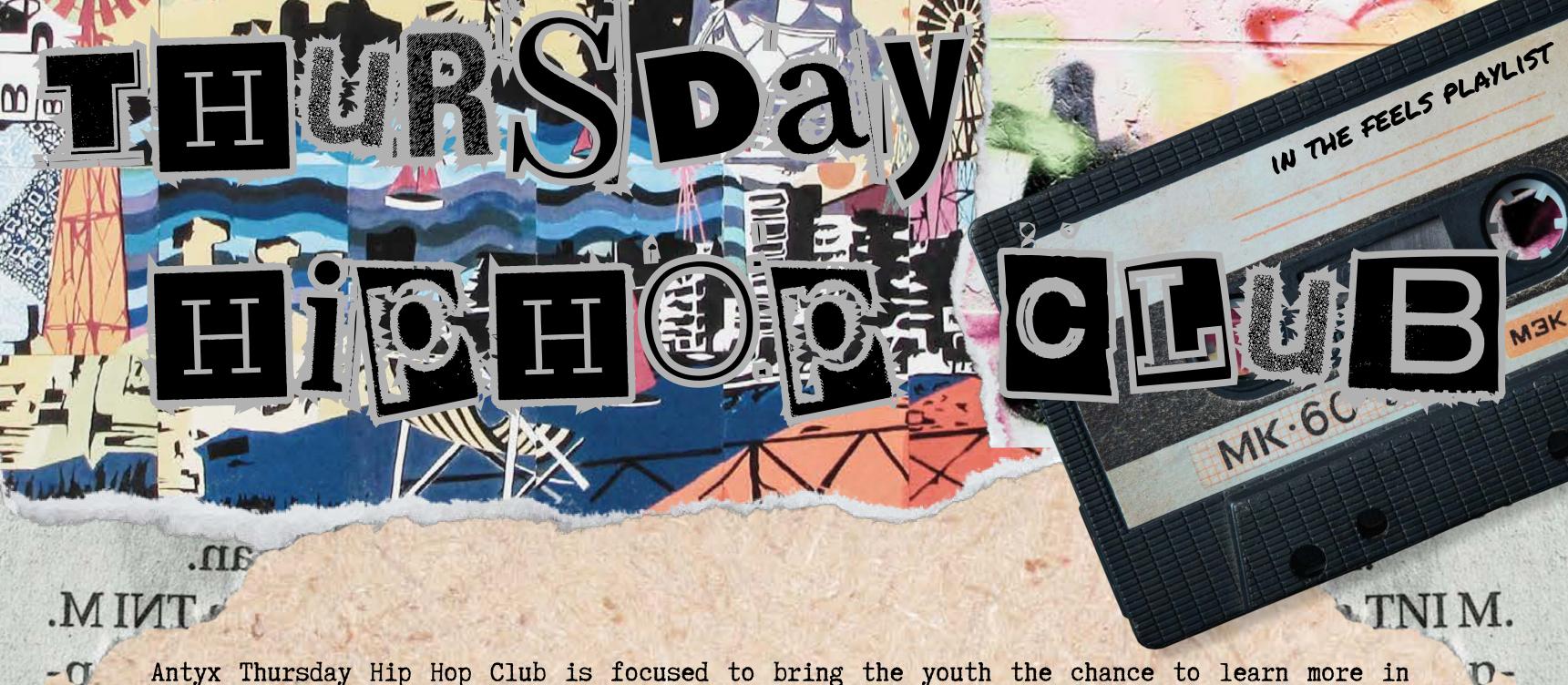












Antyx Thursday Hip Hop Club is focused to bring the youth the chance to learn more in deep about hip-hop culture through their different disciplines. Our IO-week cycles are mainly centered on teaching and developing the skills of DJing, turntablism, and beat-making and using these art forms to approach and explore many interpersonal, social, and emotional topics that affect our community regularly.

Through our program, the youth have the opportunity to learn how to utilize professional DJ gear and understand the dynamic of beat and simple music pattern creation through different software and hardware dedicated to these purposes. This is done to be able to develop music-related abilities and learn about different emotional nuances that creativity and freedom of expression entail, keeping in mind that it is important to respect the various tastes and opinions of those around us to create a community and brotherhood through hip-hop.

The youth recently concluded the first cycle of our program, during which they had the chance to perform a DJ set for the assistants at Contemporary's Calgary "Free First Thursday" event showcasing their abilities and talent behind the decks. This gave them the confidence to continue exploring the DJing world, and at the same time, we were able to offer them a safe environment where everyone can freely express their feelings and emotions through music.

Soon, we will start to incorporate more advanced DJing techniques through the cycle of our program dedicated to Turntablism, where the youth will be able to put to practice more complex abilities that require constant practice and discipline. This will allow them to acquire a positive habit that can be applied in any aspect of their daily lives and also, take the opportunity that hip-hop offers to unite different generations through the usage of ideas and freedom of expression. We plan to deliver more tools that help develop and create a vision that is close to our world and the issues that surround us on a daily.

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In May 2022, our Thursday Hip-Hop Club was invited to participate in Contemporary Calgary's ongoing 'First Free Thursdays' event! First Free Thursdays are hosted on the first Thursday every month free of charge to the public for a late-night gallery experience. The youth in Thursday Hip-Hop Club facilitate a series of DJ, breaking, MC, and graffiti cyphers for all ages to join. While the weather has been too cold for graffiti cyphers, we've pivoted to host a vinyl painting station! Using old, donated records, people can come and customize a record and the cover sleeve to give it a new life and purpose.

Since June, more of Antyx's programs have gotten involved and we've made great connections in the community. The youth in our program, The Film Lab, have photographed the event and have even set up themed photo booths for participants to come and have a physical copy of their memory at the event!

In April, our Youth Arts Action programs will host their very first exhibition at Contemporary Calgary! The first IO-week cycle of the program will have wrapped up, and the youth will be holding their showcase during the event, with their pieces for sale and IOO% of the profits going to the youth artist! We've accomplished some amazing milestones at this event with our youth and we're excited to continue bringing new experiences.



From January 2023 until the end of March 2023, the youth in our Thursday and Friday Hip-Hop Club spent every week preparing for the final DJ Set Showcase. The final showcase was on Thursday, April 6th in tandem with Youth Arts Action's final exhibit at Contemporary Calgary's Free First Thursday event. We are grateful to Contemporary Calgary for creating specifically a hip-hop space for the youth to showcase their talents to the public! Their performance was an accumulation of the youths' hard work and passion for DJing. It's important to celebrate and encourage young people who are making positive contributions to their communities. This DJ showcase was a great example of that.





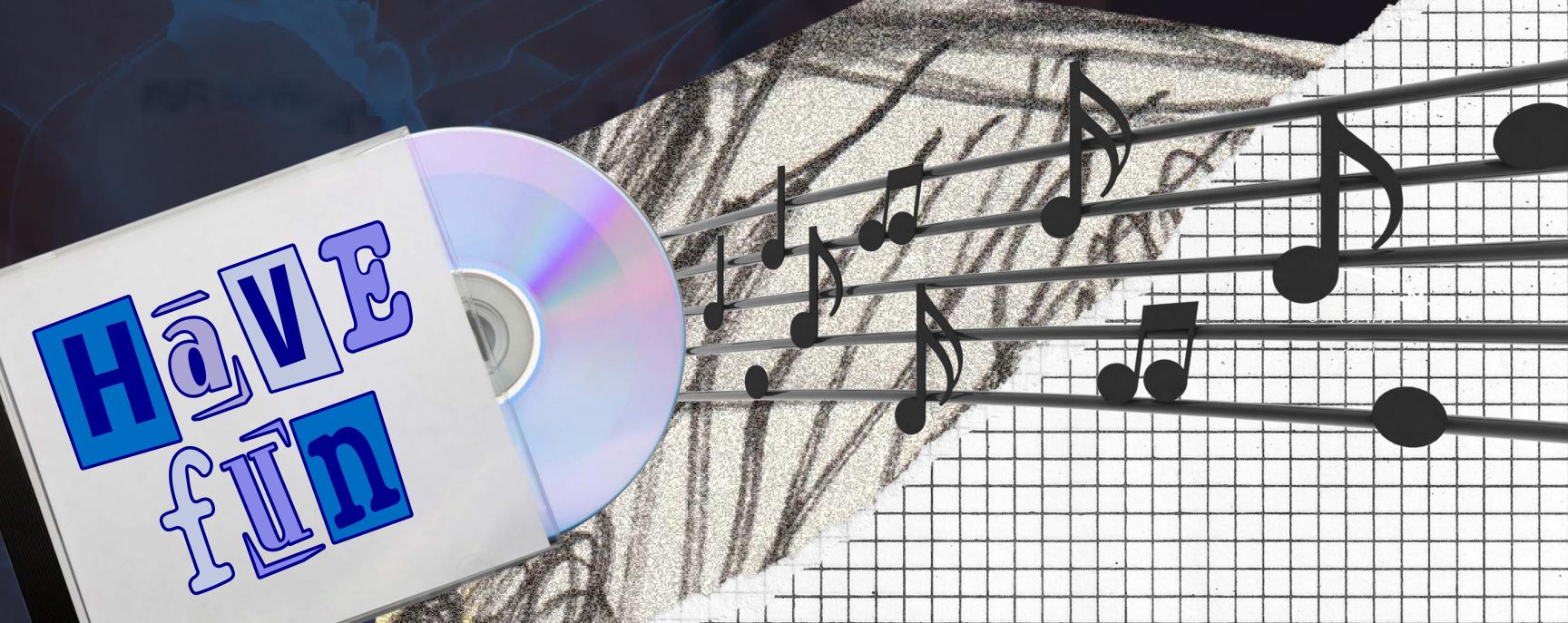
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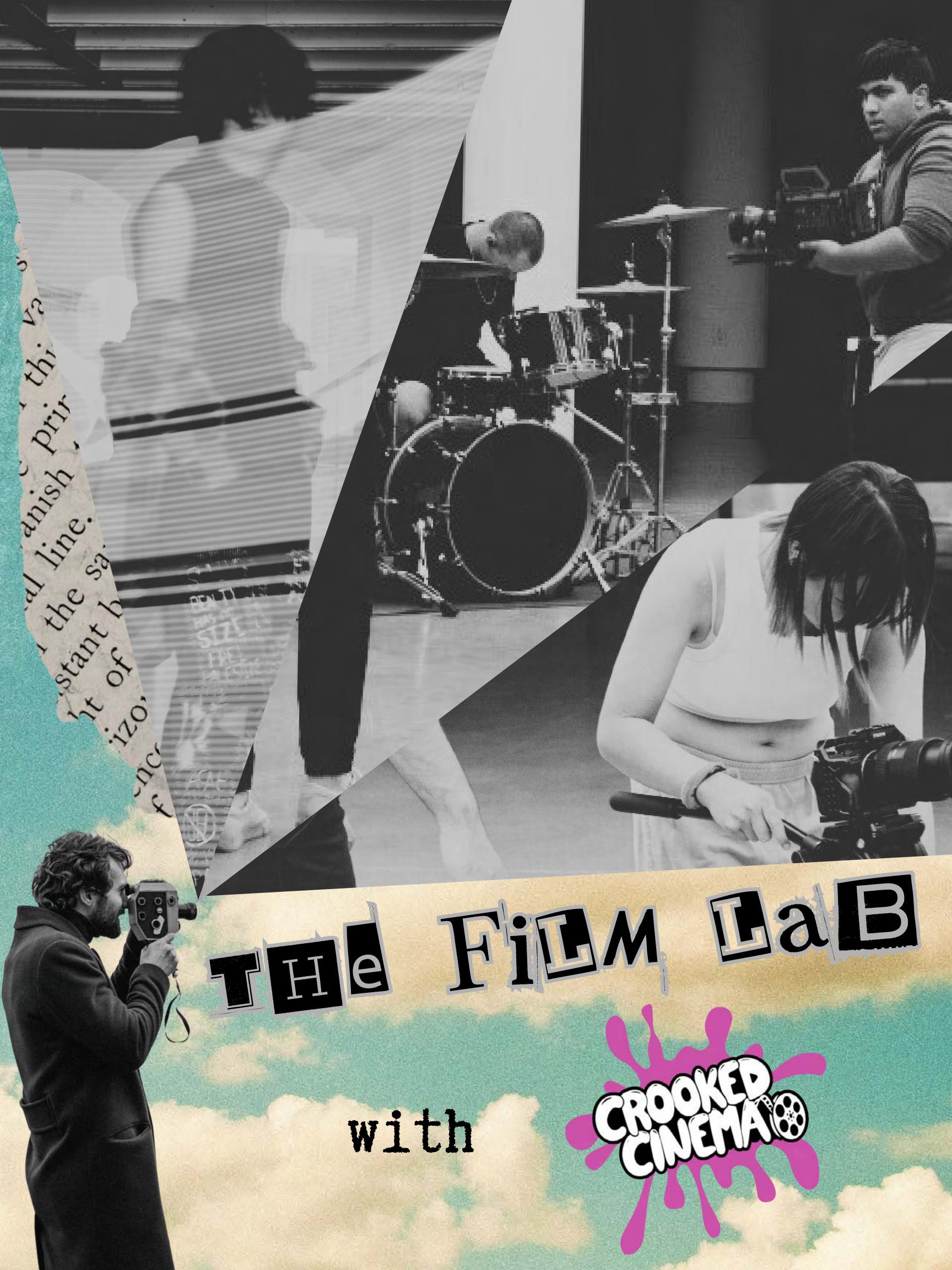
Our Lyricism Club is a free spoken word and recording program run out of Calgary's Central Public Library every Monday. We work over a period of IO weeks on life skills and writing lyrics as an alternative means of journaling.

Our goal is to create a sense of purpose behind this journaling process so, each week we explore a topic relating to independence, career and personality development. At the end of the IO week cycle we ask that the youth have completed and prepared a spoken word or lyrical piece that they can record, upload to streaming services and share with their communities.

The goals of our Monday program are to provide a therapeutic safe space for youth to come vent, explore their own emotions and to gain confidence in allowing themselves to feel emotions and express them in a variety of ways. We hope to provide youth a better sense of self and direction in their endeavors; offering spaces that are open to the public as an initiative to self fulfilment.

As of yet our presence has been quite small but we are looking forward to continuing the momentum of building community relations, interest and traction as well as connecting amongst fellow service providers in supporting youth in unconventional ways.



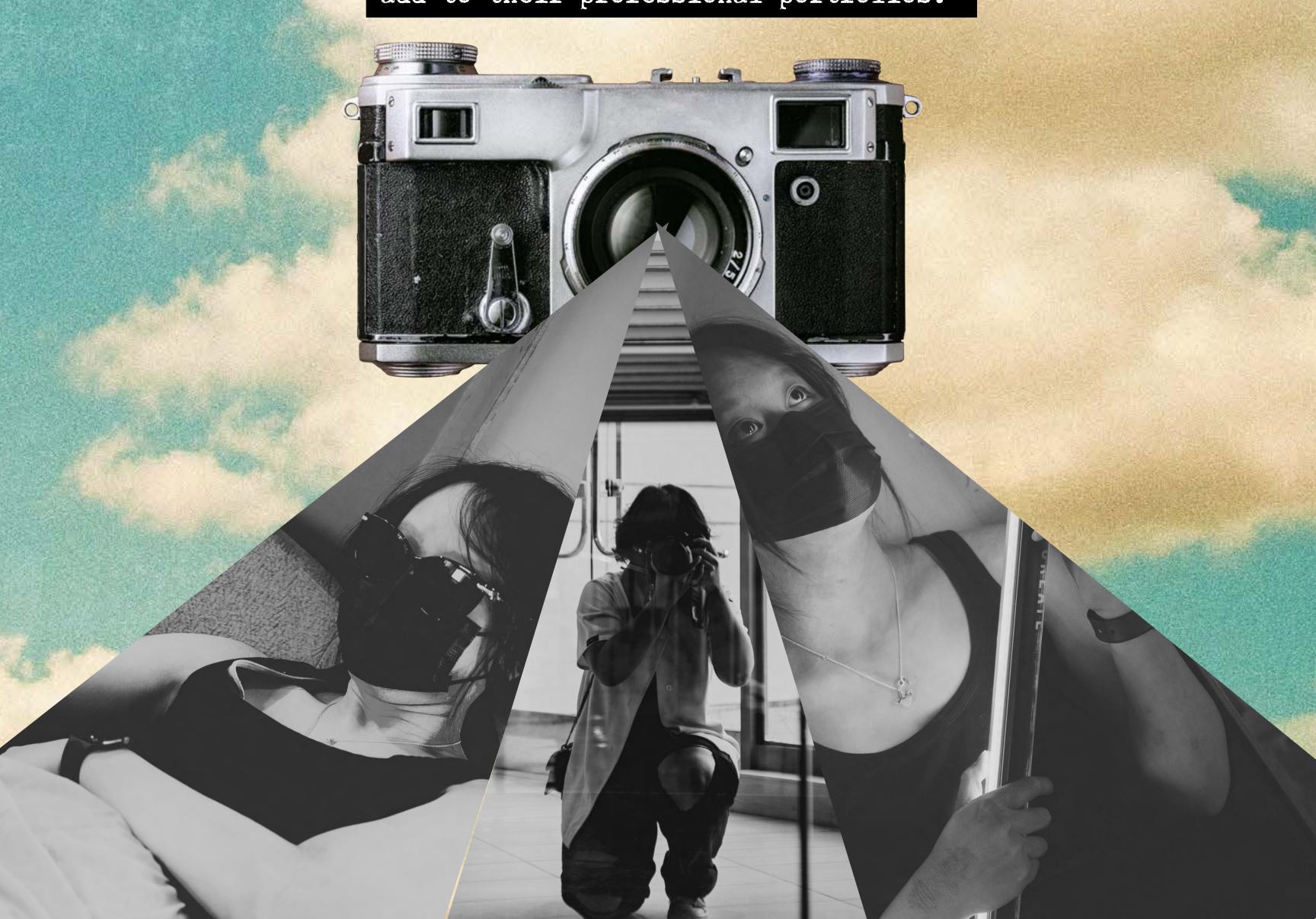


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In 2022, Antyx started a new partnership with Crooked Cinema to bring a new program to Antyx youth, The Film Lab. Throughout the year, the youth had hands-on experience with a variety of interactive projects such as filming music videos, commercials, abstract photography, portraits, and interviews. An exciting feat was taking on leadership roles in collaborating with Contemporary Calgary's Free First Thursday events, and setting up themed photo booths for guests.

Looking ahead into 2023, we're excited to be offering new concepts and projects for our youth! Our focus for this year is to develop more independent and collaborative youth-led opportunities that participants can add to their professional portfolios.





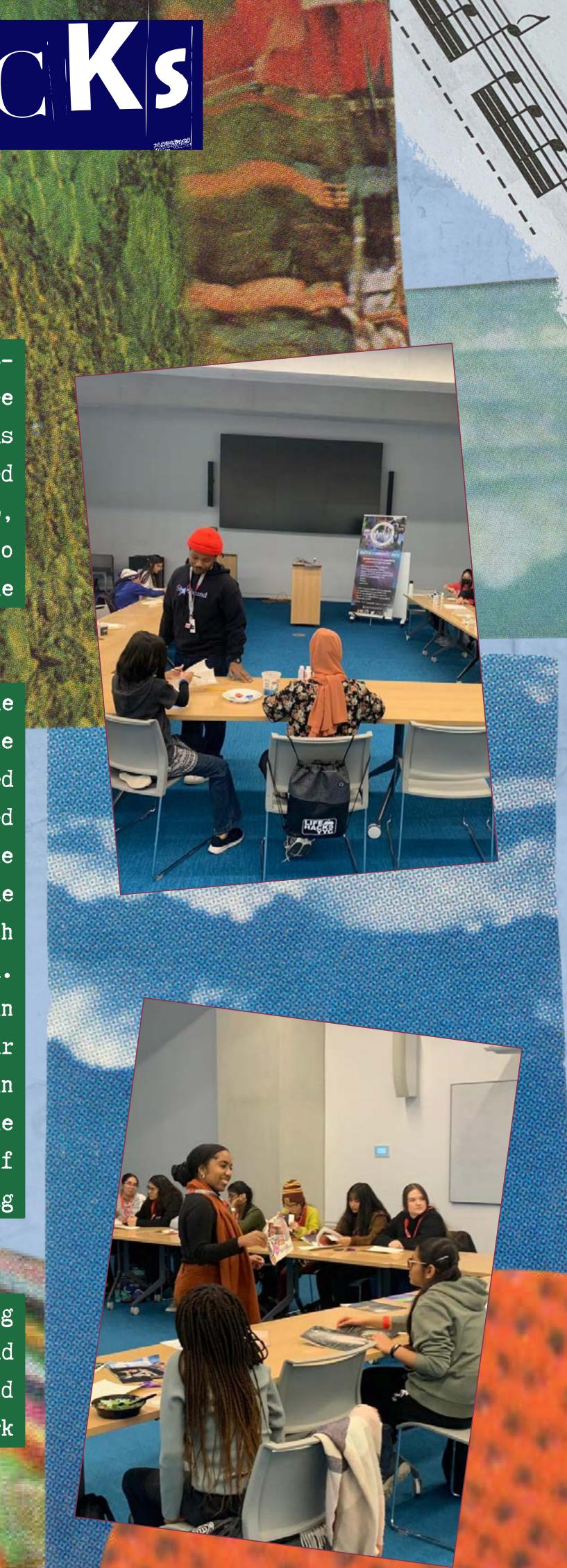


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During our partnered event with Lifehacks YYC-City of Calgary, our facilitators hosted three workshops for youth to explore the different kinds of programs that Antyx offers. The youth tried various art mediums such as collaging, hip-hop, and acrylic painting! This event allowed us to connect with new youth and encourage the exploration of creativity.

We also had the opportunity to connect with the community! There was a stage where we provided the and music for the youth who performed throughout the day. The styles of music ranged from classical to rock to hip-hop, and performers ranged in age from I4 to I8. The quality of the music was impressive, with each group showcasing their own unique style and sound. It was clear that these young musicians had put in a lot of hard work and dedication to hone their skills, and their passion for music was evident in their performances. The audience was moved by the performance, and there was a palpable sense of pride and accomplishment among the young performers when they took their bows.

Overall, the youth arts event was a resounding success. It showcased the incredible talent and creativity of young people in the area and provided a platform for them to share their work with a wider audience.





























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We would like to thank our current and outgoing Board members for their commitment to Antyx's mission and vision. As we move forward into the first phase of Antyx's new strategic plan, we are confident that we will continue to achieve great milestones together.

Your efforts have a profound influence on our organization and the communities we serve. We look forward to another impactful year!







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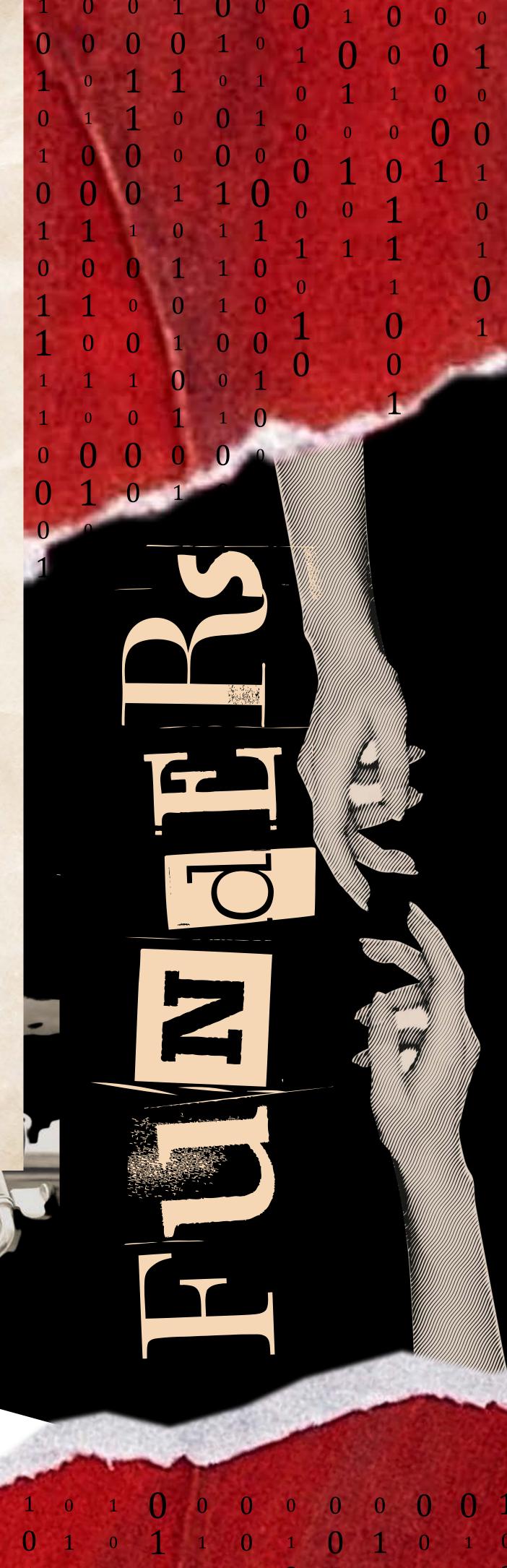




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