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## **AMSTERDAM**

## Inclusive art show set for Wednesday, 150 artists displayed

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For many artists, exhibiting their work is a rite of passage. More than 150 local and not-so-local artists will have that chance on Wednesday in Amsterdam.

The exhibit, called "Creative Expressions Art Show," will be on view at The Century Club and is organized by Liberty ARC.

It brings together artists from a variety of ages and abilities, including those working with Liberty ARC, which provides support and services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The show also features artists from Autism Services in Buffalo, The Center for Discovery in Harris, The ArcLexington in Gloversville and The Arc of Oneida-Lewis in Utica, as well as artists from the communities they serve in.

Most of the work featured in "Creative Expressions" was done by 125 Capital Region artists. It's the fifth iteration of the show, which is part of Liberty ARC's "Liberty Through the Arts" program.

"Art programs like Liberty Through the Arts bring out a creativeness in people we support, and the art show is a way to celebrate their artwork," said Amy Devendorf, who leads Liberty ARC's art program. "It's wonderful to watch people's personalities just blossom with confidence when they see the results of their work and creativity on display."

"Creative Expressions" was created as a chance for artists at

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Liberty ARC staff set up for the agency's 5th Annual Creative Expressions Art Show at the Century Club in Amsterdam.

## Show

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Liberty ARC, as well as sister chapters of The Arc New York, to exhibit their artwork in a public setting. In 2018, the art show expanded by accepting submissions from artists in the community.

A reception for this year's show is set to run from 4–8 p.m. Wednesday, with an awards ceremony scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Awards will be given for first, second and third place, along with a "People's Choice," which Liberty ARC CEO Jennifor Coundary will present

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The Century Club is located at 130 Guy Park Ave. in Amsterdam. The show will be on view Wednesday only. For more information visit libertyarc.org.