2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2018, UVA organized six major art events: three major exhibitions involving 48 artists - Battle of the Sexes, the Leslie Alumnae Exhibition, and Wellness; the annual Mardi Gras & Carnival Celebration of the Arts at the Green Briar; the Art Expo and City Heart Show at the Prudential Center involving 95 artists; and the Brighton Art Expo at the 1st AllBright Art Crawl with Brighton Main Streets, Allston Village Main Streets, and Allston Open Art Studios. During the year, financial grants were received from the Boston Cultural Council, the Brookline Council for the Arts, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Berkshire Bank, and the Boston College Community Fund. Here’s the complete list of accomplishments:

February 1, 2018
"Nowhere To Call Home: The tale of a Tibetan migrant worker in Beijing."
Liberman-Miller Lecture Hall, Brandeis University
This powerful film was presented by GaIDI (Gender and International Development Initiatives) of Brandeis University's WSRC (Women's Studies Research Center). Sponsored by GaIDI (Gender and International Development Initiatives) of the Women's Studies Research Center/Brandeis University, and co-sponsored by the UNESCO/UNITWIN Network on Gender, Culture & People-Centered Development at Boston University Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, and by Unbound Visual Arts, Inc.

February 13, 2018
UVA's 6th annual Mardi Gras & Carnival Celebration of the Arts
The Green Briar Restaurant and Pub
At this fabulous restaurant and pub there was live music by A Confederacy of Dumpsters, fine art, food, drinks, masks, silent auction, raffle, dancing, etc. It was also Valentine’s Day Eve and it was again the only Mardi Gras and Carnival event in Greater Boston devoted to the arts.

February 20 & June 5, 2018
UVA Fundraising event
Flatbread Pizza, Brighton, MA
Flatbread made a donation to UVA based on its pizza sales for the day. There was great pizza with organic ingredients and candlepin bowling (small balls and skinny pins). The UVA table was set up to showcase UVA's current work.

March 10 - April 27, 2018
Battle of the Sexes Revisited: The Sexual Harassment Volley of Today
Honan-Allston Library Art Gallery
There was a reception on March 10 with live music, performance art, short artist and curator talks, and refreshments. This exhibition was about how treating females differently than males oftentimes results in many forms of sexism, harassment, and assault. The art presented many of the “battle of the sexes” issues to facilitate a healthy dialogue about these forms of discrimination.
March 20, 2018
Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture and the Boston Cultural Council
The Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building
2018 Boston Cultural Council Organizational Grants Reception at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury, MA for 181 Boston arts organizations and projects that received BCC grants, totaling $472,955. These funds support innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming. The goal is to enhance the quality of life in our City. For the 4th consecutive year, UVA was a recipient.

May 7, 2018
Brookline Commission for the Arts
UVA was once again a recipient of a 2018 grant from the Brookline Commission for the Arts at this reception. UVA funds supported the City Heart Show.

May 5 - May 6, 2018
2nd annual Unbound Visual Arts Art Expo & 8th annual City Heart Art Show and Sale
Prudential Center, Boston, MA
The entire event was held inside the Prudential Center featuring UVA artists. The Arts Expo showcased and sold UVA member artist's work and included live music, a community art-making project, art demonstrations, and other fun activities. On May 5, the selling event featured over 50 artists who have experienced homelessness as well low-income artists. Partner organizations included Common Art/Common Cathedral, St. Francis House, and Women’s Lunch Place. This was an official ArtWeek event and an official MCC Festival.

April 23, 2018
Artist Workshop on Selling at Art Events
Unbound Visual Arts (UVA) Headquarters, Brighton, MA
On April 23, 2018, at the Unbound Visual Arts (UVA) Headquarters, Brighton, MA 02135 this free workshop was held for UVA members and City Heart artists indoors and in an outdoor canopy.

May 30 - July 1, 2018
UVA’s Lesley University Alumnae Exhibition
Marran Gallery, Cambridge, MA
Artists Heidi Lee, Susan Loomis-Wing, Ruth Rieffanaugh, and Christine Winship, all alumnae of Lesley University and members of the UVA Board of Directors, presented their work. This was UVA’s first exhibition at Lesley and in Cambridge.

June 13, 2018
UVA launched the campaign for an Allston-Brighton Arts Center for the performing and visual arts.

September 7, 2018
Boston University Fall Arts Fair
George Sherman Union, Boston University, Boston, MA
UVA was one of over 50 arts organizations participating and that provides access for the students to learn about the non-profit arts organizations in the Boston area.
October 13, 2018
Unbound Visual Arts Expo
AllBright Arts Crawl at Unbound Visual Arts' Headquarters
Held in historic Brighton Center, the Arts Expo was both indoors and outdoors. UVA joined Brighton Main Streets, Allston Village Main Streets, and Allston Open Art Studios to present art for selling and showing, as well as music and other special activities. This family-friendly weekend connected Allston and Brighton through pedicabs, bikes, & self-directed walking/biking tours. There were installations and pop up shows in local businesses and other locations for artists, musicians, and performers, as well as art making and art demonstrations. Major funding for UVA’s participation was from a grant from the Boston College Community Fund. Art from over 20 UVA artists was on view.

October 9 - 27, 2018
Wellness: Art for Physical and Emotional Healing
Wedeman Gallery at Lasell College, Newton, MA
There was a reception on October 20th with live music, short artist and curator talks, and wine and refreshments for this exhibition about how art has been shown to help with both physical and emotional healing as well as preventative measures against certain health risks.

October 26, 2018
ArtsMatterDay
Unbound Visual Arts was a participating organization for #ArtsMatterDay in Massachusetts, sponsored by Mass Creative.

October 29, 2018
Making a Difference Volunteer Fair
UVA is one of over 20 organizations participating in this volunteer recruitment event and to provide access for the students to learn about the non-profit arts organizations in the Boston area. It is being held at the Sisters of the St. Joseph’s of Boston, 637 Cambridge Street, Brighton, MA

November 15, 2018
Boston University College of Fine Arts Internship Fair
George Sherman Union, Boston University, Boston, MA
UVA was one of over 35 arts organizations participating and that provides access for the students to learn about the non-profit arts internships in the Boston area.

Tuesday, November 27, 2018
Giving Tuesday
Unbound Visual Arts participated in the annual Giving Tuesday to encourage everyone to contribute to non-profits. Donations can be made at UnboundVisualArts.org/donate