

## Jump Start Biennial, *Growth*

September 25–November 6, 2021



The Jump Start program provides in-person instruction by well trained and highly effective teaching artists to middle and high school students who show a strong ability and interest in the visual arts, regardless of their ability to pay. Jump Start also guides these students along their college and career path through our Jump Start Extension program.

Each year, about 40 students actively participate in Jump Start. They receive support as they work toward making their dreams a reality. All participants receive individual mentorship and have the opportunity to attend Development Days at no cost. Tuition scholarships and supplies are awarded to all high school students who qualify for free or reduced lunches and college students earn gift cards in return for volunteering. In response to the financial uncertainty caused by COVID, 100% of Jump Start students received full scholarships covering tuition, fees, and supplies for both online and in-person programs during 2020.

Every two years, Buffalo Arts Studio celebrates our student artists with an extensive exhibition. Jump Start Students, Jump Start Extension students, and Education Director Jayne Hughes work together to develop a title, select the artwork, curate the exhibition, and promote

these emerging artists. For the 2021 biennial exhibition, the Jump Start team chose *Growth* as the title of the exhibition.

Much of the artwork in this exhibition was made in isolation due to COVID-19 and the deep desire for personal connection is clearly evident. Nearly two-thirds of the artwork is figurative, including many self-portraits. Students found great inspiration in their peers and many told us that their artistic practice served as an escape from the stress in their lives, helping them process the unexpected reality of life during a pandemic.

Many also felt proud of their accomplishments. They saw the growth that inspired the exhibition's title, both in their own work and the work of their beloved peers. They deserve to be proud. *Growth* is the largest Jump Start exhibition to date, including over 100 artworks in a wide range of media including charcoal, pastel, acrylic, oil, multimedia, digital media, ceramic, and even bronze.

This is a dynamic group of emerging artists whose skills will continue to grow. Visitors can learn more about these students and follow them on social media by visiting their portraits outside of Suite 506 and scanning the QR code in the lower right corner.

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buffaloartsstudio.org Gallery hours: Tuesday–Friday, 11am–5pm, Saturday,  
10am–2pm

#### Jump Start Participants

Sophia Bensch attends City Honors High School Faith  
Danahy attends Hutchinson Technical High School  
Lucenzo Deeb attends Kenmore West High School  
Serenity Degraffenried attends Cleveland Hill High  
School Sarah Durkin attends Iroquois High School  
Carly Glashauser attends Hamburg High School  
Gaia Godinho attends Kenmore West High School  
Eva Hernandez attends Williamsville East High  
School  
Elijah Jones attends BPS Academy for Visual  
and Performing Arts  
Sadiki Kashindi attends Native American Magnet School  
Keira Kilinskas attends Williamsville North High School  
Grace Lewonka attends Hamburg High School Annmarie  
Morgan attends Emerson School of Hospitality Eli Neglia  
attends Buffalo Seminary High School Margaret O'Brien  
attends Cleveland Hill High School Emily Peca attends  
the Savannah College of Art and Design Emma  
Pfordresher attends Amherst High School Liliana Schmid  
attends Buffalo Seminary  
Renee Tasevski attends Tonawanda Middle  
School Kendall Wood attends Canisius High  
School  
Audrey Zhu-Fang attends Williamsville East High

School Daria Zulqarnain attends Frederick Law  
Olmsted, PS #156

#### Jump Start Extension Participants

Isabella Amarante attends SUNY Buffalo  
Helen Beckley-Forest attends Pratt Institute  
Buyinza Buchanan graduated from SUNY  
Fredonia  
Nicholas Delfino graduated from SUNY Buffalo  
State College  
Lucy Detrich attends Cleveland Institute of  
Art Kai Ellsworth graduated from SUNY  
Fredonia Molly Lonigan attends Villa Maria  
College  
Shanti Morrissey attends Cornell University  
Gradi Ntampuhwe graduated from SUNY  
Buffalo Cameron Osborne attends SUNY  
Buffalo Emily Quartley graduated from SUNY  
Buffalo  
Ruth Silverschatz graduated from SUNY Buffalo  
State College  
Rachael Struble graduated from Sheridan  
College Isaac Vazquez attends Daemen  
College  
Jordan Willis graduated from SUNY Fredonia



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