

LOCUST PROJECTS

LOCUST ART BUILDERS (LAB)



INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARTISTS



Now in its 15th year, Locust Art Builders (LAB) Summer Art Intensive for Teens is a unique summer art program for high school students with an interest in art, design, and exploring creative careers. Annually, up to 30 students from across Miami-Dade County are selected from an open call to learn from professional artists in a dynamic program over five weeks. Selected students have the opportunity to explore creative and practical aspects of completing a collaborative full-scale exhibition in an internationally recognized art space.

LAB is FREE to all students.

In addition they receive:

- **Daily lunches and snacks**
- **Travel stipends to make LAB geographically and economically accessible**
- **Builder Box filled with art supplies and an artist-designed t-shirt**
- **Early drop off and late pick up available**

LAB 2025 INTENSIVE DATES: JUNE 16 - JULY 18

MENTOR MEET + GREET: JULY 15 | 10AM-12PM

OPENING RECEPTION: JULY 19 | 6-8PM



LAB'S IMPACT

Since 2010, **Locust Art Builders (LAB) Summer Art Intensive for teens** has provided more than 300 students with a vital program nurturing the next generation of creatives in our community. LAB's impact is multi-fold: it empowers and inspires the next generation to find creative modes of expression, learn how to work collaboratively, and gives them the confidence and self-actualization that comes with new experiences, learning new skills, and building a new network of peers.



“It was amazing learning from young artists from other schools who have a different viewpoint on art. This program truly changed my perspective on how to communicate with people. It brought to my attention that visual artists can become good communicators.”

- 2022 LAB Student

“LAB will stay with me because this experience has been life changing, giving me a taste of the real world, as well as the friends I’ve made here.”

- 2021 LAB Student

ABOUT LOCUST PROJECTS

Founded by artists for artists in 1998, Locust Projects is Miami's longest running nonprofit alternative art space. We produce, present, and nurture ambitious and experimental new art and the exchange of ideas through commissioned exhibitions and projects, artist residencies, summer art intensives for teens, and public programs on contemporary art and curatorial practice. As a leading incubator of new art and ideas, Locust Projects emphasizes boundary-pushing creative endeavors, risk-taking and experimentation by local, national and international artists. We invest in South Florida's arts community by providing artists with project grants and empower creative careers by supporting the administrative work of being an artist through an onsite artist resource hub and access to pro bono legal services.

INVEST IN THE **NEXT GEN**

AND HELP SUPPORT FUTURE CREATORS!

We are looking for LAB partners for 2025. Support a community-oriented program that nurtures the next generation of creatives! Benefits can be tailored to meet donors' philanthropic goals.

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LAB SUPPORTERS

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