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Event Examples and Inspiration Sheet – Social Justice Events

For inspiration, read through the following events which range from small to large. You will see that ArtWeek-friendly events have a ‘twist’: they are **interactive, learning-based, behind-the-scenes**, and/or **provide VIP access**. Reach new audiences, test an idea, explore a new partnership, or join in because you want to be part of shining a statewide spotlight on our creative community. See artweekma.org for even more examples!

Behind-the-Scenes with *The Little Book of Feminist Saints* – \$10 event in Lenox

New York Times bestselling author Julia Pierpont and her editor offered guests a sneak peek into the publishing world. This rare glimpse allowed audiences to explore the relationship between editors and authors.

Boston AIR: Resilience and Racial Equity – Free event by Boston Artists-in-Residence (AIR)

Boston artists presented their work and thoughts on city policies, climate change, aging and more through the lens of resilience and racial equity.

Dance to Stop Hunger – Free event in Holyoke presented by MABETA

Massachusetts Academy of Ballet Educational Training Association (MABETA) students gave a benefit performance featuring a Q&A to raise money for Kate’s Soup Kitchen of Providence Ministries.

Hexe: An Exhibit on Female Rage – Free event by Anja Schutz in Greenfield

More than 200 female-identifying artists gathered to unleash their anger through art and fellowship, a timely cause in line and in support of the #metoo movement. This week-long exhibition of visual art, music and dance inspired women to create and document their experiences in a community photo piece.

More Than a Word- Special Screening– Free event by the Morse Institute Library, Natick

This documentary took audiences on an exploration of the controversy surrounding the Washington, D.C. football team’s name and mascot. A producer of the film gave a talk alongside Shelly Lowe of the Harvard Native American Studies Dept.

Radical Interconnectedness Festival – \$20 event by Eggtooth Productions, Turners Falls

Over 15 artists held events and performances over the course of the two-day festival, all with the mission of promoting understanding by sharing perspective from marginalized points of view. The organizers added a day of reflection, discussion, and workshops to allow for interaction with the artists.

Visual Culture of Suffrage – Free event by Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston

Guests toured a special exhibit on the women’s suffrage movement and received a special talk from a guest curator on the aesthetics and visuals that have become integral to broader culture of feminism.

The Way We Live Now (2018): Dress Rehearsal – Free event co-hosted by Jesse Erin Posner, Boston

This performance-based civic engagement project was presented to facilitate conversations about opioids, chronic pain, trauma and hope. The dress rehearsal concluded with a Q&A with artists and actors.

Want to brainstorm or have questions? Want to submit your events?

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