



Community Identity Program

Stepping Up

A CITYarts mural project in Harlem, New York



What:

CITYarts, in its 5th year of collaboration produced and created a mural project at the Hamilton Grange Middle School. The mural project, *Stepping Up*, was painted on the school's staircase, displaying the students' visions and goals for success. Students got the opportunity to have a hands-on experience in creating an artwork based on their care for their school and their aspirations for the future. During the Coronavirus, Sean Carlson lead students remotely through virtual workshops and Linda Serrone Rolon painted the mural with the students once the school reopened!

Where:

Hamilton Grange Middle School,
500 W 138th St, New York, NY 10031

Who:

- Students: Hamilton Grange Middle School
- Ben Lev, Principal -HGMS
- Sean Carlson & Linda Serrone Rolon, CITYarts Artist
- Volunteers, Interns, & Staff, CITYarts
- Sponsors: Department of Cultural Affairs, Play Study Win

Why:

- Assist students in realizing their potential through using the visual arts
- Create stronger bonds and teamwork within the student community
- Showcase the diversity within the school, neighborhood, and the world
- Develop interpersonal, artistic, and technical skills

When: November 2019-Spring 2021

