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Macatawa Bank Joins as an Education Sponsor of ArtPrize

Grand Rapids, MI – [March 26, 2025] – Macatawa Bank, a Wintrust Community Bank, is proud to be one of the first sponsors to commit to ArtPrize 2025. As an official sponsor of the ArtPrize Education Program, Macatawa Bank is deepening its commitment to community investment by helping provide students with meaningful, hands-on learning experiences in the arts.

In 2024, 2,777 students participated in ArtPrize educational field trips, engaging with art, meeting artists, and exploring creative expression in meaningful ways. With Macatawa Bank’s support, the program will continue to expand in 2025, increasing access to the arts for students throughout Michigan.

“At Macatawa Bank, we recognize the importance of education and the arts in fostering strong, vibrant communities,” said Chief Executive Officer Jon Swets. “ArtPrize offers students a unique opportunity to experience creativity in action, and we are pleased to help ensure that more young people can participate in this impactful program.”

ArtPrize remains committed to making art accessible to all, and partnerships with organizations like Macatawa Bank play a crucial role in sustaining and growing its educational initiatives.

“ArtPrize field trips provide an invaluable opportunity for students to engage with art in a way that’s both educational and inspiring,” said Catlin Whittington, ArtPrize Executive Director. “Through this program, students not only experience the power of creative expression but also gain a deeper understanding of the role art plays in our communities. Macatawa Bank’s support helps ensure that we can continue making these experiences accessible to more students each year.”



With Macatawa Bank’s partnership, ArtPrize continues to expand its reach, inspiring the next generation of artists, innovators, and creative thinkers. This year’s ArtPrize will be held from September 18 – October 4, 2025. For more information, visit artprize.org.



About ArtPrize

ArtPrize is an annual, open, independently organized, international art competition that celebrates creative expression, bringing together art enthusiasts, artists, and the community. Since its inception, ArtPrize has aimed to showcase the transformative power of art and foster a culture of creativity. ArtPrize is a 501(c)3, and continues to provide access to the visual arts by the support of our sponsors, donors, and underwriters. www.artprize.org

About Macatawa Bank

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