

Art City, USA
2026

EVENT GUIDE

Sept 12--Oct 03

ARTPRIZE

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Art is about you – your voice, your opinion, your feelings. It's a reflection of the way you see the world. There is no right way to experience a piece of art. How this notion got started baffles me. Did you read about your favorite bands before you listened to them? Did you read about how your favorite movies were made before you saw them? Would you let someone tell you the movies and music you like are not good? It's the same for art! All you need is you! Because no one on the planet knows exactly what you like! Art is for everyone!

Remember that when you go to an art museum, when you look at a child's piece of art, and when you explore ArtPrize, ask yourself: What, if anything, do "I" feel about this?

It's an honor, as the Executive Director of ArtPrize and an artist myself, to welcome you to one of the most open, inclusive, and exciting art events in the world.

Have fun!

Tyler Loftis
ArtPrize Executive Director

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Four Weekends of Fine Art

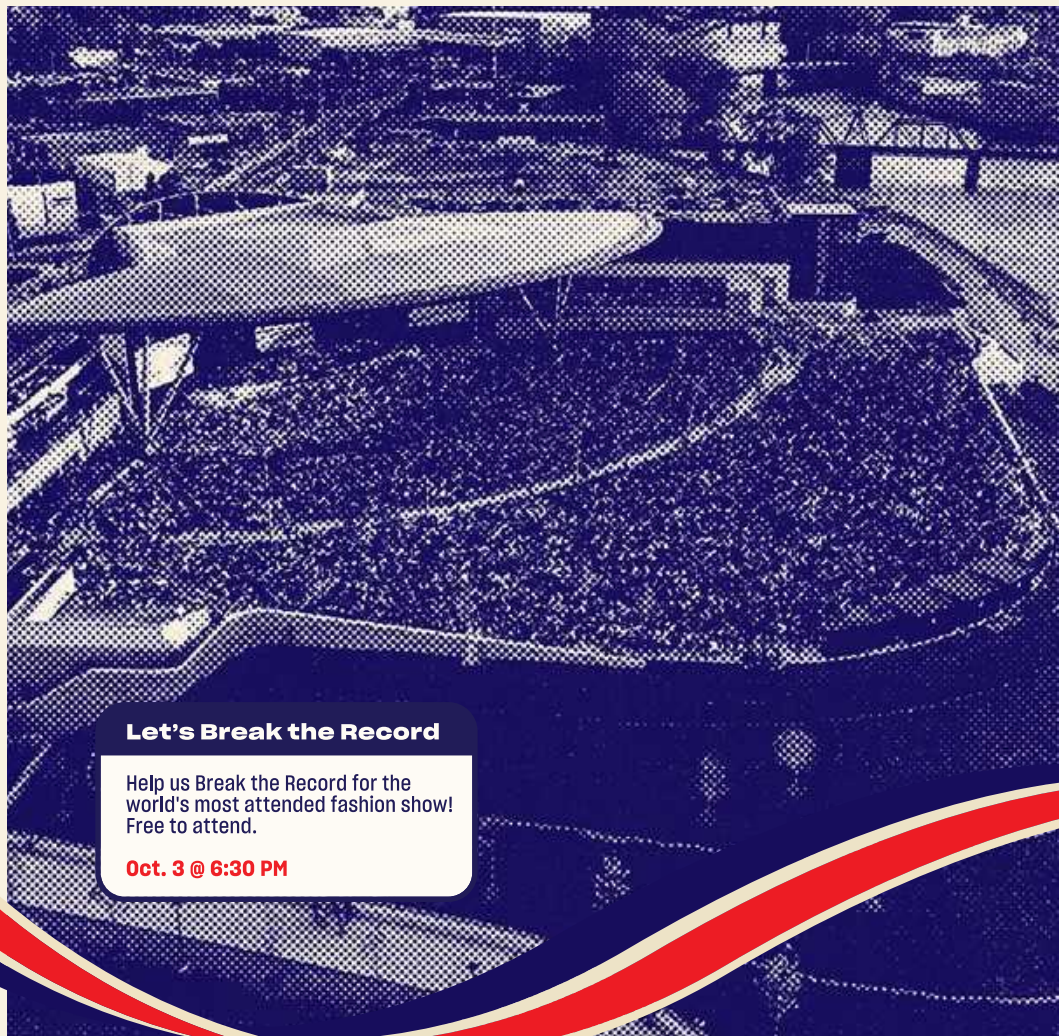
Presented by the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce

Preview Week

September 12 – 17

Revived from the earlier years of ArtPrize, Preview Week offers Grand Rapidsians and early visitors an intimate first look at some of 2026's entries before the competition begins.

With this expanded calendar footprint, ArtPrize will elevate additional art forms through themed weekends.



Let's Break the Record

Help us Break the Record for the world's most attended fashion show! Free to attend.

Oct. 3 @ 6:30 PM

Dance

September 12

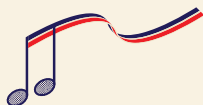


Celebrate the art of dance during **Preview Week**, with performances at Rosa Parks Circle curated by the Grand Rapids Ballet, including various dance forms from additional organizations.

Throughout the week, find many other community dance events taking place in the same location, ranging from line dancing to swing, even including a silent disco.

Music

September 18 – 19

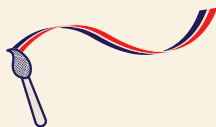


ArtPrize's official kickoff begins with a parade from Rosa Parks Circle, ending on the Pearl Street Bridge for a performance by the world's longest stringed instrument, **Earth Harp** presented by T-Fiber.

Attendees will stand underneath beautifully played tuned strings, as the installation turns the bridge itself into a massive musical instrument. The next day, Opera Grand Rapids will showcase their incredible talents at Rosa Parks Circle.

Visual Art

September 26

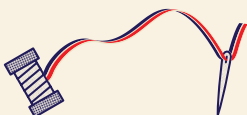


Young minds explore tactile creativity at **Doodle Street**, an immersive creative experience for children and families at the Grand Rapids Downtown Market. Interactive hands-on activations will engage kids' imagination, and inspire young artists-to-be.

See plein air paintings of live animals for **ArtPrize's HalfTime Party** presented by Meijer at John Ball Zoo, where current competition frontrunners will be announced. Head to Grand Rapids' vibrant Third Ward for SouthPrize, an ArtPrize-adjacent competition for a broadened art experience. Visit the world-class Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park to experience the Chihuly glass art exhibit, in addition to acres of incredible sculptures.

Fashion

October 3



Presented by Acrisure Amphitheater, the ArtPrize competition will conclude with its largest Awards Celebration ever at the Acrisure Amphitheater. Awards will be presented to winning artists before RC Caylan Atelier couture looks walk the runway, along with by live performances by Grand Rapids Symphony, Opera Grand Rapids, and professional dancers from throughout the city.

Participate

Vote For Art

Vote online during ArtPrize using your mobile device. Begin by registering and casting your first vote within the ArtPrize boundary. After that first vote, you can vote once per entry per day for as many entries as you like. To vote, scan the QR code on an entry label or enter the entry's five-digit Voter ID via the "vote" link at artprize.org. In person written ballot voting is also available at the ArtPrize ClubHouse daily.

Voting runs from 12 PM September 18 through 10 PM October 2. All participating artists are eligible to receive votes throughout the event.

Jurors

"What is art?" and "How do we look at it?"

Since 2010, dozens of critics, curators, educators, gallerists, and other experts from around the world have shared their perspectives and opinions about art as jurors at ArtPrize. Sometimes, the public and the experts agree on a work of art. Sometimes, they don't. But the conversations that arise among all are invaluable features of the ArtPrize experience.

Awards

As an open, international art competition, our core mission is to elevate and celebrate amazing art and to recognize artists for their accomplishments. This year, we'll honor outstanding artists by awarding a total of \$375,000 in prizes.

Awards are determined by both a public vote and a juried vote. Public votes select both a grand prize award winner and category winners in each of the six entry categories. Juried awards are selected by a panel of experts in each of the six entry categories, as well as a Juried Grand Prize winner.

Categories

2D

Entries that exist primarily on a flat plane. Painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, and most textiles are examples of 2D work.

3D

Entries that occupy space and are intended to be viewed from multiple angles.

Time-Based

Entries that are durational and change over time. The viewer has to spend time with the work to fully view it. This includes performance, video and film, dance, music, and interactive work.

Installation

Entries that are dependent on the site in which they are installed. The location is not a neutral ground and is an important element of the work.

New Media

Entries that are created using a wide range of emerging digital art technologies. This can include but is not limited to animation, VR/AR, projection mapping, visual data analysis + display, video games, and generative art practices as tools to produce and display artworks.

Design

Entries that are physical expressions of purpose with the intent to impact the way life is experienced. Design entries may belong to any design disciplines, including fashion design, furniture design, automotive design, architecture, urban design, industrial design, etc.



Text "GrandRapids" to 888777 or scan the QR code to sign up for important emergency alerts and stay safe while enjoying ArtPrize!

Getting Around

Whether you drive, walk, bike, scooter, or take advantage of transit operations, we want to help you plan to make sure your experience navigating the city is a breeze.

ArtPrize spans five districts: **Center City, North, South, East, and West**. On the following pages, you'll discover the venues, parking, and information kiosks in each.

Planning Ahead

Our friends at **Experience GR** offer a frequently updated roadwork projects page that will help you easily navigate Grand Rapids, even when construction is in progress. Visit bit.ly/roadworkGR to help you plan your ArtPrize trip.

Accessibility

The ArtPrize Boundary and ArtPrize venues strive to be accessible, but due to the scope of the event, some venues may have restrictions. If you need accessibility support or have specific questions about accessibility resources while attending ArtPrize, contact support@artprize.org.

Micromobility

Bikes, scooters, and e-bikes are a great way to get around ArtPrize. Bring your own or use your micromobility app to find and book an e-bike or e-scooter. When you're done, park it in one of many downtown bike parking locations or a designated parking zone for rental equipment to avoid further charges.

Parking

There are over 10,000 parking options throughout the ArtPrize Boundary near participating venues. All Mobile GR and Ellis Parking facilities are open and accessible with clearly marked signage. Or, park at one of the 2,300 on-street spots through the Motu app.

Find centrally located Ellis Parking lots highlighted on the venue map, or visit ellisparking.com to view all available locations.

Ride The Rapid

Bus Services

The **Silver Line** and **Laker Line** Bus Rapid Transit services run in two loops throughout Downtown Grand Rapids—every 10 minutes during rush hour and every 20-30 minutes during midday and evenings. Both serve key ArtPrize venues. You can also get to ArtPrize via regular bus service.

Ride any routes in The Rapid system for \$1.75 (with free transfers), and plan your route using ridetherapid.org, Transit App, or the Rapid's myStop app (iOS & Android).

The Rapid accepts both cash and contactless payment methods.



Dash Around Using the Free Downtown Area Shuttle

The **Downtown Area Shuttle (DASH)** offers you an easy and affordable way to get around. DASH buses are **FREE** and arrive at stops every 8 minutes, circulating through key areas of downtown, both east and west of the Grand River. DASH bus stops are indicated on the venue maps for your convenience.

DASH Runs Seven Days a Week

Monday-Friday: 7 AM to midnight

Saturday: 11 AM to 1 AM

Sunday: 11 AM to 5 PM

Event Calendar

DanceFest with Grand Rapids Ballet ★

September 12 @ Rosa Parks Circle

2 PM – 6 PM



Preview Week kicks off with a free-to-attend dance festival at Rosa Parks Circle. The Grand Rapids Ballet will curate the stage with incredible performances of their own, as well as additional elevated dance forms from outside companies, as well as a beer garden.

Preview Night Opening

Presented by the MillerKnoll Foundation and Trellis

September 17 @ Cūra Gallery

6 PM – 8 PM

Get an early look at Cūra Gallery before ArtPrize officially begins. Explore an exhibition that considers the complexities of human existence—from birth, life, and death to health, wellness, caregiving, and connection—and invites us to reflect on how we care for one another and build a more compassionate community.

Enjoy a cash bar and an evening of art and conversation as we gather ahead of ArtPrize.

OPENING CELEBRATION ★

September 18

Kickoff@ Rosa Parks Circle – 5:30 PM

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we kick off ArtPrize with a community celebration. Start the evening at Rosa Parks Circle with drinks, activities, and a few unexpected characters who will help lead the way as we head into the ArtPrize Opening Parade.

Parade departs Rosa Parks Circle – 7 PM

Join the parade as we make our way through the city to the Pearl Street Bridge, where the celebration continues with music from DJ Monk, drinks from the bar, and time to meet and mingle before experiencing a one-of-a-kind musical performance from Earth Harp presented by T-Fiber.

William Close and the Earth Harp Collective presented by T-Fiber @ Pearl St Bridge – 8:30 PM

Featuring the world's longest stringed instrument stretched across the Pearl Street Bridge, Earth Harp transforms the space into an immersive experience of sound, connection, and wonder.

Fireworks – 9:30 PM

The evening continues with fireworks over the Grand River, officially launching ArtPrize.



Event Has Multiple Dates



Featured Event

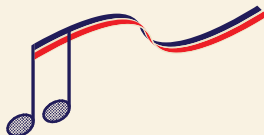


Ticketed Event

Opera Grand Rapids ★

September 19 @ Rosa Parks Circle

Starts at 4 PM



Experience a performance by Opera Grand Rapids featuring six talented soloists performing a selection of recognizable songs from opera, musical theatre, and beyond. Inspired by the theme of Opera Grand Rapids' upcoming season, *Unconventional Women*, the performance celebrates memorable women and the powerful stories, voices, and characters they bring to life on stage.

The Exchange

Rosa Parks Circle

September 19, 10 AM – 6 PM

September 26, 10 AM – 6 PM

October 3, 10 AM – 6 PM

The Exchange is an interactive space across from Rosa Parks Circle, where ArtPrize's partners showcase their services through creative displays and hands-on experiences. This engaging area offers visitors a chance to connect with the brands supporting the event, blending art and community.

Merchants and Makers

Monroe Center St & Ottawa Ave

September 19, 10 AM – 6 PM

September 26, 10 AM – 6 PM

October 3, 10 AM – 6 PM

The Merchants and Makers ArtPrize Market is taking place all three Saturdays of ArtPrize. The roads are closed, and they are on the street for a fun street market! There will also be live music and drinks as part of the Downtown Refreshment Area.

French Paper Stamp Rally

September 24 @ Rebel Nell

5 PM – 8 PM

Stop by Rebel Nell to hand-print your own commemorative ArtPrize postcard. This unique keepsake is built from three layered stamps on real French Paper stock. Created in collaboration with French Paper Company and Derek Mohr, this free walk-up station lets you take home a one-of-a-kind piece of ArtPrize created by you in just a few minutes. No experience necessary, open to people of all ages.

The Exchange – Community Days

Rosa Parks Circle, 10am – 3pm

September 20

September 27

The Exchange – Community Days focuses on ArtPrize's nonprofit partners, giving visitors a chance to connect with local organizations and learn more about the work they're doing across Grand Rapids. Discover the people, programs, and ideas helping strengthen our community and create positive impact.

Friday Nite Lights

Presented by Rockford and Pioneer Construction

September 25 @ Rosa Parks Circle

Starting at 8 PM

During one evening of ArtPrize, a collection of iconic buildings built or renovated by local construction companies throughout downtown Grand Rapids will become a synchronized work of public art through dramatic lighting. At a designated moment, participating buildings will illuminate simultaneously, creating a breathtaking visual experience that transforms the city skyline into a canvas. The installation invites the public to recognize that every gallery, museum, hotel, office building, university and public space hosting ArtPrize was imagined, designed, engineered and built through the craftsmanship of thousands of people.

HalfTime Party @ John Ball Zoo

Presented by Meijer

Supported by John Ball Zoo

September 26 @ John Ball Zoo

5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

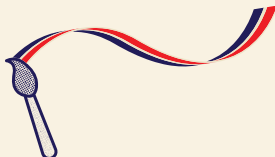
John Ball Zoo hosts ArtPrize's HalfTime Party, featuring live painting at the animal exhibits, and announcement of the current frontrunners of the ArtPrize competition.

Free for ArtPrize artists, venue managers, and ArtPatrons – Enthusiast level and above.
\$10 for the general public.

Doodle Street

September 26 @ Downtown Market

11 AM – 4 PM



ArtPrize presents Doodle Street, an immersive creative experience for children and families at the Grand Rapids Downtown Market. Interactive hands-on activations will engage kids' imagination and inspire young artists-to-be. Enjoy an opening performance by the West Michigan Youth Ballet, as well as activations by Grand Rapids Public Museum, Grand Rapids Children's Museum, artist Arturo Morales Romero, Bricks & Minifigs, and Grandville Ave Arts and Humanities.

September 26

SouthPrize is organized by the Southtown CIA and takes place alongside ArtPrize, bringing the excitement of the competition into Grand Rapids' Southtown neighborhoods. Local artists exhibit their work in businesses throughout the district, inviting visitors to explore the area's unique shops, restaurants, and creative community beyond the main ArtPrize footprint.

More info at southtowngr.org/southprize.

ArtPrize Awards Celebration and Fashion Show

Presented by Acrisure Amphitheater

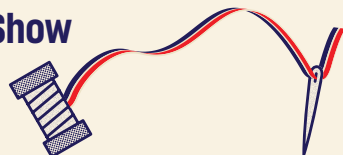
Supported by Pinnacle Construction Group

October 3 @ Acrisure Amphitheater

Doors at 6:30 PM | Awards at 8 PM | Fashion Show at 9 PM

ArtPrize comes to a close at Acrisure Amphitheater with its largest Awards Celebration yet. Celebrate this year's artists, honor juried and public vote winners, and experience a spectacular fashion show featuring designs by RC Caylan along with Grand Rapids Symphony players, Opera Grand Rapids, and professional dancers from throughout the city.

The evening culminates in a drone show and an attempt to break the Guinness World Records™ title for the largest attendance at a fashion show.



2026 Poster Reveal

Featured Exhibits & Activations

Featured Exhibitions are exhibits during ArtPrize that are displayed for visitors outside of the competition. Through unique and dynamic partnerships, we bring interesting and important art to the community to enjoy during the event.



Omar López-Chahoud

Fragments of Displacement 3

Ferris State University's Kendall College of Art and Design & GRAM

Internationally acclaimed curators Omar Lopez-Chahoud and Eduardo López will present their first exhibition in Grand Rapids this September with Fragments of Displacement, a major group exhibition opening during ArtPrize 2026. Fragments of Displacement explores the complex relationships between movement, memory, geography and cultural identity. Through a range of perspectives and mediums, the exhibition considers how context, belonging, and displacement are understood within an increasingly interconnected world.

Opening Reception on September 12, 6 - 9 PM
at Ferris State University's Kendall College of Art and Design

CommuniTree by Mary Free Bed

Cūra Gallery

CommuniTree is a collaborative installation made by the patients, caregivers and staff of Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital in downtown GR. The willow tree represents the interconnectedness we share as community members. Viewers are encouraged to walk around the tree to see artwork made by MFB patients, family and staff depicting what they need and what they give back to their communities.

A LEGO® Space Adventure

Grand Rapids Children's Museum

The Brick Guru, Josh Devries

Embark on an imaginative journey through a custom-designed LEGO® universe filled with towering mountains, hidden caves, and unexpected discoveries. This playful exhibition reflects the Grand Rapids Children's Museum's mission to inspire curiosity, creativity, and learning through hands-on exploration, inviting visitors of all ages to imagine, explore, and discover together.

Healing in Arts (HiA)

Between Two Worlds

303 Monroe Ave NW

A powerful outdoor exhibit honoring the resilience, hopes, and stories of refugee children during ArtPrize. Visitors are invited to engage with the art, share their own messages of hope, and become part of the exhibition story.

Becoming Seen: A Collaborative Self-Portrait Project

Grey Rabbit Gallery & Lounge

This powerful installation features self-portraits created by justice-involved teens through a partnership between HiA and Judge Patricia Gardner's Girls Court program. Developed in guided workshops, each portrait explores identity, resilience, and hope – offering a powerful glimpse into the artists' journeys. Following ArtPrize, the collection will become part of the permanent collection at the Kent County Courthouse.

Community Starts With Home

Habitat for Humanity of Kent and Northern Muskegon Counties

Various park locations in Grand Rapids

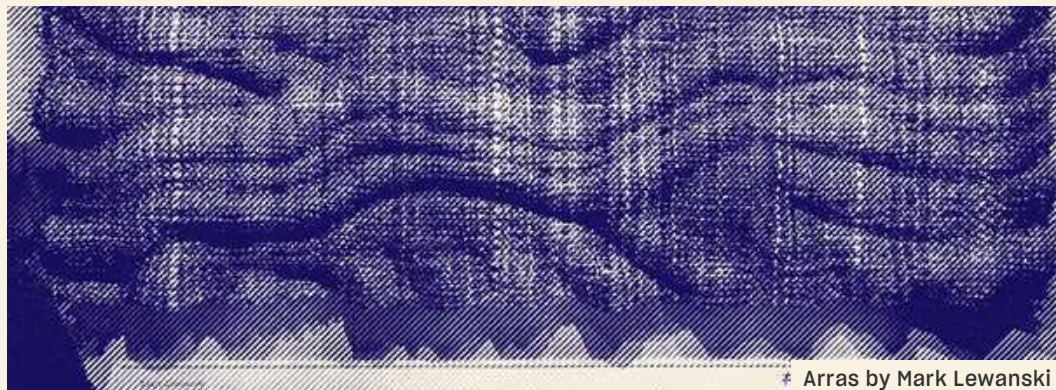
This interactive exhibit features artist-inspired doors displayed across three local parks, giving life to Habitat's mission of bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. Alongside each artist door, there will also be a blank one for community members to portray their own interpretation of the theme. The exhibit highlights that when everyone has a strong foundation and we open the door to possibilities, entire communities can thrive.

REPRISE

Cūra Gallery

Mark Lewanski

Last year's public vote winner returns to ArtPrize with his winning piece, alongside new work at Cūra Gallery. REPRISE continues his exploration of woven glass, placing greater emphasis on pattern, texture, and surface geometry.



✦ Arras by Mark Lewanski

ArtPrize Clubhouse

Supported by Swift Printing and the
Michigan Arts and Culture Council

Monday – Saturday: 12 PM – 8 PM

Sunday: 12 PM – 6 PM

428 Bridge St NW

A central hub for visitors, artists, and volunteers. Stop by for water, official ArtPrize merch, and friendly customer support at the concierge. Grab an event guide, take a seat, and plan your next ArtPrize adventure.

Explore a small gallery of curated ArtPrize entries selected by the ArtPrize Exhibitions Team, then relax, connect, and recharge in the shared lounge space.



Cūra Gallery

Presented by MillerKnoll Foundation
and Trellis

Supported by Progressive Companies
and SILVA

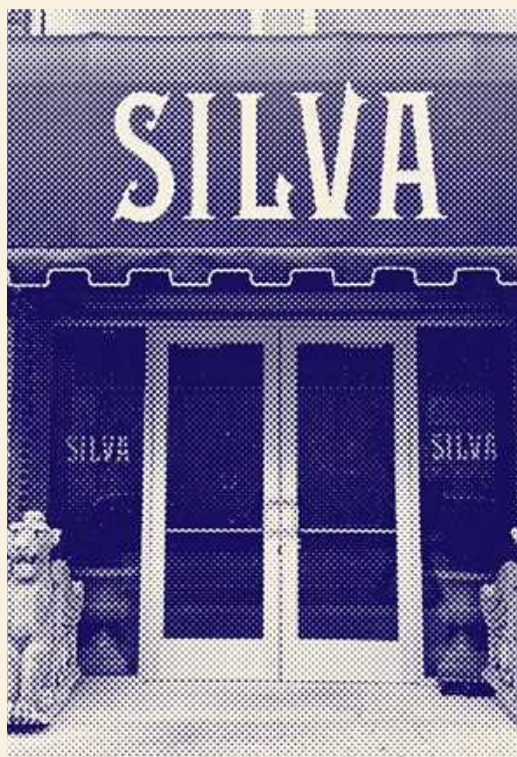
Monday – Saturday: 12 PM – 8PM

Sunday: 12 PM – 6PM

975 Ottawa Ave NW

Curated by the ArtPrize Exhibitions Team, Cūra is an ode to both the caregiver and care receiver, exploring the complexities of human existence and the ways we care for one another. This year's exhibition invites viewers to reflect on themes of health and wellness, caregiving and care receiving, and the cycles of birth, life, and death.

Through the elevation of creative voices, Cūra encourages us to consider how we care, how we are cared for, and how we can create a more compassionate community.

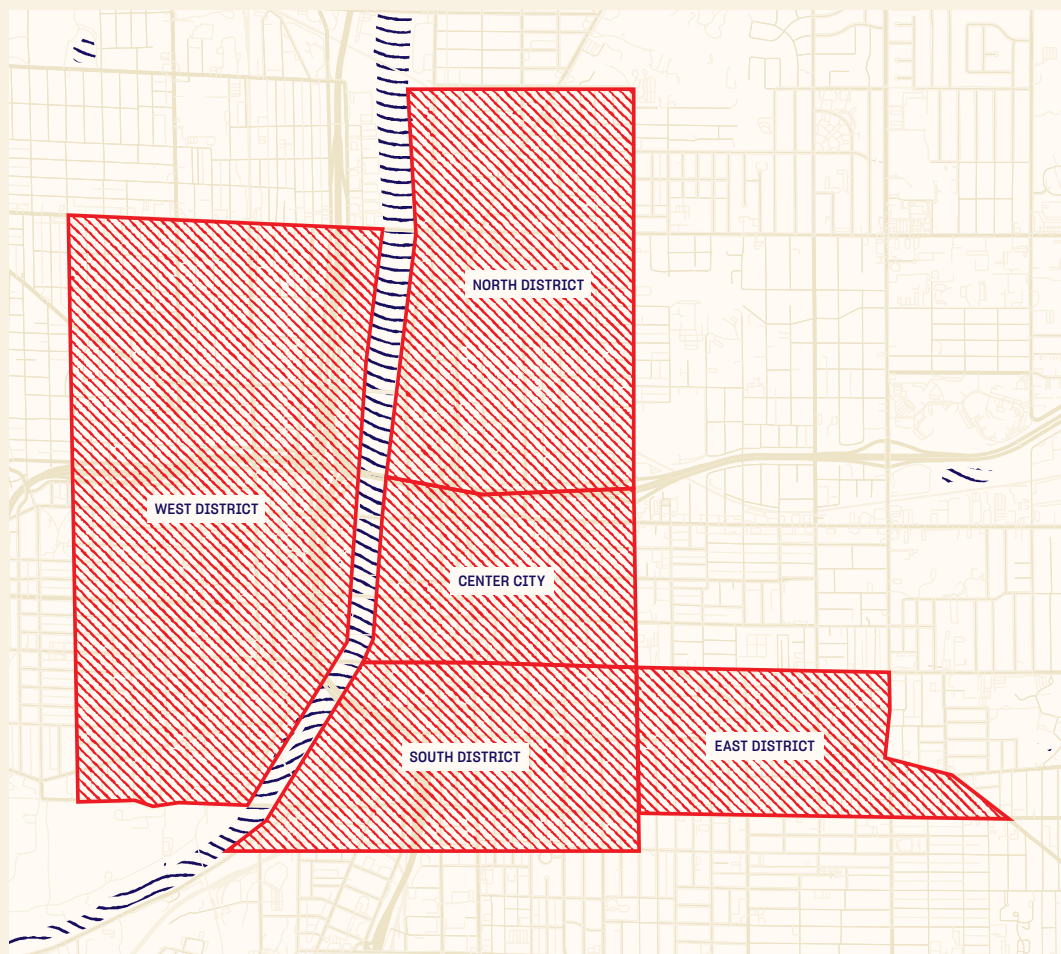


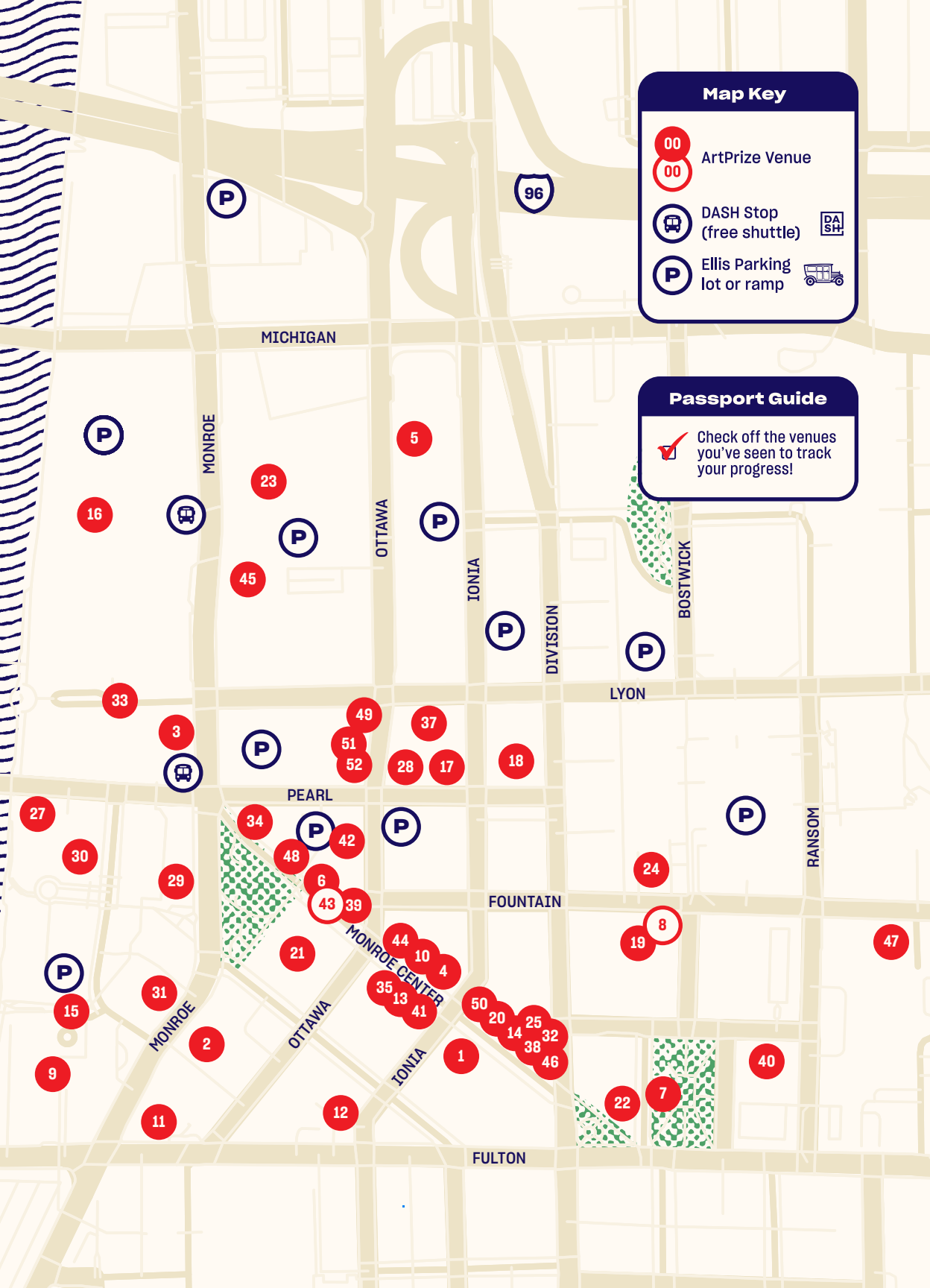


Where is Arty?

Meet Arty, the new ArtPrize mascot created by longtime former ArtPrize Creative Director Amy Day – and Arty is hiding!

One Arty is hidden in each of ArtPrize's five districts. Find all five, snap a photo with each one, then visit the ArtPrize Clubhouse to claim your prize. Can you find them all?





Map Key



ArtPrize Venue



DASH Stop
(free shuttle)



Ellis Parking
lot or ramp



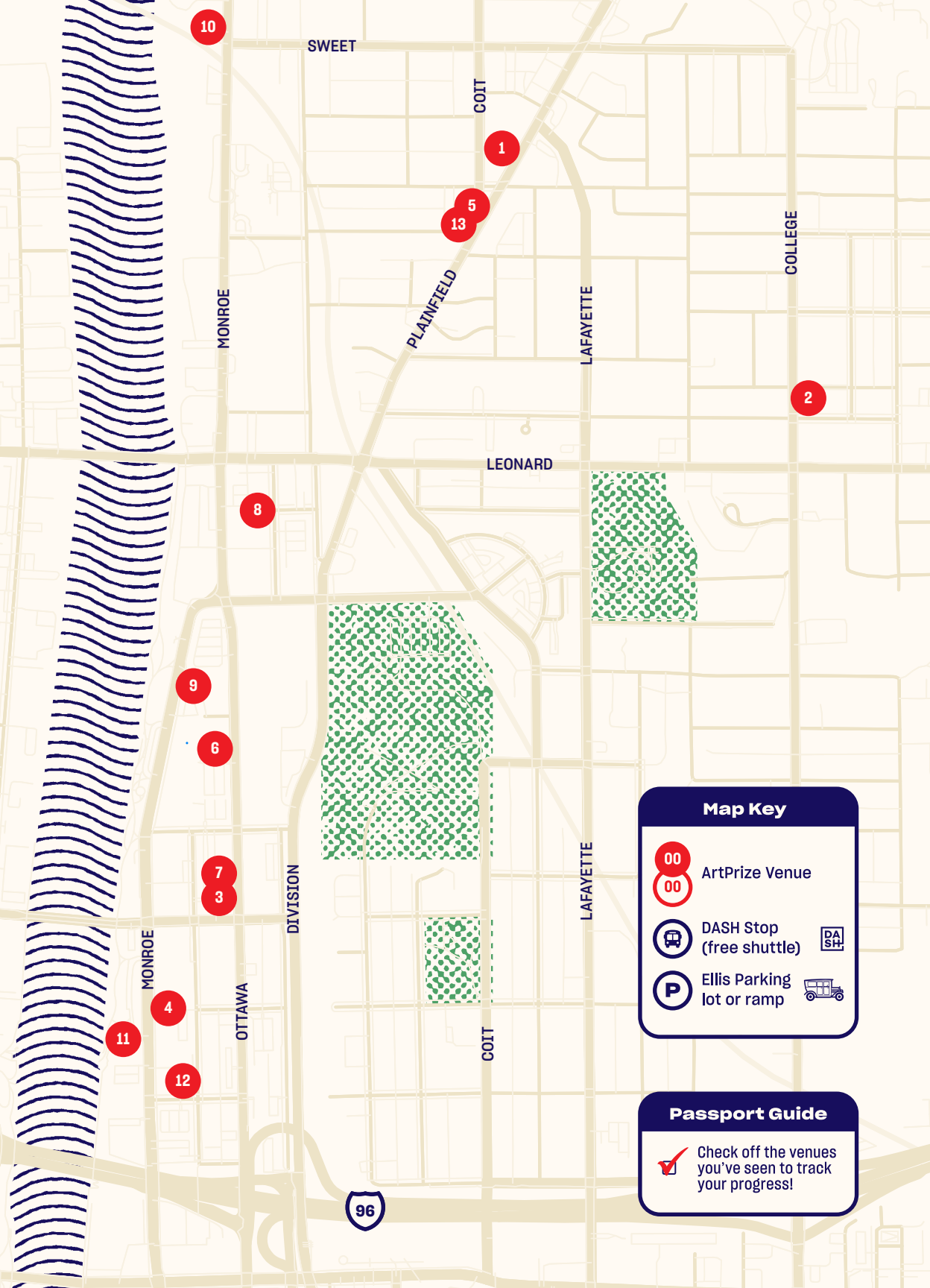
Passport Guide



Check off the venues
you've seen to track
your progress!

Center City Venues

- ☐ **1. The 1850 Room**
53 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **2. AC Hotel Grand Rapids**
50 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **3. Amway Grand Plaza Hotel**
187 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **4. The Aroma Labs**
76 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **5. Art For Honor (City Hall Outdoor Space, behind Calder Plaza)**
320 Ottawa Ave NW
- ☐ **6. The Atrium at Uccello's Downtown**
122 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **7. Art of Resilience – Veterans Memorial Park**
101 Fulton St E
- ☐ **8. Avenue for the Arts Artposts: Fountain St Church**
24 Fountain St NE
- ☐ **9. Blend Salon and Suites**
237 Fulton St W
- ☐ **10. Blue Cross Blue Shield of MI (Steketee's Bldg)**
86 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **11. The B.O.B.**
20 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **12. Brush Studio**
11 Ionia Ave NW
- ☐ **13. CityFlatsHotel**
83 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **14. Courage & Soar**
40 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **15. Courtyard Downtown**
11 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **16. DeVos Place Convention Center**
303 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **17. Downtown Grand Rapids Inc.**
29 Pearl St NW Suite 1
- ☐ **18. FSU's Kendall College of Art & Design**
17 Pearl St NW
- ☐ **19. Fountain Street Church**
24 Fountain St NE
- ☐ **20. Gazelle Sports**
52 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **21. Grand Rapids Art Museum**
101 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **22. Grand Rapids Children's Museum**
11 Sheldon Ave NE
- ☐ **23. Grand Rapids City Hall**
300 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **24. GRCC Collins Art Gallery**
143 Bostwick Ave NE, 4th Floor
- ☐ **25. Greyson Clothiers**
40 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **26. Healing In Arts**
303 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **27. Horizon Bank**
250 Pearl St NW
- ☐ **28. Hyatt Place GR**
140 Ottawa Ave NW
- ☐ **29. Innovare**
169 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **30. JW Marriott GR**
235 Louis St NW
- ☐ **31. Louis Campau Ramp Skywalk**
43 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **32. Lovely La Vie**
40 Monroe Center St NW Ste 100
- ☐ **33. Lyon Square**
296 Lyon St NW
- ☐ **34. McKay Tower**
146 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **35. Mobile GR – 87 Monroe**
87 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **36. Mojo's**
180 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **37. Morning Ritual Coffee Bar**
150 Ottawa Ave NW
- ☐ **38. Oh Hello Paper & Gifts**
40 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **39. Old World Olive Co.**
108 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **40. Park Church**
10 East Park Pl NE
- ☐ **41. The Parlour at CityFlatsHotel**
77 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **42. Periwinkle Fog**
125 Ottawa Ave NW
- ☐ **43. PO (Art)Box**
120 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **44. Rebel Nell**
96 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **45. Roam by San Chez**
250 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **46. Shinola GR**
40 Monroe Center St NW Ste 11
- ☐ **47. Spectrum Theater**
160 Fountain St NE
- ☐ **48. Sugar Bar**
132 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **49. Sundance Grill & Bar**
151 Ottawa Ave NW
- ☐ **50. Symplicity Communications Building**
60 Monroe Center St NW
- ☐ **51. Waters Center & Homewood Suites by Hilton**
161 Ottawa Ave NW
- ☐ **52. Webster's Market**
161 Ottawa Ave NW, Suite 102



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Passport Guide



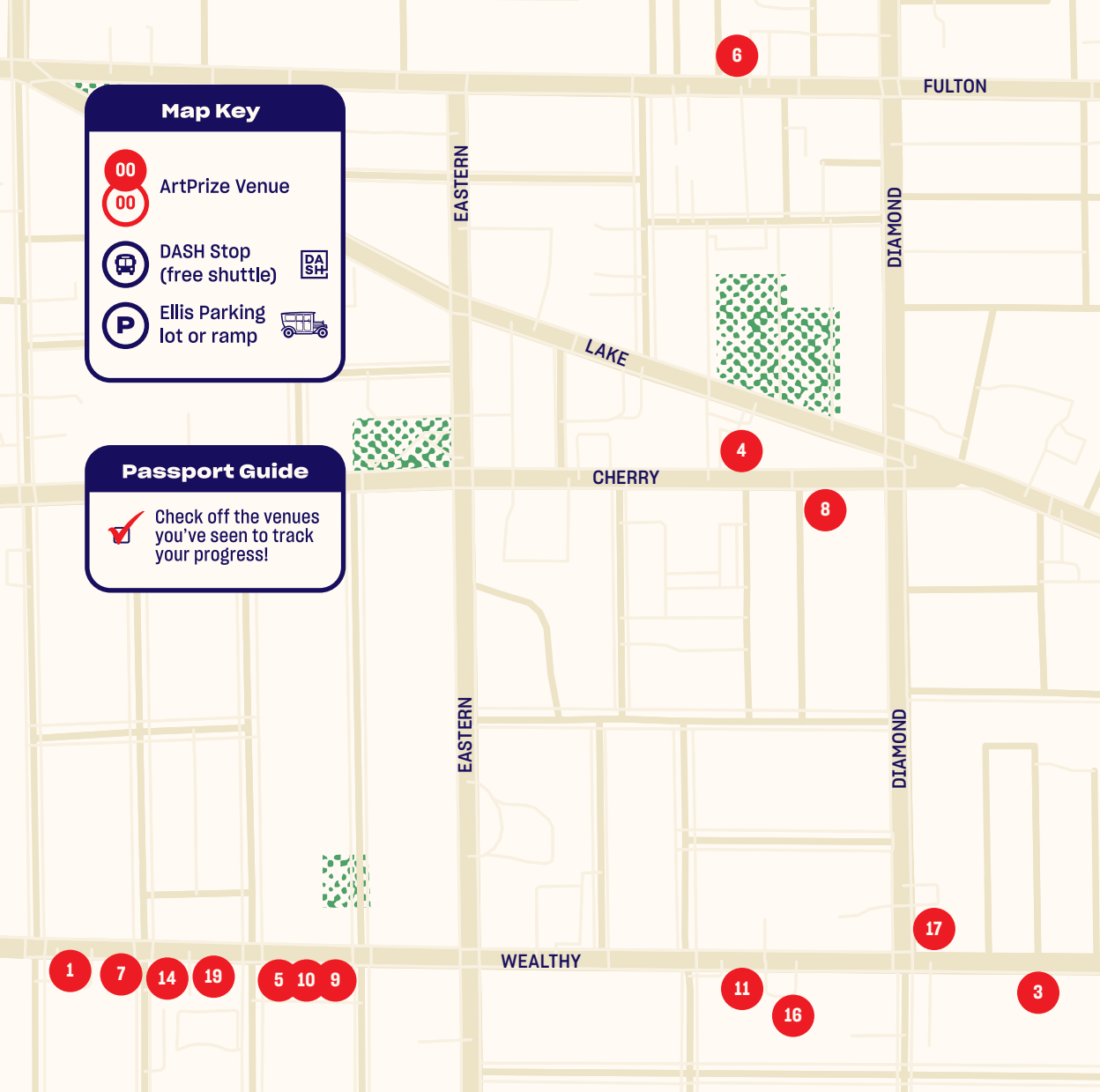
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North District Venues

- ☐ **1. 2RST**
1511 Plainfield Ave NE, Suite B
- ☐ **2. Authentic Skateshop**
1244 College Ave NE
- ☐ **3. Auto Fixit Body Shop**
805 Ottawa Ave NW
- ☐ **4. Corewell Health Corporate HQ Lobby**
648 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **5. Culver CPA Group**
1419 Coit Ave NE
- ☐ **6. Cûra Gallery**
975 Ottawa Ave NW
- ☐ **7. Garage Bar & Grill**
819 Ottawa Ave NW
- ☐ **8. Midwest Movement Collective**
1140 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **9. Monroe Community Church**
1020 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **10. Roeda Studio**
1615 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **11. Sixth Street Park, River North Business Association**
647 Monroe Ave NW
- ☐ **12. Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea**
601 Bond Ave NW
- ☐ **13. Zeal Aerial Fitness**
131 Caledonia St NE



View of Grand Rapids from the North District

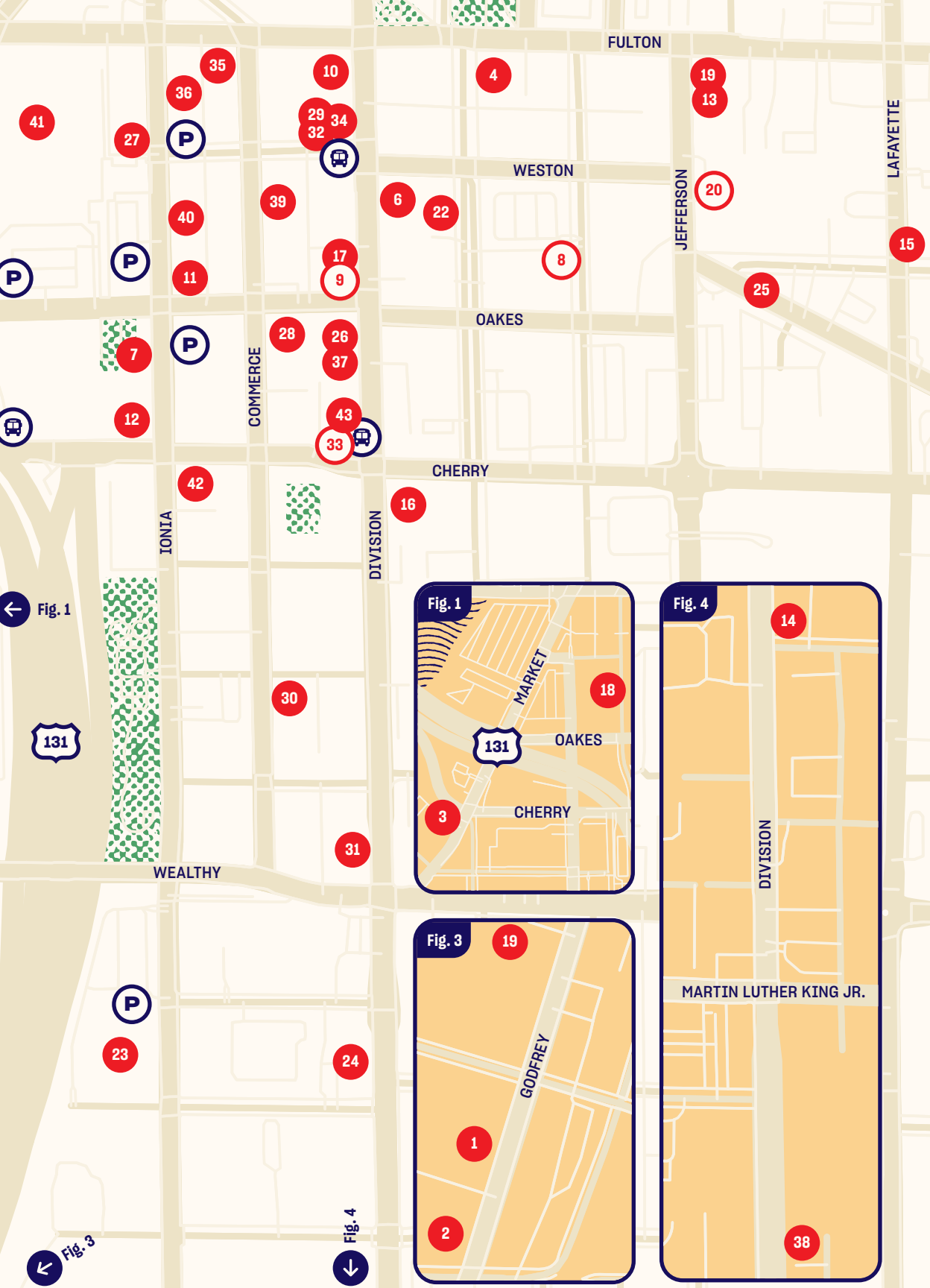


East District Venues

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| ☐ 1. Art of the Table
606 Wealthy St SE | ☐ 5. Grey Rabbit Gallery & Lounge
700 Wealthy St SE | ☐ 8. Kava Kasa
962 Cherry St SE |
| ☐ 2. Ash & Elm Quiltery
1501 Lake Dr SE | ☐ 6. Inner Body Works, PLC
929 Fulton St SE | ☐ 9. Mammoth Distilling
710 Wealthy St SE |
| ☐ 3. Atomic Object
1034 Wealthy St SE | ☐ 7. The James Boutique
620 Wealthy St SE | ☐ 10. Niksi
708 Wealthy St SE |
| ☐ 4. Brewery Vivant
925 Cherry St SE | | ☐ 11. Reagan Marketing + Design
912 Wealthy St SE |



- ☐ **12. Rebel**
1555 Wealthy St SE
- ☐ **13. Riverside Guitar School /
Riverside Market**
1533 Wealthy St SE
- ☐ **14. Rowster Coffee**
632 Wealthy St SE
- ☐ **15. The Salvation Army of
Kent County**
1235 Fulton St SE
- ☐ **16. Speciation Cells**
928 Wealthy St SE
- ☐ **17. Uptown GR, Inc**
368 Diamond Ave SE
- ☐ **18. Wealthy Theatre**
1130 Wealthy St SE
- ☐ **19. The Winchester**
648 Wealthy St SE
- ☐ **20. Yesterdog**
1505 Wealthy St SE



South District Venues

- ☐ **1. 1111 Lady of The (b o i l e r) House**
1111 Godfrey Ave SW
- ☐ **2. 1101 Godfrey**
1101 Godfrey Ave SW
- ☐ **3. Acrisure Amphitheater**
201 Market Ave SW
- ☐ **4. Acton Institute**
98 Fulton St E
- ☐ **5. AllArtWorks**
333 Cesar E. Chavez Ave SW
- ☐ **6. ArtRat Gallery**
46 Division Ave S
- ☐ **7. Arts Marketplace**
121 Ionia Ave SW
- ☐ **8. Avenue for the Arts
Artposts: Ferguson
Apartment**
52 Sheldon Blvd SE
- ☐ **9. Avenue for the Arts
Artposts: Verne Berry Place**
63 Division Ave S
- ☐ **10. Bamboo**
2 Fulton St W
- ☐ **11. Big Mini Putt Club**
70 Ionia Ave SW
- ☐ **12. Canopy by Hilton GR**
131 Ionia Ave SW
- ☐ **13. Char**
6 Jefferson Ave SE
- ☐ **14. City Life Church**
574 Division Ave S
- ☐ **15. Cornerstone Church –
Heritage Hill Campus**
48 Lafayette Ave SE
- ☐ **16. Crow's Hold**
200 Division Ave S
- ☐ **17. Decaydence Vintage**
71 Division Ave S
- ☐ **18. Ding Tea**
45 Ottawa Ave SW
- ☐ **19. The Elevated Market and
The Glasshouse**
955 Godfrey Ave SW
- ☐ **20. Etta Smith Wilson Way**
40 Jefferson Ave SE
- ☐ **21. Gita Pita**
2 Jefferson Ave SE
- ☐ **22. Grand Rapids African
American Museum & Archives**
41 Sheldon Ave SE
- ☐ **23. Grand Rapids Downtown
Market**
435 Ionia Ave SW
- ☐ **24. Happy Cat Café**
447 Division Ave S
- ☐ **25. Heritage Hill Offices /
Neighborhood**
10 College Ave NE
- ☐ **26. Herrema & Sons Piano Co.**
111 Division Ave S
- ☐ **27. HopCat**
25 Ionia Ave SW
- ☐ **28. Lantern Coffee**
100 Commerce Ave SW, Suite 100
- ☐ **29. Lilith's Lair**
25 Division Ave S
- ☐ **30. Nia Centre**
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- ☐ **31. The NOW Gallery**
349 Division Ave S
- ☐ **32. OTONO & Cafe OTONO**
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- ☐ **34. Rewind**
17 Division Ave S
- ☐ **35. San Chez Bistro**
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- ☐ **36. Sears Architects**
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44 Ionia Ave SW
- ☐ **41. Van Andel Arena**
130 Fulton St W
- ☐ **42. Western Michigan
University**
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- ☐ **43. Zabház**
139 Division Ave S

Map Key



ArtPrize Venue



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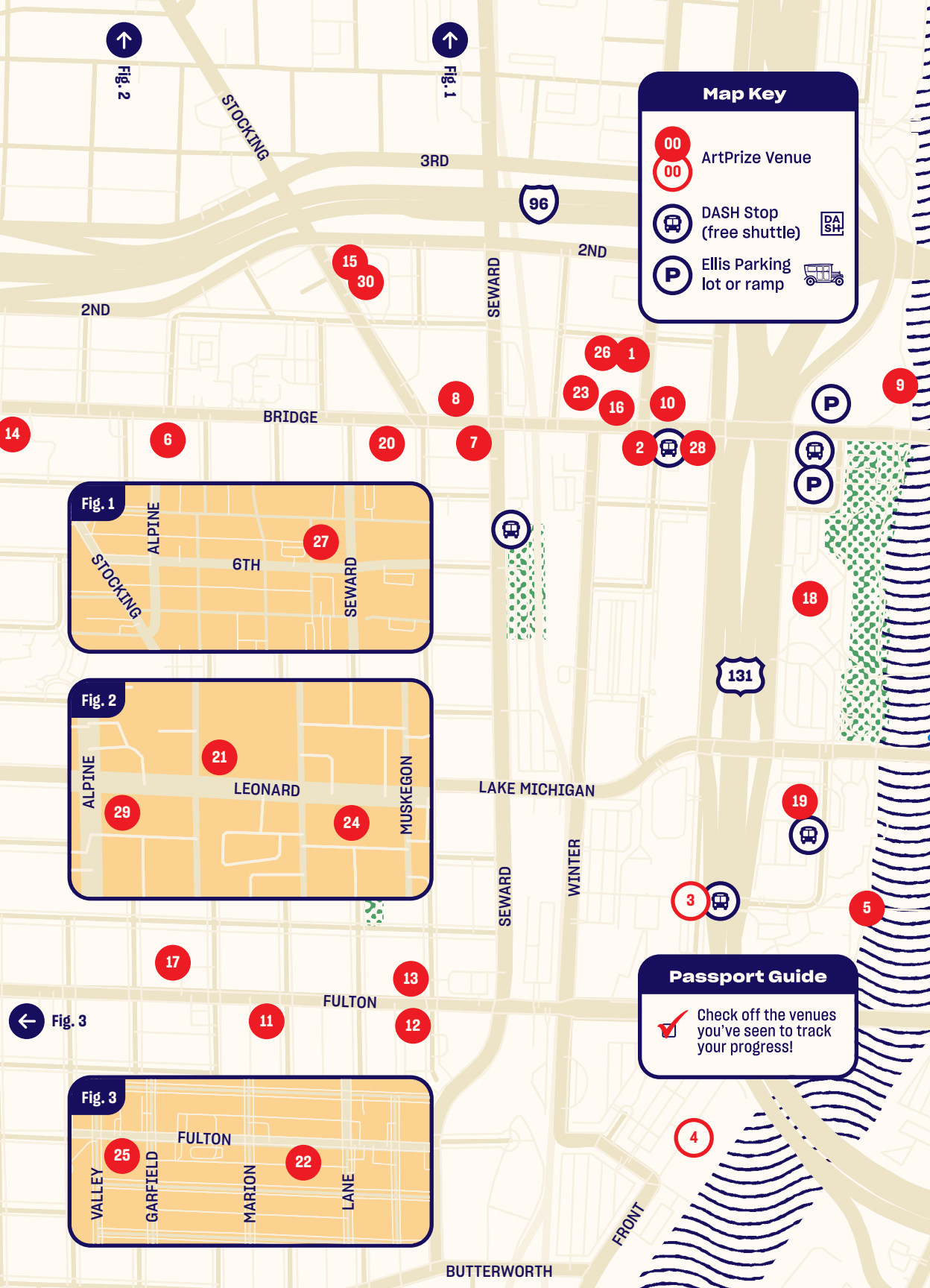
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West District Venues

- ☐ **1. 1st Micro Greenery**
433 Broadway Ave NW
- ☐ **2. ArtPrize Clubhouse**
428 Bridge St NW
- ☐ **3. Avenue for the Arts Artposts:**
GVSU Pew Campus
401 Fulton St W
- ☐ **4. Avenue for the Arts Artposts:**
GVSU Seidman Campus
50 Front Ave SW
- ☐ **5. The Blue Footbridge**
Grand Rapids, MI
- ☐ **6. Bridge St Electric**
812 Bridge St NW
- ☐ **7. Bridge Street Bar**
600 Bridge St NW
- ☐ **8. Bridge Street Market**
405 Seward Dr NW
- ☐ **9. Bridgewater Place River Mural**
Riveredge Trail
- ☐ **10. Cellar Bird Books**
415 Bridge St NW
- ☐ **11. The Clayground**
750 Fulton St W
- ☐ **12. Clear Sky Eyecare**
644 Fulton St W, Suite C
- ☐ **13. Cloud Cannabis**
621 Fulton St W
- ☐ **14. El Granjero Mexican Grill**
950 Bridge St NW
- ☐ **15. Firebird Bar GR**
526 Stocking Ave NW
- ☐ **16. Fratelli's Italian Kitchen**
443 Bridge St NW
- ☐ **17. Fulton Street Pub**
801 Fulton St W
- ☐ **18. Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum**
303 Pearl St NW
- ☐ **19. Holiday Inn Grand Rapids Downtown**
310 Pearl St NW
- ☐ **20. Küsterer Brauhaus**
642 Bridge St NW
- ☐ **21. Muse GR**
727 Leonard St NW
- ☐ **22. Nawara Brothers Home Store**
1030 Fulton St W
- ☐ **23. Nonla Burger**
449 Bridge St NW
- ☐ **24. Pickle and Pin**
662 Leonard St NW
- ☐ **25. Rise Authentic Baking Company**
1220 Fulton St W
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404 Bridge St NW
- ☐ **29. West Grand Neighborhood Organization**
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- ☐ **30. Wrench Club**
522 Stocking Ave NW



Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum

Grants

Featured Public Project

This year's Featured Public Project features Detroit artist Yazmin Dababneh and her immersive installation "Yayaland Takeover V." This series reimagines existing lighting throughout Downtown Grand Rapids to create a vibrant, euphoric atmosphere that shifts how visitors experience and move through a space. Visit ArtPrize after dark for the full experience!

Artist Seed Grants

The Artist Seed Grant program supports exceptionally talented emerging artists and designers, helping them bring compelling work to ArtPrize 2026. Each selected artist or designer will receive **\$2,000** to assist with artwork creation and logistical costs, ensuring they can fully participate in the event. These grants help maintain ArtPrize's accessibility for artists worldwide and at all career stages.

Heartside Business Association

ArtPrize is happy to collaborate with the Heartside Business Association once again to award an artist to exhibit their work at Peckich Park!



ArtPrize Artists

ArtPrize Pitch Nights

Pitch Nights are ArtPrize's largest grant program, aimed at discovering exciting, ambitious projects nationwide and helping out-of-state artists overcome barriers to participating. Following an open call for proposals, artists from three U.S. cities were selected to take the stage, where they had five minutes to pitch their ideas to a panel of local art experts for a **\$10,000** grant and a guaranteed spot at an ArtPrize venue.

For a full listing of the ArtPrize grant program, visit artprize.org/grants.



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Sarah Adnan

"Morphosis V2"

On view at Cūra Gallery



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"Phenomena: Rendered"

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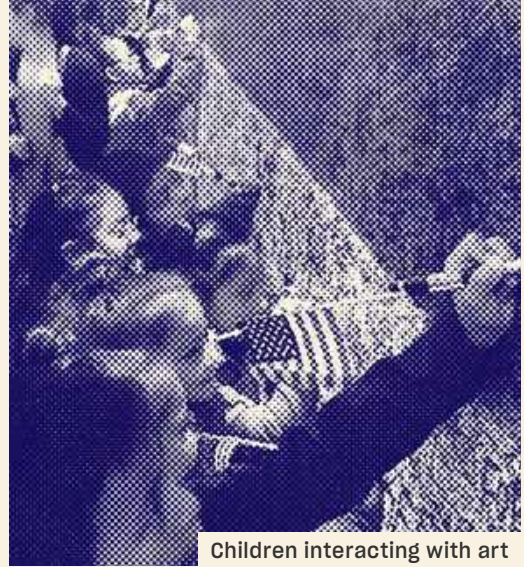
"Bonded with Gold"

On view at Devos Place Convention Center

ArtPrize Edu

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ArtPrize produces a diverse range of arts education programming and collateral, from field trips to classroom curriculum, designed to create opportunities for lifelong learning.



Children interacting with art

Field Trips

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During ArtPrize, over 2,500 Michigan K-12 students participate in self-guided tours to experience ArtPrize firsthand and to learn about art concepts. ArtPrize bus grants provide needed logistics for equitable access.

Education Workshops

Supported by Corewell Health

During ArtPrize, a series of community workshops will be presented as learning experiences for creatives of all ages. From “Make and Take” hands-on creation stations to professional development sessions,

ArtPrize creates opportunities for lifelong learning in real time. ArtPrize also coordinates and hosts portfolio reviews, each year for students in higher education.

Curriculum Materials

Beyond the opportunities for learning onsite, ArtPrize creates print and digital curricula and teaching tools that use ArtPrize artists and their work as examples to teach art concepts in K-12 classrooms year-round.

Break It Down | Make It Better

ArtPrize, in partnership with Avenue for the Arts and AllArtWorks, curates and produces an annual professional development symposium in February, Break It Down | Make It Better, that focuses on current themes and topics related to arts and arts administration. This is the longest-running arts professional conference in West Michigan.

2025 ArtPrize Edu Impact

3K+

K-12 Students through the field trip program

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Education curriculum materials distributed to 12 institutions

16

WorkShops held in collaboration with 11 partner organizations

11

Bus grants distributed

ArtPrize Edu Magazine

Last year ArtPrize provided field trips to over 3,000 students and provided free copies of the ArtPrize Edu magazine to over 11,000 students across michigan.



Support ArtPrize Edu

ArtPrize Edu is only possible through the generous donations from our community!



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ArtPrize is supported by our community. We fundraise year-round to support our entire operating budget, which includes the more than **\$500,000 in direct support** to students, artists, and educators.

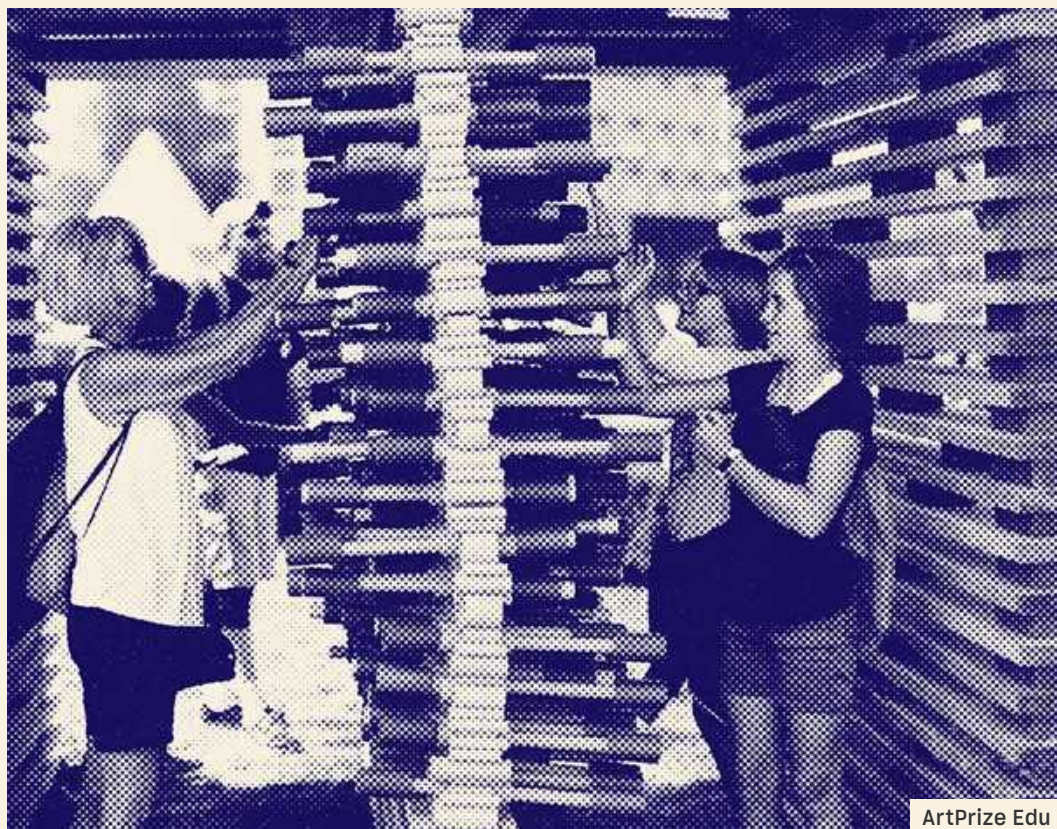
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Donations up to \$50 /year

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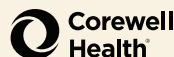
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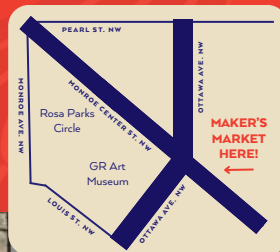
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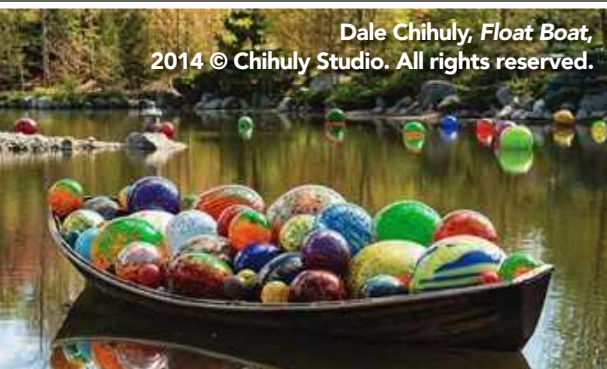
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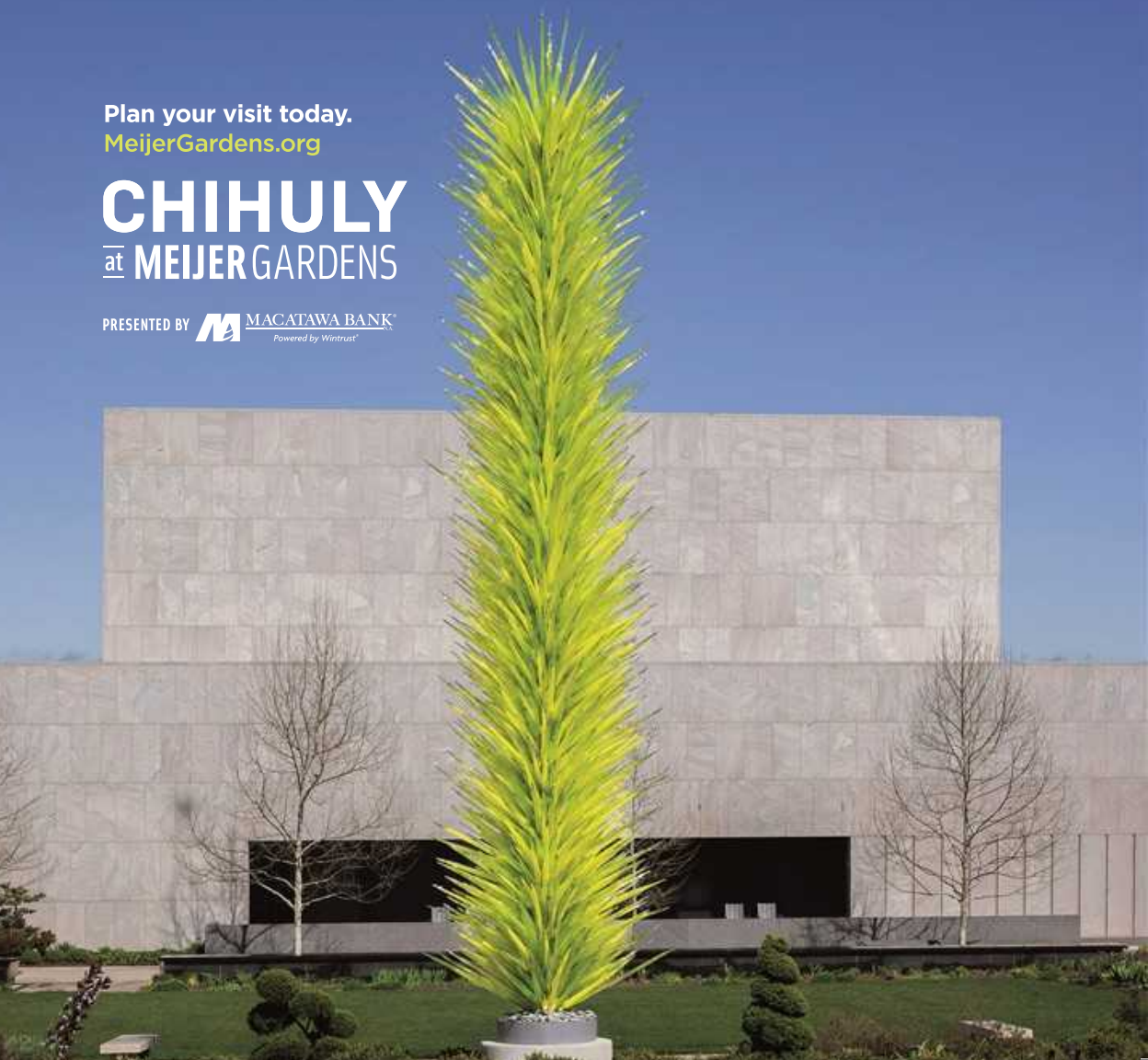
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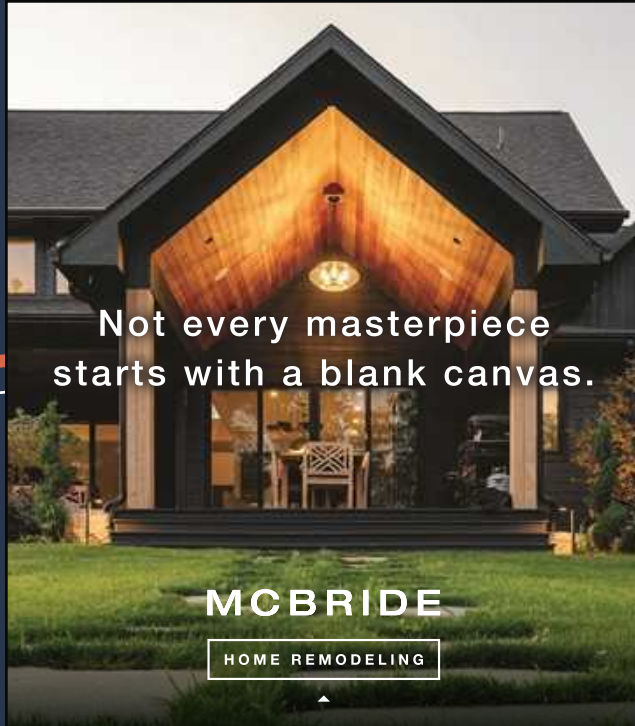
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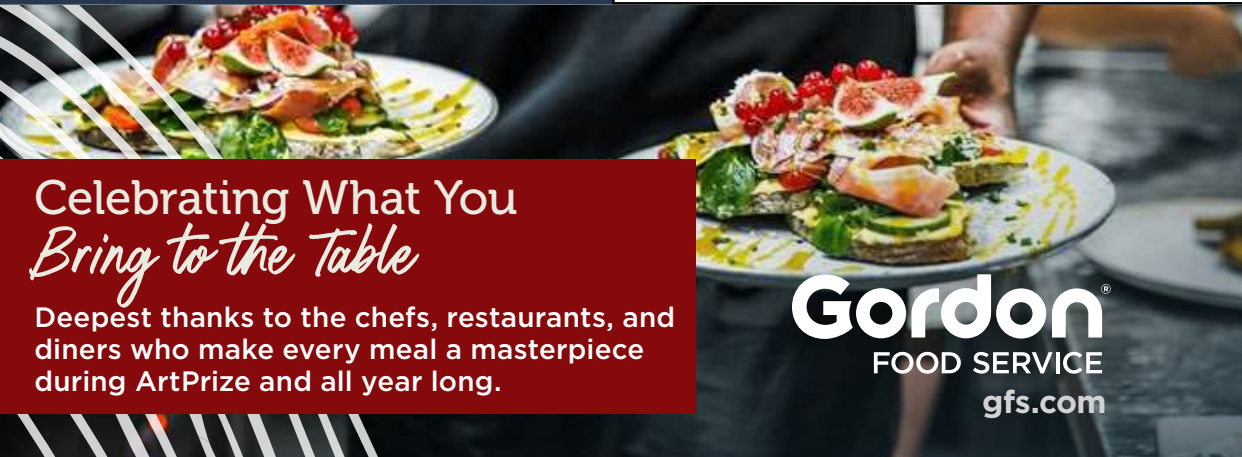


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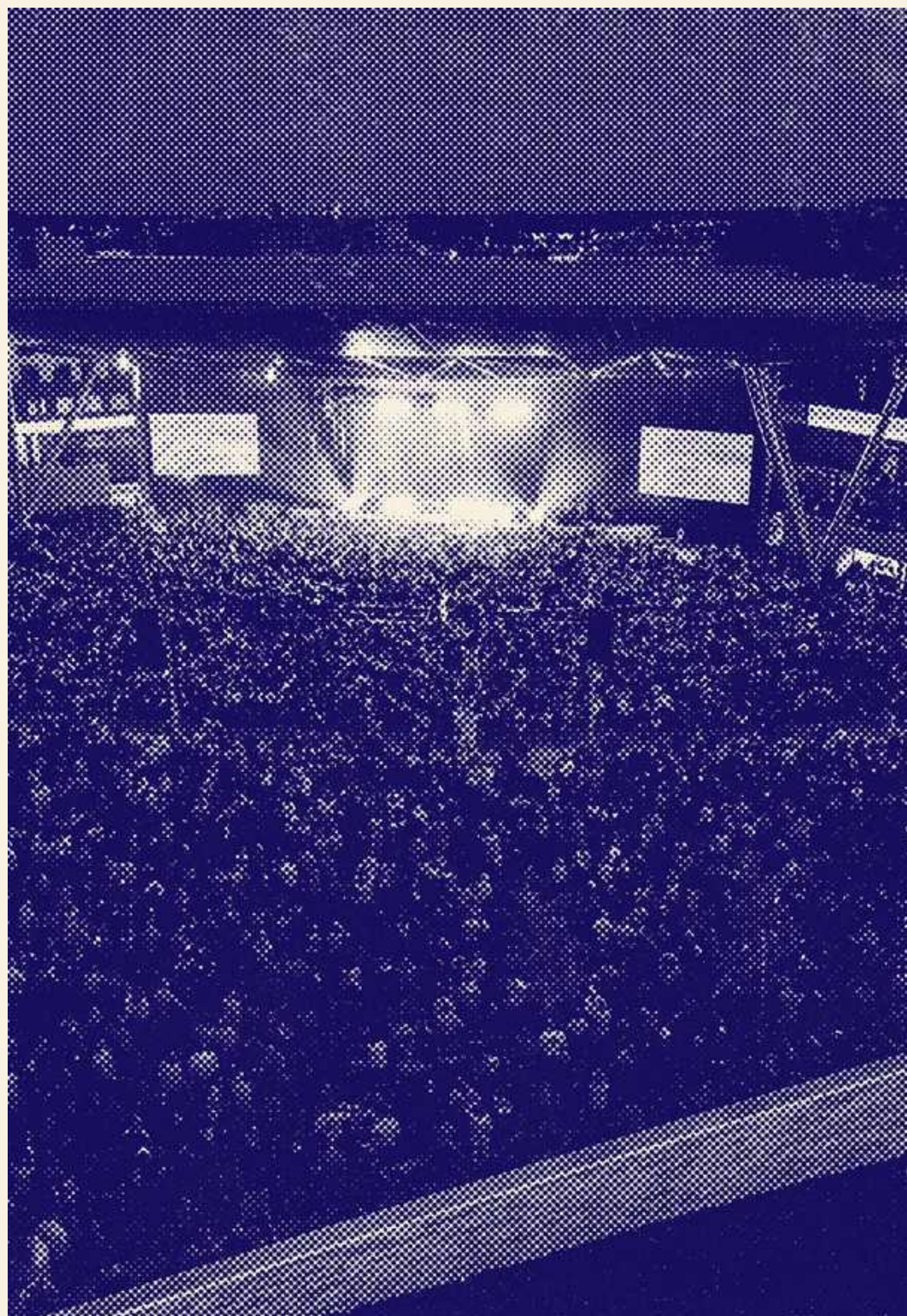
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