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2020 PROGRAM GUIDE

WHERE THE ART IS



As I walked through the halls of Riverviews early this morning, I was reminded of the bold vision that would become Riverviews Artspace. Today, Riverviews is Lynchburg's home for exceptional contemporary art exhibits, exciting events, and engaging programs that provide the foundation for a creative, thriving, and collaborative community.

Since opening our doors in 2003, Riverviews has brought more than 500 artists, 100 published writers, and has attracted more than 130,000 visitors. Riverviews was an early economic driver of Lynchburg's downtown revitalization efforts. Our unique mix of living spaces, studios, galleries, and meeting places continue to attract the many artists, tenants, patrons and tourists who live, work, and play in downtown Lynchburg.

While I humbly reflect on the many accomplishments achieved by the visionaries, volunteers, staff, and donors who've supported Riverviews, it comes with a keen awareness of our responsibility to this thriving community. Riverviews Artspace is and must always be an inclusive organization that fosters the exploration, experimentation, and evolution of contemporary arts and culture. We continue to seek out and refine the ways in which we facilitate artistic excellence, innovation, community service, and place-making for all.

Art has always been one of the few meaningful ways that people come together to share an experience, even if they may see the world differently. Art overcomes language and cultural boundaries. Art challenges and transforms. This is why art matters to you and to us.

We hope you'll join us and be a part of it all. Stop by the galleries to see our internationally recognized exhibits, buy a ticket for our annual Maker's Brunch or our Gala dinner. Participate in our monthly Sketch Society or check out our Underground Movie Club. Learn more about our partnership with the City of Lynchburg and Lynchburg City Schools to help provide local children with creative tools they may not have access to, through our SPARKS Digital Media Lab camps. Get involved with programs like ARTHRIVE, our professional development curriculum designed to teach business skills to creatives in all disciplines.

Riverviews is where the art is...we are here for you!

Kim Soerensen

Executive Director of Riverviews Artspace



OUR MISSION

Riverviews Artspace is a non-profit arts organization committed to presenting contemporary art exhibitions, multi-disciplinary programs and events as diverse as our community. Our mission is to cultivate inclusivity and quality of life via the means of art.

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MAIN EXHIBITS

Get ready to discover new voices and fresh perspectives! Our programs are thought provoking, stimulate conversations, and present regional, national, and internationally acclaimed artists working with a variety of mediums. **Many of our events and exhibits are free and open to the public, cultivating arts and enrichment for all.**

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FIELD GUIDES: Nikki Brugnoli-Whipkey & Josh Whipkey

January 3rd, 2020 through February 20th, 2020

FIELD GUIDES will be a mixed media installation of new works merging drawings, photo-based silkscreen monoprints, artist books, and sound.



TINY ART SHOW: Group Exhibition

March 6th, 2020 through April 16th, 2020

Riverviews Artspace will invite several artists who create "tiny" art for a group exhibition in Spring 2020. With a gallery of 2,500 square foot, we can enjoy the juxtaposition of our large space filled with a plethora of smaller works.



RUNNING GIRLS: Mary Mihelic

May 1st, 2020 through June 18th, 2020

Mary Mihelic's Running Girls series is inspired by the courage of the schoolgirls who ran for their lives and escaped from the Boko Haram terrorists in Nigeria, while their classmates were attacked and kidnapped..



WELL PAST THE ECHO: Sue Wrbican

July 3rd, 2020 through August 20th, 2020

Sue Wrbican will be creating a site-specific installation with her exhibition of work, Well Past the Echo. Inspired by the surrealist painter Kay Sage, Wrbican builds three-dimensional models of Sage's painted structures and incorporates them with her suspended sail arrangements.



DUAL EXHIBITION: Matthew Robertson and Elaine Qiu

September 4th, 2020 through October 22nd, 2020

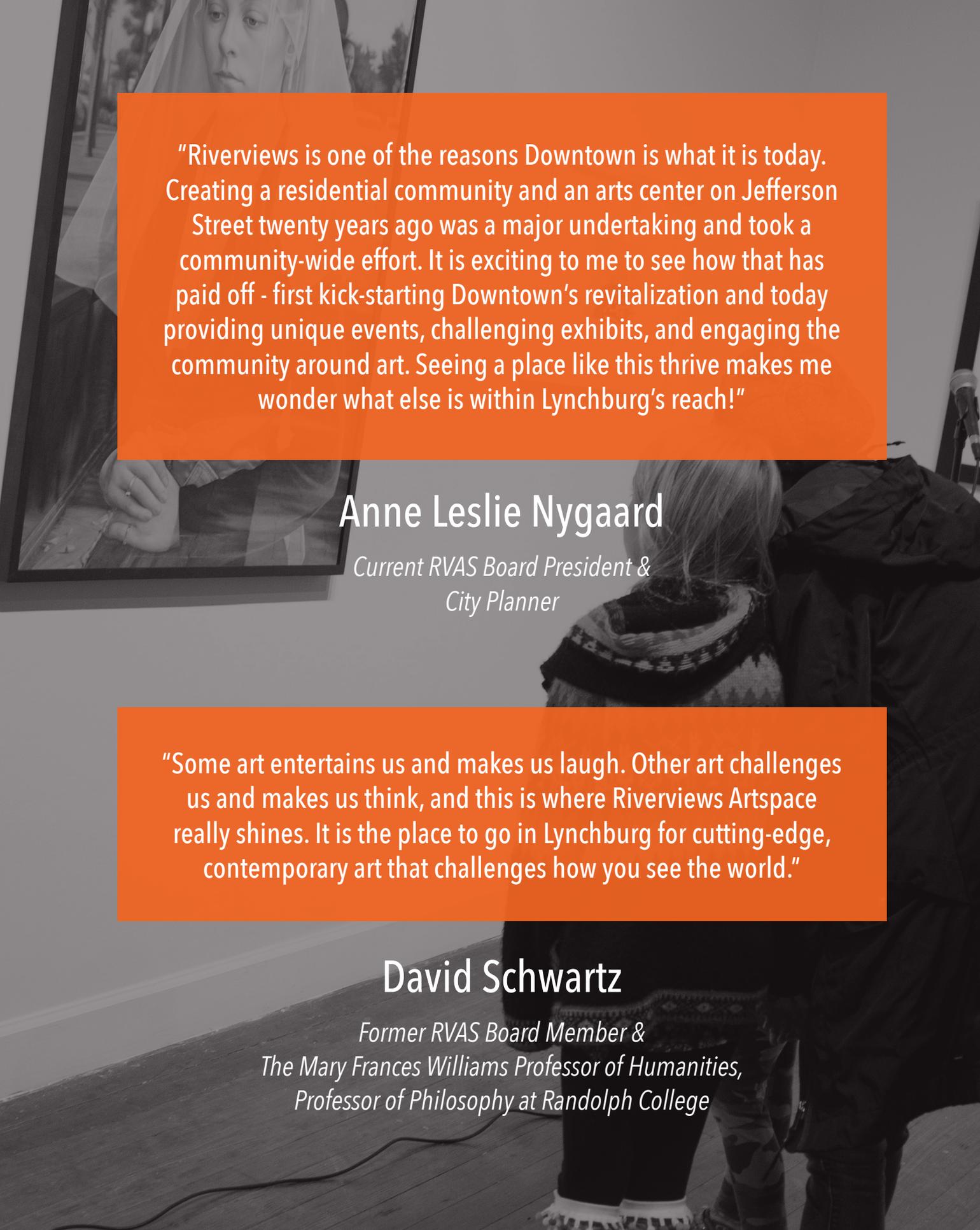
Painting is still one of the most popular media among traditional and contemporary artists. Riverviews will be bringing together two upcoming painters for an exhibition of 2D works, both of whom begin each painting with looking inward.



12TH ANNUAL JURIED ART SHOW

November 6th, 2020 through December 17th, 2020

Now a nation-wide call for entry, the Riverviews Artspace Annual Juried Art Show has been a tradition for 12 years. Artists of any media and subject matter, from any US state can enter 3 works for consideration to the chosen juror.



"Riverviews is one of the reasons Downtown is what it is today. Creating a residential community and an arts center on Jefferson Street twenty years ago was a major undertaking and took a community-wide effort. It is exciting to me to see how that has paid off - first kick-starting Downtown's revitalization and today providing unique events, challenging exhibits, and engaging the community around art. Seeing a place like this thrive makes me wonder what else is within Lynchburg's reach!"

Anne Leslie Nygaard

*Current RVAS Board President &
City Planner*

"Some art entertains us and makes us laugh. Other art challenges us and makes us think, and this is where Riverviews Artspace really shines. It is the place to go in Lynchburg for cutting-edge, contemporary art that challenges how you see the world."

David Schwartz

*Former RVAS Board Member &
The Mary Frances Williams Professor of Humanities,
Professor of Philosophy at Randolph College*



"BIG INK has worked with many art centers and the staff at Riverviews Artspace are some of the best. We feel fortunate to partner with a creative center that brings compelling programming to the people of Lynchburg."

Lyell Castonguay

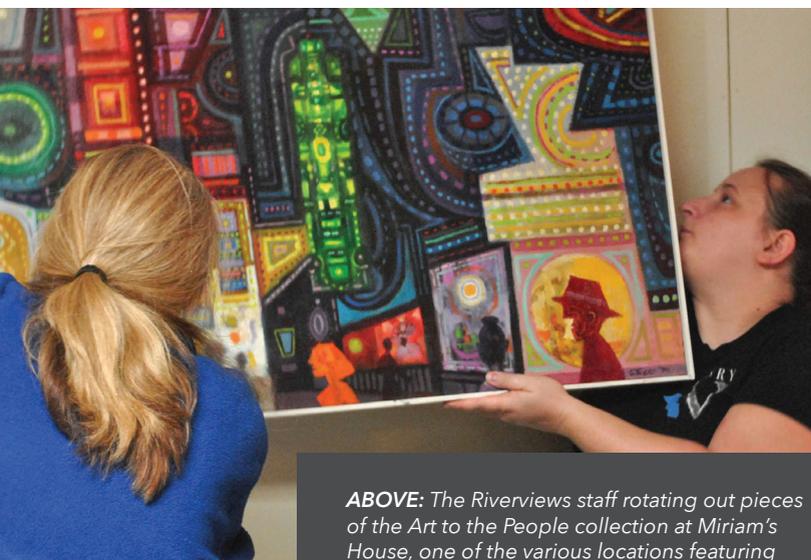
Co-Founder of Big Ink

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MAIN PROGRAMS

Riverviews ensures access to contemporary art experiences for the entire community. Our innovative outreach programs and unique events help cultivate inclusivity and quality of life through the art of today

[PROGRAMS AT RIVERVIEWS.NET](https://www.riverviews.net)



ABOVE: The Riverviews staff rotating out pieces of the Art to the People collection at Miriam's House, one of the various locations featuring artwork throughout the city of Lynchburg.

ART TO THE PEOPLE

Art to the People helps bring the art outside of our galleries and into public spaces throughout the city. A collection of over 200 fine art pieces are currently featured in locations such as Lynchburg Daily Bread, Miriam's House, the Lynchburg YWCA, The Arc, and the Department of Human Services. Art to the People is made possible through the generosity of Larry Bassett's private art collection, and is professionally curated by RVAS staff in collaboration with various local public service organizations.

According to a recent study by the National Endowment for the Arts, over 31 million U.S. citizens are unable to enjoy and experience art, due to lack of transportation, physical disabilities, and other challenges. Through this engaging program, our goal is to provide wider access to outstanding contemporary artwork for all members of our community.

[RIVERVIEWS.NET/ART-TO-THE-PEOPLE](https://www.riverviews.net/art-to-the-people)

EMERGING ARTIST SERIES

Our Emerging Artist Series program is designed to give talented visual artists the experience to showcase their work in a professional, public environment.

Riverviews presents twelve Emerging Artist exhibits annually, featuring artists who are just getting started in their careers. Through this program, artists have the opportunity to establish themselves and build relationships with an expansive and creative community.

[RIVERVIEWS.NET/EMERGING-ARTIST-SERIES](https://www.riverviews.net/emerging-artist-series)



FIRST FRIDAYS

Don't miss First Fridays at Riverviews, our monthly open house! Riverviews is a proud participant in downtown's First Fridays event series. On the first Friday of each month we open our doors to launch new and exciting exhibition. The events feature local artists, musicians, and goodies from local businesses. Come by, enjoy some refreshments, and see outstanding contemporary art.

Mark your calendar: first Friday of each month from 5:30PM - 8PM

[RIVERVIEWS.NET/FIRST-FRIDAYS](https://www.riverviews.net/first-fridays)





ABOVE: Throughout one of our two-week camps with Linkhorne Elementary School, students were tasked with creating a campaign to raise awareness regarding local water conservation and help spread what they learned to family, friends, and their community.

SPARKS R|V ART & DIGITAL MEDIA LAB S

With support from generous sponsors, our **SPARKS Art & Digital Media Lab** was created in 2018 to help provide local youth with focused opportunities to learn creative digital skill sets. With access to state-of-the-art software and tech, Sparks participants gain a range of experience through graphic design, illustration, and photography. Through our partnership with Lynchburg City Schools, Sparks hosts various workshops and camps throughout the year for students within the greater Lynchburg area.

Our mission with any class in the lab is to foster new skills among our students and provide access to digital tools. Our partnerships with local schools have facilitated a connection with students and the arts.

In addition to various educational programs, we offer general membership levels for individuals who need access to lab computers, scanners, cameras, software and other equipment for artistic or professional use.

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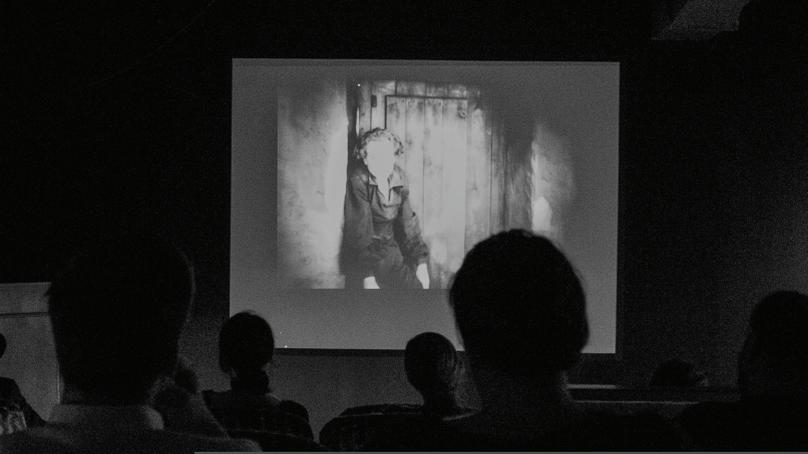




"This is an affordable space for creatives to access software that are a hassle to get. Not only is it serving the adults in the community it's also serving the children. Children that have never been around this type of software. I grew up in the same community as these kids and if I had a space like this I would be even more advanced in my career right now. This place is creating change one individual at a time!"

Jaylin Randolph

Rapper & SPARKS Instructor



ABOVE: A crowd of movie-goers watching a screening of the 1927 classic, Metropolis, during one of our LUMC events.

KEN FARAONI PRESENTS
LYNCHBURG'S UNDERGROUND
MOVIE CLUB
AT RIVERVIEWS ARTSPACE

Riverviews is home to Lynchburg's Underground Movie Club! Join us once a month to screen auteur, indie, and cult classic films at Riverviews. Ken Faraoni, national Bronze artist and well-established film expert, joins attendees each month to discuss the films, their historical significance, implications, and representations of society at the time of their release.

Films are shown once a month in our Rosel H. Schewel Theatre, located on the first floor of Riverviews.

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ARTHRIVE

BUSINESS SKILLS FOR ARTISTS

Launched in 2018, the Arthrive program gives creatives the necessary tools and confidence needed to thrive in today's contemporary art world. Our professional development curriculum is designed to work with artists across all disciplines. Program participants customize their program track to best suit their individual needs and have the opportunity to share their work and collaborate with other artists in the program. Participants also have the ability to showcase their work in a professional setting, through our partnership with Central Virginia Community College. Arthrive is certified through Springboard's Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists.

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In 2014, Riverviews started Beat Burg, our annual month-long celebration of all word-centered art forms. Poetry, spoken word, hip hop—each year during the month of April, Riverviews hosts weekly events that are centered around our love of language. Beat Burg events change each year to showcase cultural movements at home and afar.

Events include poetry competitions, open discussions, lettering lessons, live rap battles and concerts. We partner with Lynchburg City Schools to help feature students' poetry in schools, libraries, and within our own newsletters.

Riverviews engages with more than 100 students that participate in our annual poetry slam. We work with local schools to encourage a love for language and self-expression

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ABOVE: A gathering of party-goers at our gala dinner in 2019, "Les Diners," inspired by Salvador Dali's most avant-garde recipes and artistic whimsy.

BELOW: Shoppers enjoying some of the unique items from local artisans at our annual Makers Brunch market.



GET INVOLVED AND STAY CONNECTED WITH RVAS

We want to see you, we want to hear from you, and we'd love your support!

At Riverviews, we believe art is for everyone and is essential for communities to thrive. Get involved at RVAS and be a part of it all!

Visit riverviews.net to learn more about

- Current exhibits, upcoming events, and classes
- Programs and community impact
- Our Mission, Board of Directors, Staff
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