Looking back at Make Studio's fourth year of operations, all of us “behind the scenes” at Make Studio-- on the staff and Board of Directors-- are filled with a sense of great happiness at what our artists have created and inspired.

On one hand we can point to all of the good hard data, such as the increase in the number of hours the studio is open, the number of artists Make Studio serves, the amount of work that they sold, and the many events in which they participated. We have also again this year had even more people volunteering-- to the studio and its artists-- their time and talents, we have more donors and earned income, we have more fans and more art buyers.

Beyond the brief recap of 2013 on the next page, however, there is nothing I, on behalf of the staff and Board, can tell you all, our friends and supporters, that can describe this year in the life of our studio as well as the work of our artists can! (As you’ll see reflected in the selection of their images and words, here in this report.) Ultimately the artists make it all happen, and we are just glad to be part of their important work, now and hopefully onward into the future.

Jean McAllister Brooks
Board President

“Make Studio allows me new experiences in both life and art. I’ve tried new art mediums and I’ve gone out into the community representing the studio. I’m proud of what I’ve done here and am hoping for another good year.” —Erika

“It’s a blessing to be at Make Studio so I can develop my talent.” —Tyrone

“One way that I have found to communicate is through my drawings.”

“My goal is to show that all of us, no matter our differences, want the same things… to be treated with respect as people with feelings” —Zach

“This portrait depicts my 5 favorite entertainment award shows which are The Oscars, The Tonys, The Emmys, The Grammys, and The Screen Actors Guild Awards!” —Tony
Hamilton Art Collective’s “BIAS fashion reaction” exhibition at Hamilton Gallery featured some of Dontavius Woody’s fashion inspired drawings.

Joe Squared Inner Harbor hosted works by Make Studio artists for the month of April on occasion of Autism Acceptance Month. “Out of Order” at Maryland Art Place featured works by Jerry Williams, Tony Labate, Margie Smeller, Greg Bannister & Louis Middleton.

The Maryland Federation of Art showed works by Make Studio and Providence Art Institute artists in an invitational exhibit at its Circle Gallery in Annapolis, MD. Selected Make Studio works were also on display at Atwater’s in Catonsville.

“3 and we’re sticking around” on March 1 marked the celebration of Make Studio’s 3rd anniversary with a full house, and for the first time in our current Parkdale Avenue space in Woodberry!

On June 22 Charm City Craft Mafia presented “Pile of Craft”, with Make Studio as the featured charity! Hampden gift shop Trohv also hosted a benefit event for us.

On June 30, a Make Studio delegation traveled to DC’s Studio Theatre for a matinee of “Baby Universe,” a collaboration with Wakka Wakka Productions’ and Nordland Visual Theatre. Make Studio artists created sculptures and two-dimensional works inspired by the imagery of the play.

Loyola University’s Julio Fine Arts Gallery hosted TAKE A LOOK: MINE OURS YOURS, with works by Greg Bannister, Bradley Jacobs, Tony Labate, Bess Lumsden, Louis Middleton, Kareem Samuels, Margie Smeller, and Hal Stebbing. Several Make Studio artists gave talks during the opening reception.

The weekend after Thanksgiving is BAZAART time at the American Visionary Art Museum. We were once again proud to be part of AVAM’s Annual Holiday Marketplace of original creations by over 50 regional artists and craftspeople.

Make Studio participated in the Park School’s annual Holiday Artisan Market. On December 14th we were part of the 11th Annual HOLIDAY HEAPI, pleased not only to have been chosen to be among the very best crafters from Baltimore and beyond, but also to be the featured charity of the event!
Make Studio would like to thank all those who supported our organization and programming in 2013! A special thanks to Autism Speaks (Family Services Community Grants Program), the Ellene “Brit” Christiansen Memorial Fund, Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts, Charm City Craft Mafia, Trohv (Carmen Brock), Joe Squared, Julio Fine Arts Gallery (Loyola University), Studio Theatre (DC), Northrop Grumman, Tim Castlen, Kathy & Stu Lumsden, Laura Hatcher, Virginia Anderson, Alan Wade, and the Grosman Family Fund (Associated Jewish Charities).

Make Studio was pleased to partner with the following local agencies and organizations: Arc of the Chesapeake, Emerge, Inc., Maryland Art Therapy Association, Maryland Institute College of Art (Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Career Development), Gallagher Services, Penn-Mar, Port Discovery Children’s Museum, St. Elizabeth School, and St. Peter’s Adult Learning Center.

Make Studio’s mission is to provide multimodal visual arts programming, including sales & exhibition opportunities, to adults with disabilities in a supportive and inclusive environment.

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