



Showcase of the Arts by the Differently Abled: Presented by The New York disAbilities and Allies ERG



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Margret Ditolla

AIG's New York disAbilities and Allies ERG hosted their 5th Annual Art Show at their Midtown office. The exhibition celebrated the talents of the differently abled. Those with special needs created the diverse artwork in the exhibit, which was curated by representatives from The Rubin Museum of Art.

Constance Hunter, AIG, Executive Vice President, Global Head of Strategy & ESG, kicked off the event and welcomed the attendees.



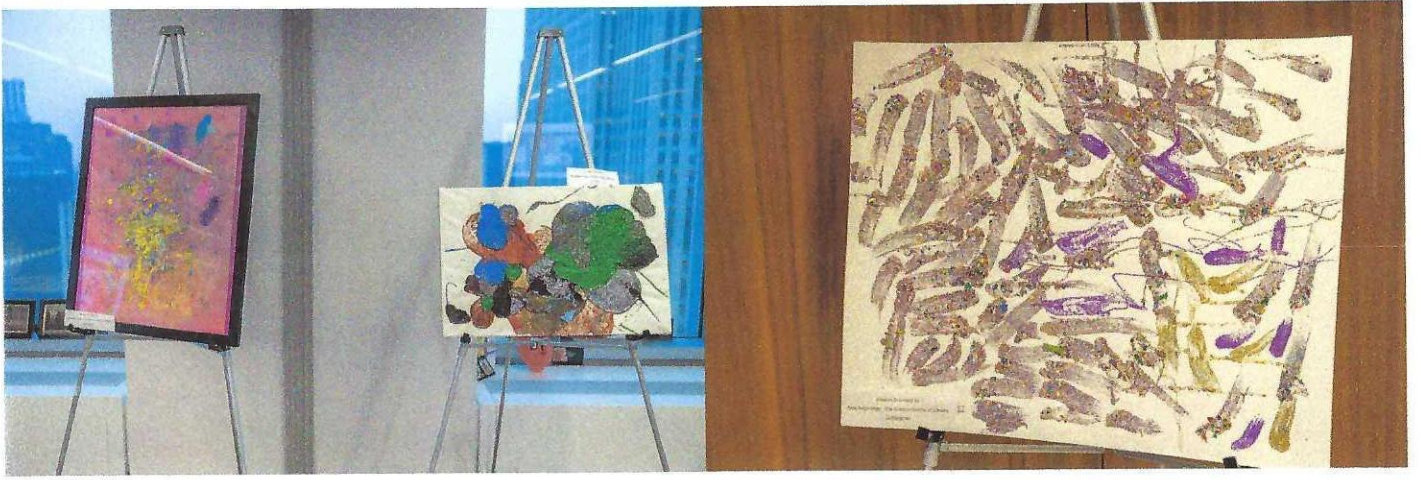
Constance then turned it over to **Shawn Dennis**, AIG's Americas Resiliency Officer, and Co-President of AIG's New York disAbilities & Allies Employee Resource Group, to introduce the representatives from The Rubin Museum of Art.



Dana Boll, Maggie Woolums, Francesca Paldino and Dona Lee Kelly from The Rubin Museum of Art curated the art show and with an expert eye they pulled together an eclectic mix of mediums to create a “work of art”. The team also provided the crowd with an informative presentation about The Rubin and were available afterwards to respond to questions.



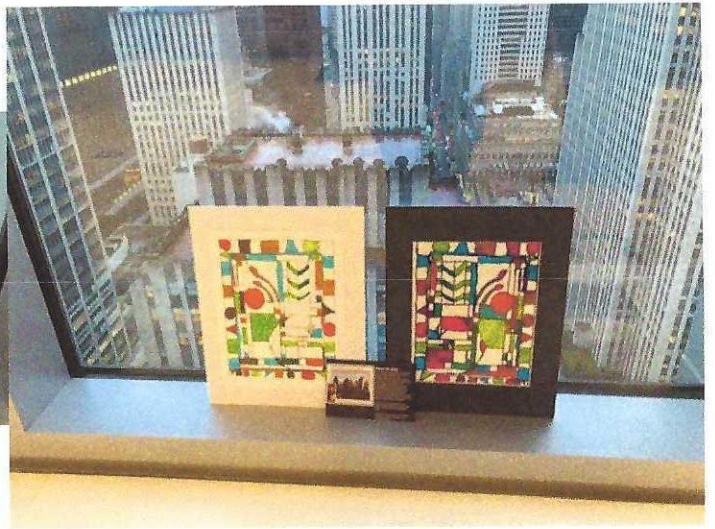
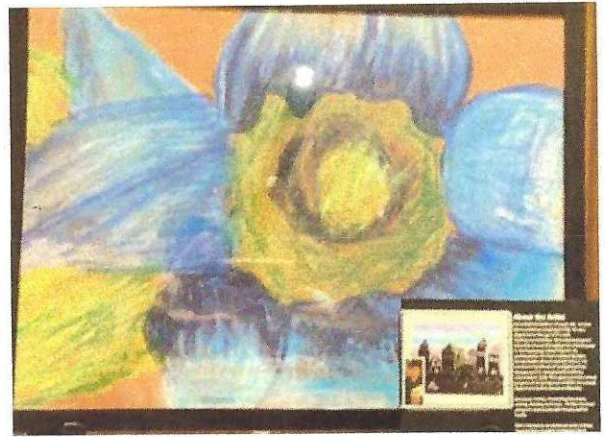
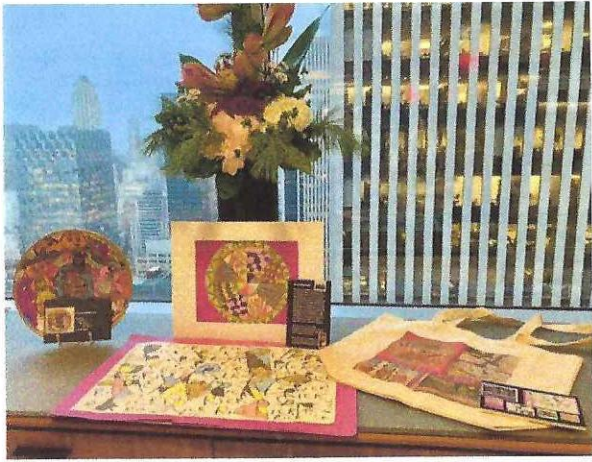
Shawn Dennis' son, Brian, attended the event with his masterpieces proudly on display.

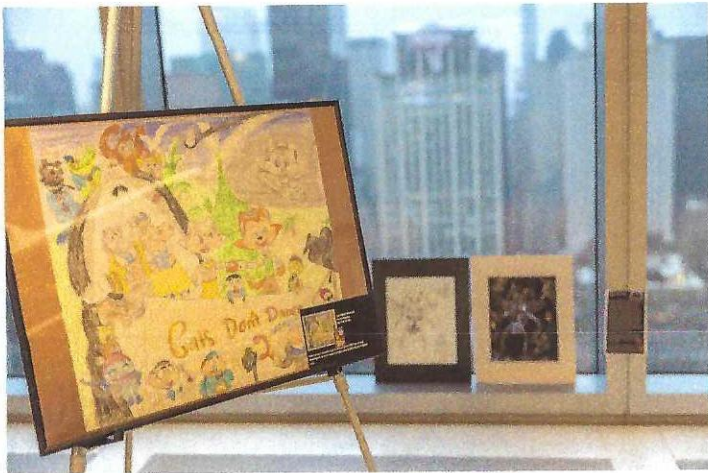
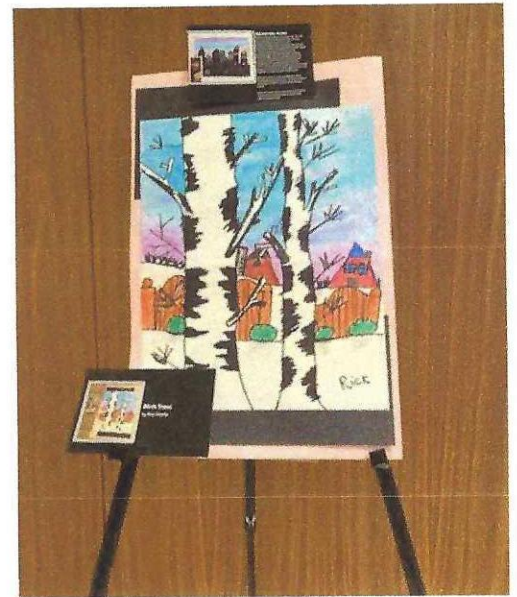
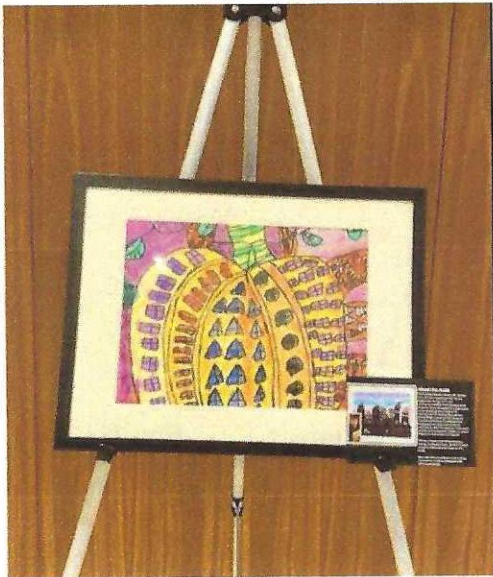


The works of Steven Melicher, son of AIG's Thor Melicher, Instructional Designer, were on view at the exhibit.



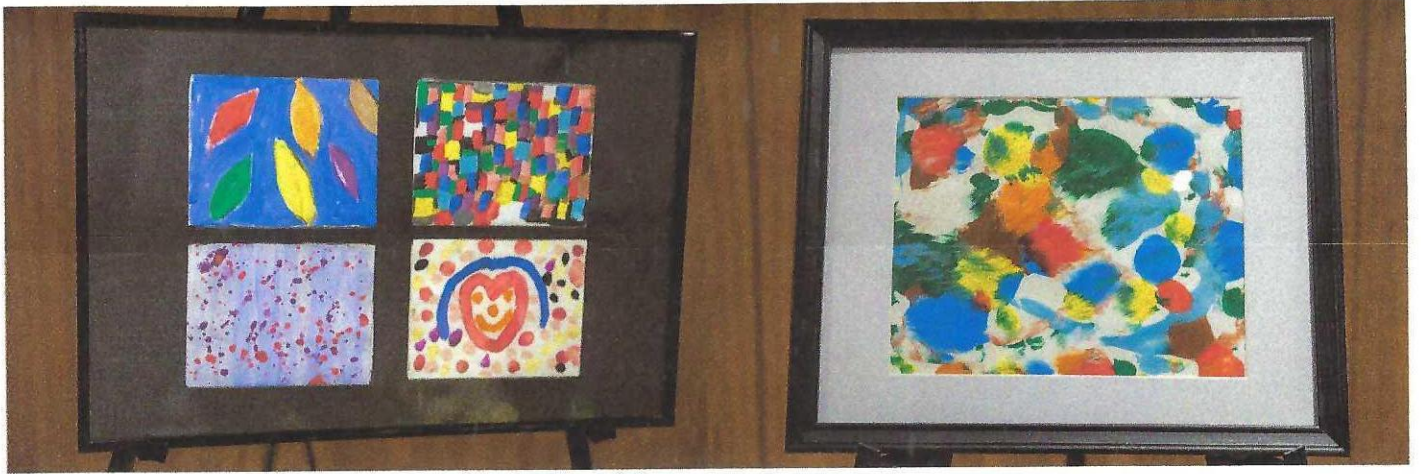
Very honored to say that my son Richard (Rick) Ditolla's artwork was also featured at the showcase.





The New York disAbilities & Allies Employee Resource Group partnered with local organizations to acquire some of the artwork. Representative pieces from GiGi's Playhouse NYC's participants included the below:





GiGi's Playhouse NYC is an achievement center for individuals with Down syndrome. The artwork was created by the Gratitude Art Committee participants. Several Board Members attended the event including Margret Ditolla, Michael Brown and Board Co-President, Yamira Siu, and her son, Malik. In addition, there were other members of the GiGi's Playhouse NYC community on hand to lend their support.



Following the presentation, AIG colleagues and guests had an opportunity to network during the reception and view and celebrate the creativity of individuals with disabilities through their artwork.





Special thank you to AIG's Co-Presidents of the New York disAbilities & Allies Employee Resource Group, **Shawn Dennis** and **Michael Brown**, for hosting a wonderful event.

