

## **28 Examples of Community Diversity In The Array Space Program – A Few Of The Artists Arraymusic Served In 2019**

1. **LAL:** Indian and Indigenous musicians perform inspiring equality rap music; made a recording. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LAL\\_\(band\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LAL_(band))
2. **Tim Bartsch:** Musician with HIV and AIDS who made a music video highlighting his experience in society dealing with these diseases.
3. **Pushback** (April 21, 2019): Modular contemporary music chamber ensemble (2018) working with young composers by Ben Roidl-Ward (bassoon) and Ally Smither (soprano). “Commissions/presents new work for bassoon and soprano that advocates for under-represented/oppressed groups, in and outside music, born from “a growing frustration with what we see as an unnecessary and harmful dislocation of our artistic practice from the political and social realities of our lives.” This was their first large-scale commissioning project, featured new works by LJ White, Karim Al-Zand, Binna Kim, and Theo Chandler with assistance from the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events and the Luminarts Cultural Foundation.”
4. **Emerging Young Artists** (April 11, 2019): Underprivileged youth performing together; instagram @emergingyoungartstis
5. **Marsyas Trio** (April 19, 2019): Marsyas Trio (flute, cello, piano) celebrate their 10th anniversary with music by British and American women composers: Louise Farrenc, Amy Beach, Hilary Tann and Thea Musgrave.
6. **Folk music with Vince & Igor** from their home countries. (Sept. 9, 2019)
7. **Conrad Gayle** (July 5): African American new music trio.
8. **Sofia Fly** Album release (June, 2019): A trans rapper and LGBTQ community event “embracing you.”
9. **Yeegee** (June, 2019): Young Asian DJ crew.
10. **Solomiya** (June, 2019): Docu-presence examines feminist history in eastern Europe via music.
11. **Young Wolf Hatchlings** (2019): Monthly electronic series series livestreaming to Germany, all young African American and East Asian members.
12. **Aviva Chernick:** Rehearsing a piece about feminism in society, societal acceptance about women showing emotions.
13. **CIMA Lunch and Learn:** Monthly 2018/19 series for young people on how to succeed in the music industry.
13. **Perfect Pitch Toronto:** Run by susan guo, asian young piano students
14. **Mushtari Afroz:** Indian Music and Dance workshop teaching about diverse cultures through movement/presentations.
15. **Victoria Chen:** Audio Visual Workshop and practice.
16. **Visually impaired artists** singing in ensemble together (May 4, 2019).

17. **Lofty Offerings:** Soul Fam & Music Jam inclusive community music making and meditation monthly in Array's Space, at least 3 people in wheel chairs at every performance. In their 8th year they "call forth from our hearts, hands and voices the co-creation of a sacred soundscape to dance and bath in. Come bring an instrument or use one of ours to co-create a live soundscape, raise our voices, dance with soul, finished off with a meditative crystal-bowl sound-bath."

[www.powerforconsciousliving.com/home/other-lofty-offerings](http://www.powerforconsciousliving.com/home/other-lofty-offerings).

18. **Mizaaj:** Poetry and music meet up for Hindi/Urdu/Punjabi literature lovers. (Jan., 2020).

19. **Music and Miracles** (Dec., 2019): Youth Charity Concert of solo and ensemble classical music played by young musicians in support of the Music Therapy program at SickKids hospital.

20. **Jordan Campbell Purple Stage (Throughout 2019):** Theatre and dance crew with disabilities for people with disabilities.

21. **The Purple Stage (Dec. 6, 2019, 8PM; Dec. 7, 2 and 8PM)** \$10/PWYC: Created and Performed by: Marley Ratkovic-Shangi, Robin Chase, Steward Selvaraja, Ash Lawrence, Jorge Esteves, Lara MacMillan; Directed by Jordan Campbell; Assistant Directors: Mjaa Danielson, Silvina D'Alessandro; Production Assistant: Evan Mead; Graphic Design: Ty Sloane. A devised community theatre project, featuring six Purple Carrots Drama Studio Alumni, in an inclusive setting that celebrates diverse strengths and abilities. Purple Carrots Drama Studio provides inclusive drama classes for adults and children with diverse abilities.

22. **Neurodiverse:** Theatre project, all performers with a physical or mental disability; The Purple Stage Presents 'Here We Are'. "We are all trying to get somewhere. Join six neurodiverse performers on a whimsical journey through their wishes, fantasies and personal stories. What does it mean to be alone or to be together? To be different or to be the same? To be independent or to rely on others?"

23. **Music Students from Scarborough met with Opera students** to make their very own sample library of "Opera Rap" (Jan., 2020)

24. **Soundstreams rehearsed *Century Song*** <https://www.volcano.ca/centurysong>, a live performance hybrid created by powerful Dora-Award winning soprano Neema Bickersteth, and Dora-award winning collaborators Ross Manson (direction) and Kate Alton (choreography). Inspired in part by Virginia Woolf's *Orlando* and Alice Walker's *In Search of Our Mother's Gardens*, Bickersteth seamlessly melds song and movement to inhabit a century of women whose identities are contained within her own.

25. **Alternate Forest by Cheldon Patterson** (Jamaican born)

26. **Conscious Light The Divine life and Revelation of Adi Da Samraj** - Adi Da Samraj, born Franklin Albert Jones, was an American spiritual teacher, writer and artist. He was the founder of a new religious movement known as Adidam, workshop and celebration of his life mission.

27. **Soundstreams rehearsed TREEMONISHA** by Scott Joplin: An international, women-led reimagining of one of the world's first Black operas. <https://www.volcano.ca/treemonisha> and **Soundstreams *The Book of Life*** about Genocide in Rwanda: <https://www.volcano.ca/the-book-of-life>.

28. **Francophone composer and arranger:** Working with traditional Balinese gamelan ensemble (Feb., 2020).