



### **For Immediate Release**

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### **Newton Community Pride Launches Artful Pianos Project**



Newton Community Pride has sponsored another public art initiative for Newton's villages by delivering nine (9) painted pianos by local artists to various locations throughout the City of Newton. Over the last 6 weeks, artists painted two baby grand and seven upright pianos as part of the Artful Pianos Project. Each artist was free to create whatever they wished on their piano. Among the artists were Newton resident and children's book illustrator Adam Proia and his son Julien who created a friendly monster themed piano entitled "Moe Zart", Newton North rising senior Sage Widder showed her love for jelly fish and aquatic life in "Drifting", Marin Murakoshi and son Shoun of Nonantum created the whimsical "Sleepless Hyakume" or 100 eyes and Newton Art Association members Cynthia Cole and Myra Abelson created a swash of color in "All That Jazz".

*"We love the Artful Pianos Project and are delighted to bring both public art and music to our village centers for spontaneous playing and singing this summer for all to enjoy",* said Gloria Gavris, Board Chair of Newton Community Pride. *"It was so wonderful to see the camaraderie between the professional artists and student artists participating side by side for several weeks creating their unique themes on their pianos",* added Gavris.

The "Artful Pianos" will be delivered on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at the following locations. A ribbon cutting with Mayor Fuller will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 5:00 PM at Farlow Park in Newton Corner, 129 Church Street near the bridge and pond.

*Newton Community Pride is a 501c3 nonprofit building community for all to enjoy through arts and culture programming, supporting beautification projects and supporting volunteerism. More information can be found at <https://newtoncommunitypride.org/>*

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**Locations, Piano name & Artist (Photo credit Gloria Gavis):**

Auburndale Library, 375 Auburn Street - "Drifting" by Sage Widder



Newton Highlands, 1169 Walnut Street, Lakon Paris - "All That Jazz" by Cindy Cole & Myra Abelson



Upper Falls, Depot Coffee Shoppe, 1225 Chestnut St - "MoeZart" by Adam & Julien Proia



Waban Library, 1608 Beacon St. - "Sleepless Hyakume (100 Eyes)" by Marin Murakoshi



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Newtonville, Trio Courtyard - "Mosaica" by Grey & Leslie Held  
261 Walnut Street

Newton Centre, Green - "Crimson & Clover" by Oclo Mason  
1247 Centre Street

Newton Corner, Farlow Park - "Mountain Views" by Abby Zheng  
129 Church St

Chestnut Hill, The Street Shopping Mall - "Fluttering" by Sarah Tomkins  
49 Boylston St. (between Shake Shack & LuLu Lemon)

Nonantum,, Colletti- Magni Park - "Untamed Melody" by Susan & Maggie Vaughn  
386 Watertown Street