



## Artist Membership Benefits

Life as an artist isn't easy. We're comfortable with our talent and abilities as artists. We enjoy creating, communicating, and socializing through our art. But we all struggle with the everyday business challenges that are also a part of our world. One of the biggest of those challenges is learning how to market ourselves.

Art For Progress (AFP) is here to help! AFP was created in 2004 by a broad-based group of artists who came to realize by coming together we could leverage our collective relationships while supporting each other through sharing our knowledge and experience. The AFP community is for serious artists who are ready to take a step forward and become part of a dynamic arts community. We offer artists opportunities for exposure through our events and well trafficked website, financial support through our grant program, and valuable resources to enable you to set and reach your goals – whatever those goals may be.

In the time since our inception we have experienced many success stories (Please see our **press** section for some of the details). Art For Progress is making a difference for artists not only by introducing their work, but also by conveying to the public the things that artists stand for and are passionate about. Things like inspiration, hope, and the realization of a dream.

Here's a list of some of the benefits of our artist membership program:

### **Health Insurance Program**

- Members have access to affordable health Insurance in New York City

### **Fiscal Sponsorship**

- Members have the opportunity to apply for grants that require non profit oversight.
- Members can raise money for personal projects and offer tax deductions to supporters.

### **Artist Opportunities**

- Members have the opportunity to exhibit, perform or showcase work at AFP events.
- Members have the opportunity to exhibit, perform or showcase work at AFP Partner events.
- Members have the opportunity to exhibit in AFP's virtual gallery on our home page.

### **Art & Humanities Education**

- Members have the opportunity to participate in AFP's **Arts Education** program and work in the NYC Public Schools. *Art For Progress is now a vendor for the NYC Department of Education.*
- Art For Progress has a **special program** for teaching artists with free memberships and more.

### **Artist Studio Space**

- Members get a finite amount of space to showcase art, music, fashion designs, film shorts, etc.
- Members have their own event calendar which is routinely crawled by the big search engines.
- Members have access to valuable marketing tools.
- Members can easily customize, update and manage their own space.

### **Networking**

- Members get **FREE** admission to all AFP events and free tickets to other art events in the community.
- Members have the opportunity to network with other exciting artists on the AFP artist community site

## **Art Sales**

- Art for Progress never takes a commission on sales through [artforprogress.org](http://artforprogress.org) or events.

## **Discounts on merchandise and services through our partnerships**

- Public Relations Consultants
- Web Development
- Silk Screening
- Graphic Design
- Art Supplies
- Music Equipment
- Fabric and Design Supplies
- DJ Equipment and Music
- Film Equipment Rentals
- Liability and Event Insurance
- Discounted courses through [The Field](#)

We are continuously expanding and adding value to our membership program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail at [admin@artforprogress.org](mailto:admin@artforprogress.org).