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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PAINTBRUSH BALL 2026

Thursday May 7th | 6 - 11 PM

167 GREEN | 167 N Green St Chicago, IL 60607

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Dear Friends,

As Paintbrush Ball approaches, I wanted to personally thank you for considering sponsoring our biggest fundraising event of the year. Whether you're an artist, an alum, a family member, or an impassioned supporter of the arts, we want to celebrate with you on May 7, 2026 at 167 GREEN.

Through studio courses and creative pathway programs, Marwen supports hundreds of young people each year as they explore mediums ranging from printmaking and animation to skateboard design and immersive installations. More than artistic skill-building, these experiences foster confidence, problem-solving, and a sense of belonging.

Because of the generosity of partners like you, Marwen now serves more than 1,200 enrolled youth annually and has supported over 16,000 young people in its nearly 40 years of existence. Your sponsorship ensures all programs remain completely free to families while expanding opportunities for young artists to flourish as creative thinkers, leaders, and thriving adults. We invite you to join us in sustaining and growing this work – so every young person who walks through our doors knows their voice matters.

If you want to talk through sponsorship opportunities or learn more about the incredible work happening at Marwen, feel free to reach out to me directly. We'll see you at Paintbrush Ball!

With never-ending gratitude,

Evan Pazkowski

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ABOUT MARWEN

"I felt like I had stepped into a universe built for kids like me: a place where imagination wasn't a hobby but a language."

*—Hamza "IN-ZO" Muhammad,
Marwen Alum*



Marwen exists to educate and inspire young people to nurture their growth and build their futures through art and community. Founded in 1987, Marwen has helped over 16,000 young people in Chicago gain access to art programming who are otherwise left out of creative spaces. Through studio courses as well as academic and creative career pathway programs, Marwen's cost-free offerings nurture the development of young people, provide creative opportunities, and help build a future filled with possibility and success. This work is especially important for young people of color from under-resourced communities who often face systemic barriers to accessing opportunities and support to pursue a creative career.

2025 AT A GLANCE

65

free arts
courses

1.2k

enrollments

85%

BIPOC youth

83%

low-income
youth

ABOUT PAINTBRUSH BALL

Marwen returns to 167 GREEN on Thursday, May 7th for an evening that carries both joy and purpose.

Join together with hundreds of philanthropists, creatives, and civic leaders to celebrate and sustain our programs, keeping them free for families while building a welcoming community. Thanks to the generous supporters of Paintbrush Ball last year, we raised more than \$350,000, enabling Marwen to provide hundreds of young creatives with enriching artistic programming and career development opportunities. We would be honored for you to join us this year in expanding access to transformative arts education!



SPONSOR FORM



To reserve your sponsorship of Paintbrush Ball, please complete the form below and return to development@marwen.org or by mail to 833 N Orleans St. Sponsorships and general admission tickets can also be secured by visiting pbb.givesmart.com. We appreciate your support!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Sponsor Name (as preferred for recognition): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Person (if different than sponsor name): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

- Presenting - \$50,000 Artist - \$2,500
 - Premier - \$25,000 Friend - \$1,000
 - Inspiration - \$10,000 ___ Individual Ticket (s) - \$500 each, ___ total
 - Benefactor - \$5,000
 - Sorry, we are unable to attend, but we will make a donation of \$ _____.
- Gifts are 100% tax deductible.

PAYMENT

Please check a form of payment:

- Check enclosed or sent to Marwen (833 N Orleans St. Chicago, IL 60610)
- I'd like to pay by CC at pbb.givesmart.com
- I would like to receive information to make an ACH payment.
- Please send an invoice with payment options.

SIGNATURE _____

SPONSOR PACKAGES



PRESENTING - \$50,000

- Priority access for 30 guests at the event
- All recognition benefits of the Premier Sponsor level, plus:
 - Prominent recognition across all Marwen-related media
 - Event naming rights as “Paintbrush Ball presented by [Sponsor Name]”
 - Exclusive sponsorship and naming rights for the 2026 Marwen Lab Residency

PREMIER - \$25,000

- Priority access for 20 guests at the event
- All recognition benefits of the Inspiration Sponsor level, plus the following:
 - Recognition on Marwen’s social media channels
 - Recognition from the stage at the event
 - Recognition in all event-related press releases

INSPIRATION - \$10,000

- 10 tickets to the event
- All recognition benefits of the Benefactor Sponsor level, plus the following:
 - Logo or individual name featured on the event website
 - Logo or individual name featured on the event invitation
 - Personalized gift basket

BENEFACTOR - \$5,000

- 8 tickets to the event
- All recognition benefits of the Artist Sponsor level, plus:
 - Individual or company name listed on printed materials at the event

ARTIST - \$2,500

- 5 tickets to the event
- Individual or company name listed on the event website

FRIEND - \$1,000

- 2 tickets to the event

