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Public Pianos Placed Throughout City of Troy as Part of Troy Street Pianos Project

Beautifully painted, playable pianos are in locations in Lansingburgh, South Troy, and downtown

TROY, NY — Today, pianos were placed throughout the city of Troy for anyone to play as part of the Troy Street Pianos public art project by Organ Colossal. Each piano is a functional instrument and interactive work of art, designed and painted by a local artist. The pianos can be found at The Snowman in Lansingburgh, Lots of Hope Park in South Troy, and 518 Craft in the city's downtown.

Public pianos celebrate and spark spontaneous gathering, music-making, and community. The Troy Street Pianos project is inspired by the belief that the arts belong to everyone, and that everyone should have access to spaces where music can happen.

"No one expects to round a corner and find a piano outside on the street," said **Organ Colossal Director Sophia Vastek**. "It's such a wonderfully improbable thing. Whether you've never touched a piano before or you've been playing your whole life, these instruments are a reminder that we all have that joyful capacity within us to make and experience music. All we need to do is provide the instruments and spaces where it can happen."

"The Troy Street Pianos project is another example of the vibrant dynamism of the city's artists and small business owners," said **City of Troy Mayor Patrick Madden**. "These interactive, community-oriented installations will expand access to the arts in Lansingburgh, South Troy, and the city's downtown. I commend the work of Organ Colossal and their partners to bring these beautifully painted and playable works of public art to our community."

The pianos were painted by local artists Chloe Harrison, Fernando Orellana, and ObaRoEne!. Ongoing events throughout the season will be announced on the Organ Colossal website and on social media. Follow the project with #troystreetpianos on Instagram and at www.organcolossal.com/streetpianos.

About Organ Colossal

This project is being presented by Organ Colossal, a Troy-based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that produces musical events and music-based projects. Past and ongoing projects include The [Lift Series](#) and [UpLift Commissioning Series](#) in collaboration with the Troy Music Hall. Their mission is to build a community of musicians, artists, and music-lovers in the Capital Region of New York that is rooted in empathy, honesty, and accessibility. Through concerts, public events, and musical projects that are available to all, they share ideas and connections with the hope that they spark further communal work. Organ Colossal was founded in 2019 by Sophia Vastek and Sam Torres.

The Artists & Pianos

518 Craft

Broadway & 2nd St.



“Waiting To Be Heard”



Chloe Harrison

The Snowman

5th Ave & 114 St.



“The In Crowd”



Fernando Orellana

Lots of Hope Park

Jackson & 2nd St.



“Street Art Piano
4Mx Heart & Soul”



ObaRoEne!

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- Stewart’s Shops