

Ivan Quiñones II, a self-taught visual artist, born and raised here in Pontiac, MI. I currently operate an art studio where I offer sessions for tutoring, art recreation, and creative exploring. I recently accepted an invite to join the Pontiac Arts Commission with the hopes of playing a role in the fostering of arts & culture here in the city.



Marsha Easley is a published author, Autism Advocate, CEO of Inspirational Spectrum Heroes, and an Electrician at General Motors. She is the mother of two sons and seven grandchildren. She was born and raised in Pontiac, Michigan, and is proud of her hometown.

After graduating from Pontiac Central High School, she attended and graduated from Michigan State University, where she was a member of the Ebony Production staff that brought entertainment to the university.

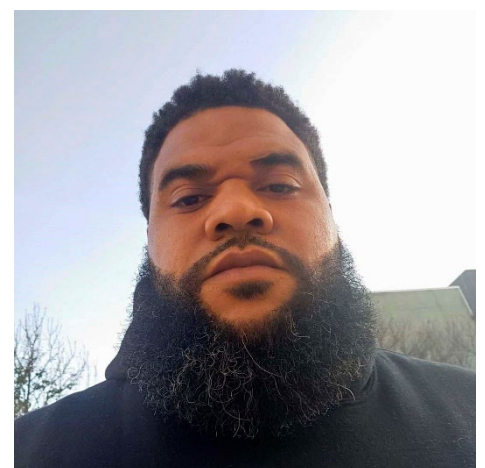
Marsha has always volunteered and supported Pontiac events and is excited to be on the Arts Commission. She hopes to bring in new ideas that will celebrate the artists in Pontiac, while bringing the community together.



Ubadah McConner, a lifelong resident of Pontiac, Michigan, is a dynamic force within the city's vibrant arts community. Growing up in a household steeped in jazz music, Ubadah's passion for the arts was ignited from an early age, thanks to his father's legacy as a jazz musician.

Ubadah is best known as the co-creator of Scheme Street Battle League, a rap battle platform that transcended humble backyard beginnings to gain national television recognition. Through this endeavor, he helped elevate the local hip-hop scene, providing a platform for emerging talents to shine.

In addition to his work with Scheme Street Battle League, Ubadah founded Beat6teen, a groundbreaking collaborative hub that unites artists, vocalists, musicians, and producers within the realm of hip-hop. His commitment to fostering creativity and connecting diverse talents has not only enriched Pontiac's artistic landscape but also contributed to the growth of the wider music industry.



Beyond his artistic pursuits, Ubadah is a devoted family man, married and raising three children. His love for music and the arts has always been accompanied by a spirit of creative rebellion, a driving force that fuels his desire to see Pontiac fully showcase its artistic potential.

Ubadah McConner's involvement in the Pontiac Arts Commission is a testament to his dedication to the city's cultural growth. With his unique perspective and unwavering commitment, he's poised to play an instrumental role in shaping Pontiac's artistic future, ensuring that the city's creative spirit continues to flourish.

Judy Wilson has enjoyed making good things happen in Pontiac since 1996. She earned her Master's of Education (Art Therapy) degree from Wayne State University. Judy harnesses the transformative power of the arts to facilitate personal growth, aiding individuals in navigating life's challenges with resilience.

Her artistic journey began as a freelance and courtroom illustrator, paving the way for her co-founding role at The Art Experience (TAE) in 1996. From 2012 to 2017, she served as Executive Director, catalyzing collaborations like the successful partnership with Oakland County's Water Commission, which led to the creation of Pontiac's annual Art Fish Fun Festival—a tradition that continues to thrive today. Since 2016, Judy has contributed as a Pontiac Arts Commissioner, firmly believing in the city residents' recognition of the vital role creative engagement plays in our lives. This belief fuels her deep dedication and affection for the city and its vibrant creative community. In 2018, she received the Community Service Award from Wayne State University's Art Education and Art Therapy Department, a testament to her commitment to using the arts to build community and enhance people's lives. She began supporting local nonprofits as a grant writing consultant in 2020 and has been the Coordinator of Oakland University's Nonprofit Management Certificate program since 2022. Judy and her family live in White Lake.



Dr. Tia Harvey is a musician and educator here in Pontiac. She is the Education Director and Lead Percussion Teacher at Accent Pontiac, a social change through music program for youth in Pontiac. She has been in this role since October 2021 and was the Program Manager/Lead Percussion Teacher and founding bucket band teacher at Accent Pontiac previously. She has been working in Pontiac with this organization since 2017. Dr. Harvey focuses on increasing the agency of young musicians through creation and collective composition therein empowering our youth. Her work specifically centers upon racial and gender based inequities in music and society.

As a percussionist, she is sustaining a career as a chamber musician, music educator and music activist. Dr. Harvey is passionate about making music in non-traditional venues, commissioning and creating new works, and collaborating across genres with DJs, songwriters, and more with her musical colleague and flautist, Dr. Chelsea Koziatek, and sister, Taylor Harvey in their ensemble Consuming Arts. That ensemble was founded on the idea of fusing the arts of cuisine and music through performance by working with chefs to develop multi-course dinners served alongside live music performance.



Dr. Harvey holds degrees (M.A., M.M., D.M.A.) from Michigan State University and the University of Central Florida (B.M.). She currently resides in the beautiful District 2 of Pontiac, with her husband, Erik, and cats, Ezra and Momaru. Dr. Harvey is excited and humbled to be a new member of the Pontiac Arts Commission. She is serving our community to the best of her ability lending her skills as musician, scholar, and educator to promote and strengthen our arts community as Chair of Arts Commission here in the wonderful city of Pontiac!

Bianca Tucker, a Pontiac native, is an ardent advocate for the arts and a dedicated contributor to the cultural landscape of the city. Her passion lies in bringing awareness and appreciation of the arts to Pontiac, fostering a vibrant and creative community. As the operator of Reflections Event Space, Bianca has created a local event space that serves as a hub for artistic expression and collaboration.

In addition to managing the event space, Bianca also owns a full-service décor team that specializes in bringing event visions to life. With her keen eye for aesthetics and attention to detail, she transforms ordinary spaces into extraordinary settings, enhancing the overall experience of attendees.



Bianca's commitment to the Pontiac Arts Commission stems from her deep-rooted connection to the city and her desire to contribute to its growth and development.

Maria Bermudez

