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Express Yourself “Pulse” Exhibit Opens at Endicott College

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Members of the Express Yourself Drummers (l to r); Lilly Hottel of Salem, Kaneisha Jack of Beverly, Patrick Walsh of Salem and Kealynd Schalet of Brighton

Endicott College’s Manninen Center for the Arts and the Beverly-based arts program “Express Yourself” hosted an opening reception on Thursday, November 8th, for the new exhibit “***Pulse”*** that runs through January 4th. The exhibit celebrates the art and energy of Express Yourself’s year-long program that culminates each spring with live performances at the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre. While guests enjoyed viewing the original artwork on two floors (including several pieces from Mali youth now connected to the program), the Express Yourself Drummers live performance at 7:00pm had many folks up on their feet and clapping.
Express Yourself immerses young people in the creative world of music, dance, and visual arts and empowers these youth with life changing results. Since 1989, over 2,600 underserved youth in the community and in Department of Mental Health facilities have worked collaboratively with artists over the course of an entire year to create set designs, visual art, and performance pieces to make the show a grand success. The works on view in the ***“Pulse”*** exhibit reflect the efforts of over 400 young people in Express Yourself programs.

Endicott College is a collaborator and supporter of Express Yourself. Each year, Creative Arts Therapy students at Endicott work on a special project with Express Yourself youth that is included in the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre show.