

Burlington City Arts at its 30th Anniversary:

Understanding and Celebrating their Story and Community Impact

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Abstract

This report is the outcome of a three month study of Burlington City Arts (BCA) at its Thirtieth Anniversary. My research demonstrates the impact and significance of BCA in Burlington's cultural development over the past three decades. Through archival work, documenting, and digitalizing, this research contributes to the historical information of events, exhibits, and cultural growth in the Burlington area. Data was obtained by way of qualitative methods using local newsprint, interviews, observation, photography, and archival resources.

My research culminated in the creation of a permanent exhibit at the BCA center, a commemorative anniversary booklet distributed by the Burlington Free Press, and the creation of a digital archive to preserve the history of Burlington City Arts. The digital archive created as part of this project will permanently preserves BCA's history. In organizing, displaying and digitizing what was a largely unorganized and entirely un-digitized history of Burlington City Arts, this project contributes to future research of BCA and enables research into the growth and success of a municipal arts organization.