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2024: A Year of Emotions, Music, Love, and Paradigm Shifts

Affirming Global Community
USA Tour, Workshops and Farming

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From the CEO

Dear Friend,

As 2024 comes to a close, I am filled with profound gratitude for the incredible advancements we have achieved together this year. At LiberArte, this has been a year of emotions, music, love, and paradigm shifts—a testament to the power of collective action and shared vision.

This year, we celebrated milestones that were once dreams. The Tambacum USA Tour brought the rhythms and soul of Afro-Colombian culture to audiences across the United States, creating ripples of joy and cultural understanding. Protectores de la Tierra has continued to uplift community in Nuquí with sustainable farming initiatives, offering nourishment and dignity while preserving ancestral knowledge reaching global recognition and support with the Echoing Green Fellowship and its seed funding grant. Through our workshops, podcasts, and community events, we embraced the arts and activism to inspire change, connection, and healing.



Photo by Ceylon Mitchell

None of this would have been possible without you—the believers in a brighter future. You gave us the platform to amplify voices, honor traditions, and challenge the norms that no longer serve our world. Together, we rejected complacency and took bold steps toward building a thriving planet.

Looking ahead to 2025, I am inspired by the work that lies before us. The road is not without challenges, but we are committed to continuing this journey with courage and determination. We will expand our programs, deepen our impact, and strive to nurture even more artists, activists, and communities to take flight.

To everyone who has stood with us this year, thank you for your courage, your generosity, and your belief in this mission. Let us carry this spirit forward, not only in the work we do together but in the lives we touch and the future Earth we create.

With immense gratitude and love,

Yura Sapi
CEO, LiberArte

Tambacum USA Tour

The beginning of a new cultural paradigm



Tambacum's Tour: A Stage Filled with Colombian Pacific Culture that Reached Bogotá and Later the United States.

It all started as a dream, an idea in the hearts of Tambacum Argupación, which turned into a tangible reality thanks to LiberArte and its leader, Yura Sapi, who saw in the band a latent, anti-colonialist, empathetic, and generous spirit aimed at preserving Afro-Colombian culture.

What began as a donation campaign slowly evolved into an opportunity for the band members to apply for their U.S. visas, which allowed them to travel into New York. This was a joint effort between our team, government entities, organizations, universities, music venues, volunteers, audiences, and so many more.

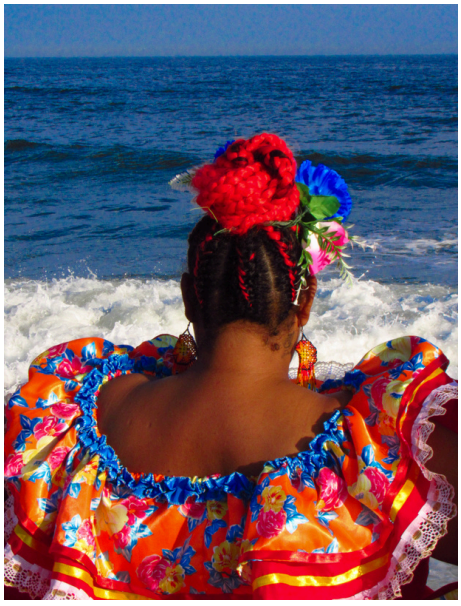
The tour began with an opening concert at Palenque Colombian Food Restaurant in Brooklyn, and it was the streets of New York City that welcomed Tambacum. In total, 13 cities and five states across the East Coast opened their arms to the band.

Taking this music beyond Colombian borders has been a success: a journey filled with joy and hard work, and the beginning of a cultural paradigm shift that aims to uplift ancestral African descendant and Colombian heritage worldwide.

A tour with a Colombian spark

Jhon Esteban Lasso Mena - Lead Vocals ▪ Lina Bryyi Moreno - Backup Vocals ▪ Juan Camilo Moreno - Maracas & Backup Vocals ▪ Yowar Mosquera - Bongos ▪ Yenny Valencia Reyes - Timba & Backup Vocals ▪ Julian Mosquera - Charrasca ▪ Nilson Palacios - Tambora ▪ Duvan Felipe Becerra - Timba ▪ William Andres Palacios - Backup Vocals







From festivals to workshops

Tambacum had the privilege of promoting the Afro-Latino legacy in various regions of the United States. The band participated in events like Berkshires Latino Festival, Hudson County Latinx Festival, 5th Ave Hispanic Heritage Day Parade, and their 10 workshops shined where they taught how to play Tamborito drums, dance to Pacific rhythms, and even savor firewood cooked sancocho and fish empanadas.

Enjoying the NY culture

But it wasn't all dancing and work. LiberArte made sure the group got to visit historical landmarks like Times Square, Central Park, Rockaway Beach, MoMA, Museum of Natural History, Broadway Musical Moulin Rouge, and more!

To understand music has no limits

Along the way, we want to thank everyone who was part of this tour —those who gave us their time, work, translations, photographs, food, hearts, and welcomed Tambacum into their homes. A special thanks as well to those who continue to listen to the group daily on Spotify.

Tambacum as a special guest at the first Afro-Diasporic Ocean Festival



Photo by Ricardo Botero

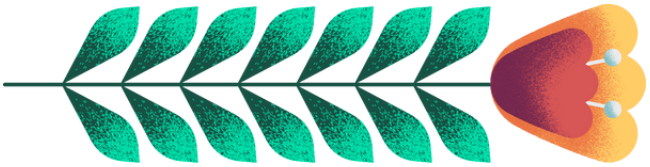
The festival offered more than just music—it was a deep dive into African descendant art and culture. The thought-provoking panel discussions we explored topics of identity, history, and resilience, while a special music and ocean environmental awareness offered an invaluable opportunity to cultivate creativity and build community.

Co-produced by LiberArte, Afro-Latinx Forum, R&E Ocean Community Conservation, Laru Beya Collective, and with support from NYC Parks, Reel Works, and Buena Onda Collective, the festival was a joyous celebration of unity all shared through the universal language of music and art.

The success of the festival wouldn't have been possible without the support of funding from the New York State Council on the Arts, Statewide Community Regrants Program administered by Flushing Town Hall. Tambacum's participation was further supported through the ArtsCONNECT program of Mid Atlantic Arts with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

A special thank you to the Municipal Administration of Nuquí, whose unwavering commitment to preserving the cultural richness of their community made Tambacum's U.S. tour possible.

We were honored to win, on behalf of project Protectores de la Tierra in Nuquí, Chocó, Colombia, the prestigious Echoing Green fellowship



With a 2% acceptance rate, the Echoing Green Fellowship received an overwhelming response with nearly 2,100 applications for the 2024 program. Among this competitive pool, Yura Sapi stood out as one of the 84 finalists featured in Echoing Green's esteemed Social Impact Talent Report, and later of the 44 selected fellows of 2024.

Our team, Yura Sapi and Yowar Mosquera, had the incredible opportunity to travel to Ghana, Africa to meet other Echoing Green leaders and philanthropists dedicated to solving the world's biggest problems.

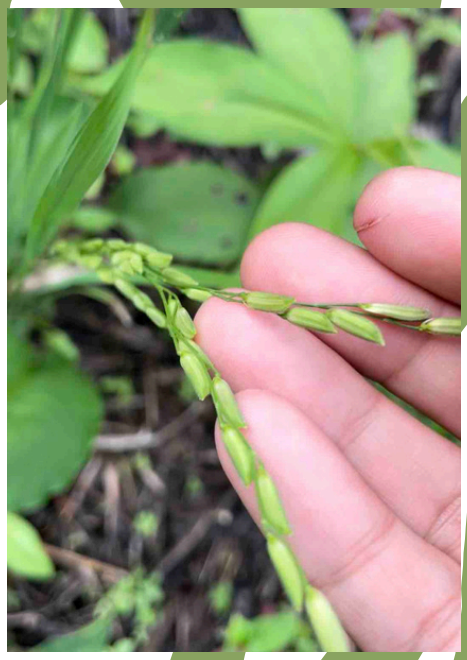
Together, we explored ways to promote self-sustaining communities, communal markets, and sustainable organizational practices.

Protectores de la Tierra has become a cornerstone of LiberArte's sponsored projects, providing food to the Nuquí community and expanding to offering volunteer programs. Our vision ends food insecurity by popularizing agricultural methods that bridge ancestral and modern practices providing the next generation with sustainable agricultural livelihoods.

And we're thrilled to announce our ongoing efforts for the production and commercialization of viche, an Afro-Colombian ancestral drink containing fermented cane sugar from our farm and medicinal plants of the forest.



















Harvests

This year marked a major milestone with our first pineapple harvest—over 400 pineapples since March 2024—providing fresh fruit to the community. Additionally, we harvested half a ton each of rice and plantains, which were shared with volunteers and those in need, supporting local nutrition and well-being.

Community Impact

We deepened our connection with the community by continuing to provide employment to locals, the majority of our team from the Indigenous Embera community of our neighborhood and partnering with farmers across Nuquí's districts. Mingas and volunteer efforts played a vital role, fostering collaboration and solidarity while strengthening our mission.

Expanding Support

Our work reached wider audiences this year through key moments like hosting the Festival del Tamborito and collaborating on Mandatos de la Tierra, two events funded through the Ministry of Culture of Colombia. We also visited New York's New Roots Community Garden and shared about Nuquí's ancestral practices in an interview with **Science for the People Magazine.**



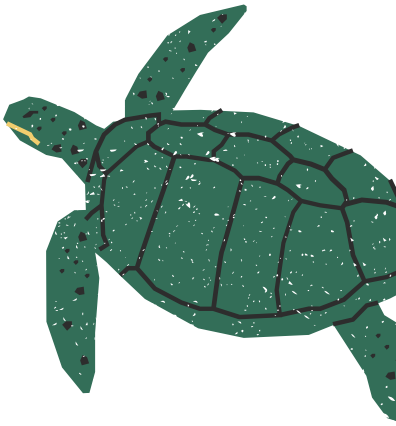
New Earth Bodies

PLANT EDUCATION WORKSHOPS WITH MBDANCE AND WE THE LAND

Building on they deep connection with nature and ancestry, in May and June 2024, our CEO Yura hosted their first live workshops on communicating with plants, sharing how we can heal and transform through the power of nature.



“We are beings entrusted with the responsibility of nurturing our planet”





These workshops inspired new futures, emphasizing how our functionality and renewal are tied to a shared experience of life on Earth.

The immersive experience allowed Yura to share their successes of creating New York extension of Protectores de la Tierra via a local garden, growing apples, peaches, figs, roses, garlic, strawberries, mint, basil, strawberries and corn.

Yura incorporates messages from plants as medicine. From creating hydrosols infused with mint and hibiscus essence to powerful meditations with plants, Yura shares the healing power of the Earth, showcasing how the elements can transform physical and spiritual well-being beyond our current awareness.



Over time, Yura has become a role model for those looking to start their own organizations. At LiberArte, we proudly celebrate that their alma mater, Boston University, invited them to give a talk to current students whose hearts are driven by a passionate desire to change the world.

We are thrilled to share that this year we launched the fourth season of the Building Our Own Tables podcast.



We had the privilege of featuring 11 visionaries, artists, and entrepreneurs from the theater world in the United States.



For those passionate about theater and representation, this podcast provides a holistic perspective on achieving their dreams, fighting for your community to be seen on the stage, and evolving generationally to support unheard voices.

This project has been a reclamation of art. If you haven't listened yet, you can find it on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and the HowlRound website with transcipts. A fun fact about this season is that Yura, as host and proder, was able to include their own music throughout the epsiodes.

STRATEGIC PLANNING INSTITUTE



Creating containers for growth

At LiberArte, we believe in the power of community to spark innovation, creativity, and self-discovery. That's why four years ago launched the Strategic Planning Institute—a transformative program designed to equip visionary creators, artists, activists, and leaders with the tools they need to succeed.

In 2024, we hosted a Day-Long Intensive on May 2 at the In Solidarity We Rise Virtual Conference, providing participants with clarity, confidence, and actionable strategies to propel their projects forward. Looking ahead, our 8-week Accelerator & Group Coaching Program launching in 2025 with the Creative Disruptors Collaborative will offer even more opportunities for growth and collaboration.

This year, we also started sharing impactful short videos on social media that highlight themes of leadership, dreaming bigger, and releasing limiting beliefs, inspiring our community of artists and creatives to take action and embrace their potential as catalysts for transformation.







2024 became a year of bold ideas and extraordinary growth, and we are grateful for everyone who was part of this journey.



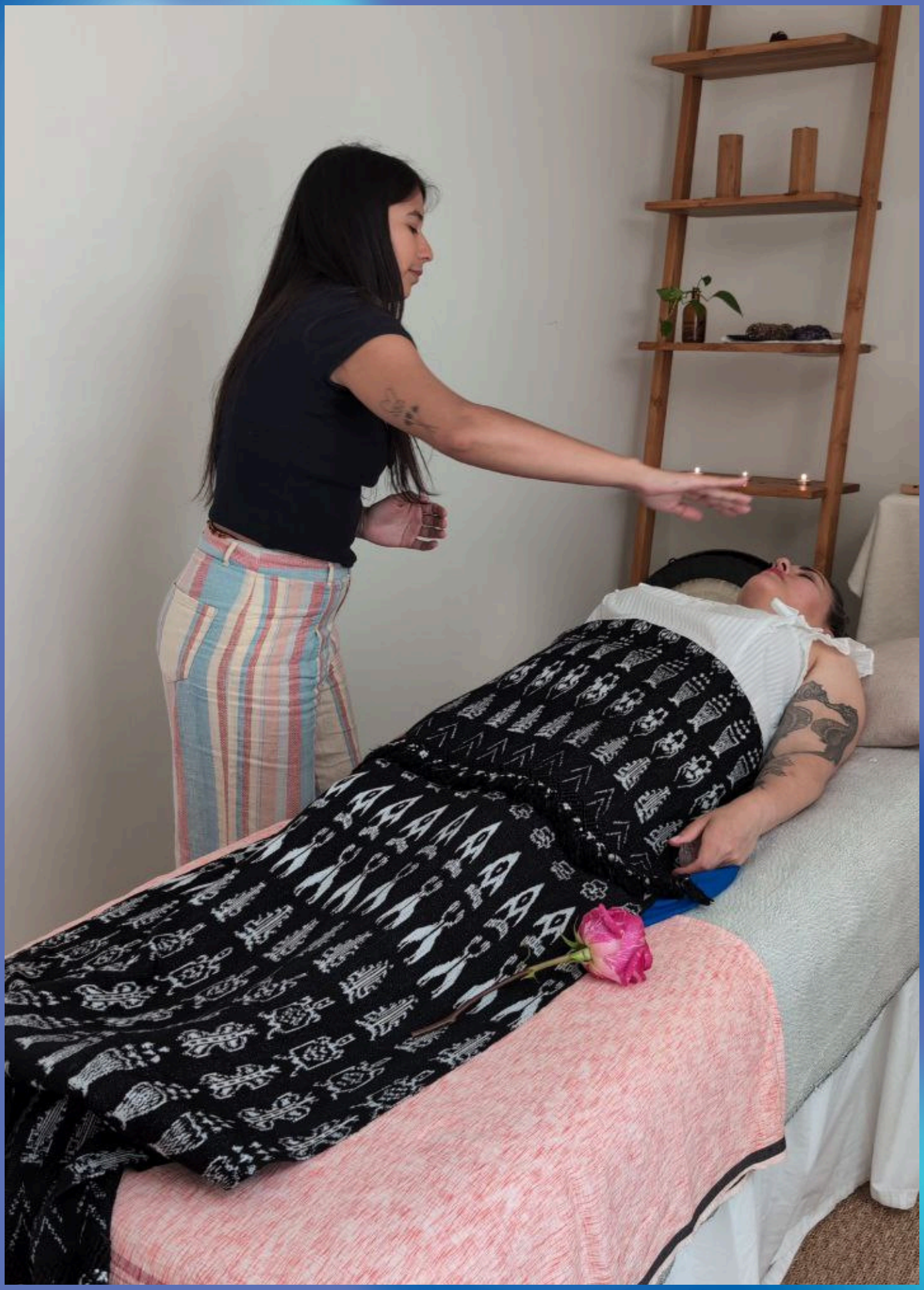





Amazing Results Through Collaborations and Volunteer Support

We've seen incredible results thanks to the power of collaboration and the dedication of our volunteers and team. We started off the year thanks to Itzy Menjívar our Strategic Planning Consultant of Bridge People LLC. We appreciate our farm director, Yowar Mosquera, for bringing the work of Protectores de la Tierra to further heights. A huge thank you to our interns, Yara Aly and Abdelrhman Omar for their outstanding production work, which truly brought our vision to life. We are also deeply grateful to our board members, Christiamilda Correa, Carlota Vargas and Isa Tenesaca for helping us pull together our plans into reality. Special thanks to our social media strategist, Valentina Gutiérrez, for her expert guidance in crafting our digital presence and our new email marketing manager Martin Kibandi and our bookkeeper Moshiur Rasul.

Lastly, we want to thank everyone who shared their art and helped us create a better world. Your passion and commitment make all the difference.



Energy work & finding your soul's purpose- a new generation of healing is coming

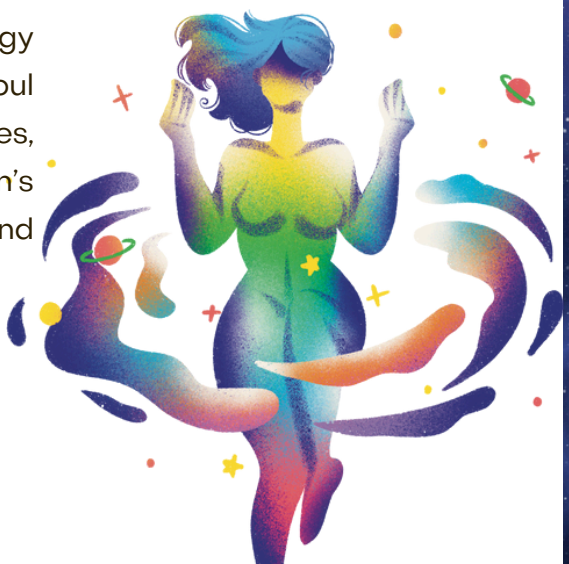
The power of energy

At LiberArte, we proudly say that we are fully committed to helping when needed, understanding people may be carrying the weight of the world, and providing a safe space where they feel heard and supported.

The current world forces us to be productive all the time, to live in constant haste, and to neglect the small things in life. It has become a terrible normal to be in a constant state of burnout, which is why people have started seeking out ancestral healing techniques that speak to their souls.

This is where Yura's work and LiberArte come in. Throughout 2024, we offered many energy work, internal healing, and soul purpose pathway services, aiming to align each person's personal life's mission and current life path.

Yura, certified as a Freedom Meditation Teacher, Earth Evolution Reiki Practitioner, and Dharma Coach, uses healing tools that have guided dozens of people on their path of self-discovery and transformation. These techniques provide a deep connection with one's innermost desires, personal lineage, and spiritual plan.





And why is it important to perform these energy cleanses? Because we often ignore our instincts, get carried away by what we see on social media, or even doubt our own abilities.

But we must understand that this is not our true purpose in this world. Our real purpose allows us to enrich the lives of those we encounter, to heal our lineage, and to make this world a more wonderful place to live, changing the current paradigms along the way.

“EMBRACE YOUR SOUL'S PURPOSE AS A VISIONARY CHANGEMAKER AND LEADER”

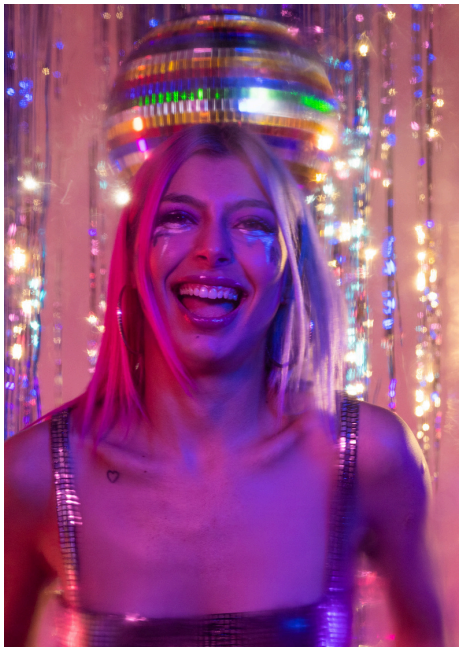


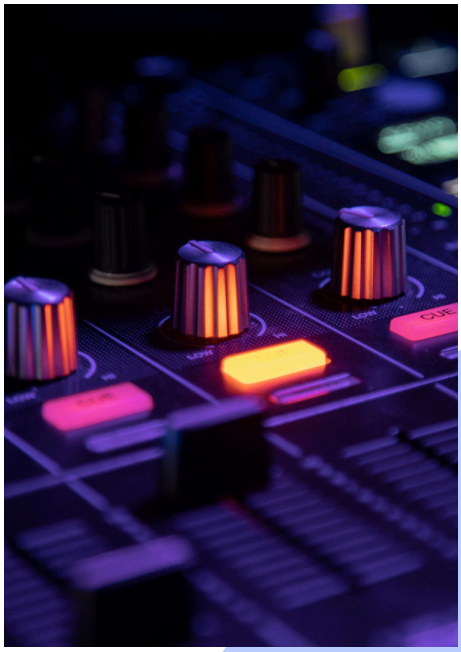
El ritmo Musical Te espera en Barranquilla

BALISTIKAL

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Disrupting Culture, Amplifying Queer Sound







THE POWER OF COMMUNITY AN EXAMPLE OF RESILIENCE AT BALISTIKAL

To close out this year on a high note, at LiberArte with our LGBTIQ+ initiative, Balistikal, we supported Colectiva Campamento's first-ever Queer DJ Mixing Workshop in Barranquilla, Colombia.

This free and dynamic space provides LGBTIQ+ community members with the opportunity to participate in a field that is typically lacking inclusion. It is an innovative move to hold it in a time where LGBTIQ+ communities continue to face global persecution.

It is important to highlight that we are committed to creating respectful LGBTQ+ centered spaces and that we stand firmly against any acts of discrimination or hatred toward this community and beyond. We are part of a global village that strives to make love and equity the pillars of this new world we are building.

AND HOW WAS THE EVENT?



On December 14th, Barranquilla was alive with love, laughter, and queer energy at the final class and graduation of the Balistikal x Colectiva Campamento's DJ workshop. The event brought together seven new queer DJs in a safe space to share their craft and disrupt cultural norms through music.

The night was full of joy, creativity, and community, with everyone celebrating each other's growth and achievements. As the class wrapped up, it was clear this event was more than just a graduation—it was a powerful statement of queer unity and expression.

The power of your dreams - the ultimate paradigm shift



Dreams are the foundation of our goals, driving us to take risks, achieve aspirations, and uncover what truly matters. At LiberArte, **we believe nurturing dreams and building a community** of artists, creatives, and visionary leaders can **transform our world** into one filled with creativity, joy, and harmony.

As we plan for 2025 and beyond, we need your help! By filling out our "Nurturing Your Dreams" survey, you can help us identify the programs and resources our community needs most to thrive.

Your voice is vital in shaping our future offerings. **Take a moment to share your insights** and help us co-create a future of empowerment, inspiration, and possibility!



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UNLEASH THE POWER WITHIN YOU.

