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NURTURING DREAMS

That nurture artists and create abundant futures

AFFIRMING GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Where everyone belongs and coexist

EMBRACING YOURSELF

Living and healing yourself through arts



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2023

MISSION, VISION AND VALUES AT LIBERARTE

Our mission is to nurture artists co-creating joyful and abundant futures in harmony with each other and Mother Earth.

Our vision is a thriving planet where all beings experience the joy and harmony unleashed by abundant creativity.

Values

- Affirming Global Community

We advocate for local and global solidarity that eradicates exploitative structures by unleashing the type of creativity and abundance that lead to our collective healing and liberation.

- Creativity & Innovation

We cultivate adaptive and emergent approaches that foster transformation.

- Love in Action

We embrace love as a guiding principle, approaching relationships and situations with open and caring hearts. We declare that there is no justice or liberation without love, and thus we choose to center love in every aspect of our work.

PROGRAMS

Festival del Tamborito

LiberArte is a proud co-producer of the Festival del Tamborito in Nuquí, Chocó, aligning with our core mission to nurture artists co-creating a thriving planet. This celebration, deeply embedded in the cultural heritage of the afroindigenous northern Pacific coast, resonates profoundly with us as we believe that by nurturing dreams and building community through abundant creativity, we will foster thriving ecosystems where all beings experience joy and harmony.

The Festival del Tamborito serves not only as an annual celebration but as a bridge that connects generations, safeguarding the essence of our collective memory and tradition. This event is one of the main pillars of LiberArte's activities in our early years, encapsulating our ethos of community-building and cultural preservation. Through our active involvement in promoting and fostering this festival, we strive to nurture local artists, amplify their voices, and showcase their talents to the world.







Building Our Own Tables Season 3

The Building Our Own Tables Podcast is a sanctuary for leaders, a space where healing, transformation, and creation intertwine to shape our collective narrative.



Our experience is a blend of words, music, poetry, body-breath practices, meditations, and visualizations—an intersection where stories, science, history, and rituals converge. We proudly center the voices of founders of the global majority—Black, Brown, African, Indigenous, Native, Asian, Arab, Middle Eastern, Mestiza, and Dual or Multi-Race creators—honoring their unique cultural wisdoms as we champion racial, social, and climate justice on a global scale.

The genesis of this podcast emerges from Yura Sapi's multidisciplinary journey as a creator and facilitator of initiatives that transcend borders uplifting the voices of BIPOC founders of arts organizations through the podcast medium. We are amplifying voices, sharing diverse stories, and nurturing spaces that heal and decolonize.

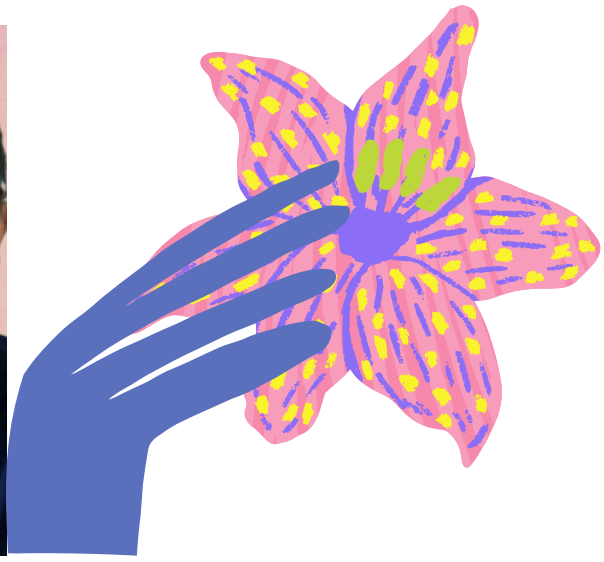


Balistikal

This year at Balistikal, we embarked on a series of transformative events deeply rooted in the mission and vision of LiberArte. Through immersive experiences focused on healing, empowerment, and alternative approaches to wellness, we've strived to cultivate a space that nurtures the soul and fosters holistic well-being.

We held an LGBTIQ+ Retreat in Nuquí Chocó, a journey into soul-centered healing. From energetic cleansings to experiences in nature, ancestral Viche ceremonies, and music performances, it was a complete healing arts experience centered on the soul's nourishment.





Balistikal

We held two editions of "Sánate Sanando," featuring queer healing facilitators Yura Sapi, La Plutonisa, Rana que Sana, Agatha Salvatierra, and Romy Andrea. These remarkable individuals shared their expertise in astrology, Reiki, transformative coaching, and dream interpretation, guiding a diverse group of individuals eager to explore alternative healing methods.

These events served as vibrant reflections of LiberArte's mission—to nurture artists and co-create joyful, sustainable futures in harmony with each other and Mother Earth. Each gathering was a testament to our commitment to holistic well-being, offering tools and experiences that empower individuals to explore diverse healing modalities.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed, participated, and supported these events, making them a resounding success. Your unwavering support fuels our mission, driving us to continue creating spaces where healing, growth, and community thrive.









PROTECTORES DE LA TIERRA NUQUÍ

This year has been a testament to the growth and impact of Protectores de la Tierra, a cherished project under LiberArte. We're thrilled to share our achievements and extend our gratitude for your support.
In Nuquí Chocó, our efforts revolve around cultivating crops and transforming local cuisine while championing native products.

We've specifically focused on harvesting large quantities of rice and sugar cane this year securing industrial machines for harvesting each.
We've received thousands in individual donations notably in collaboration with Colombian visual artist and scientist Sara Gutierrez who donated proceeds from an illustration book to Protectores de la Tierra. Thank you Sara and thank you to all who support us!

Being featured in the Philadelphia Orchard Project's article by Erika D'Andrea from their visit to the farm in Nuquí validates our commitment to fostering reciprocity and global community solidarity through sustainable agricultural practices.
Your unwavering support has been invaluable. As we continue our mission, we invite you to stand with us in nurturing sustainable practices and empowering communities.



Braiding Seeds Fellowship



Our recognition through the Braiding Seeds Fellowship has provided resources and guidance for success farming on land now expanding to Turtle Island (in New York).

We have an exciting opportunity on the horizon: the initiation of a new farm on the East Coast of Turtle Island. This new endeavor by LiberArte and Protectores de la Tierra marks a pivotal step to promote sustainable agricultural practices and build resilient communities. We're dedicated to cultivating the land using methods in relationship to the Earth, sharing ancestral knowledge, and creating spaces for cultural exchange and community empowerment.



The new farm on the East Coast of Turtle Island will serve as an innovative hub, acting as a learning center for regenerative and sustainable agricultural methods. Through this initiative, our goal is not only to grow wholesome food but also to strengthen the connection between people, the land and the art created together.



WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

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May 30 - 2023

R(Evolutionary) Structures Workshops

Joining forces with the 2023 Association for Conflict Resolution Convening and the NYU Latinx Alumni Network, LiberArte presented two interactive workshops on R(Evolutionary) Organizational Structures.These insightful events provided a deep exploration of alternative organizational frameworks, focusing on biomimicry and nature-inspired models to revamp traditional structures. The workshop offers alternative feedback processes and strategies for collective decision-making, all centered around the pursuit of collective liberation

Self Care = Self Love Workshops with Kadijah Spence hosted with MINKA Brooklyn and TCG Theatre for Activism: Rest Up series



Through 2023, we gathered on the New Moons led by Kadijah and Yura Sapi, harnessing the moon's power to guide us on our healing journey and set intentions for self-care and collective well-being.

Throughout the year, we embarked on this transformative journey to create just futures for communities worldwide, grounded in self-care as an act of self-love driving this time of r(evolution).

These workshops emphasized the vital role of self-care as those who support others, whether in work, home, or community spaces. It offered practical tools to zoom into various facets of self-love, encompassing physical, psychological, emotional, relational, homelife, worklife, financial, and spiritual aspects. Participants departed this decolonized and liberated space equipped with a written manifesting document to guide their self-love journey.



ANTIDOTE FOR SCARCITY MINDSET WORKSHOP

In collaboration with Yura Sapi and MINK Brooklyn, LiberArte hosted an enlightening workshop to overcome scarcity mindset and transform your life. This transformative event helped participants tap into their innate abundance, guiding attendees through powerful energetic shifts from scarcity to boundless possibilities, fostering an amplified sense of receiving energy.

This workshop served as an invaluable opportunity to embrace an abundance mindset and connect with a network of like-minded individuals. It acted as a catalyst for personal growth and a deeper understanding of the profound power of abundance.





1:1 Coaching Sessions

In 2023, LiberArte embarked on a transformative journey alongside Yura Sapi, our visionary CEO, as they became a certified Reiki practitioner, Freedom Meditation teacher and Dharma (Soul Purpose) Coach. This offering marked a pivotal moment, blending ancient healing practices with modern manifestation techniques to guide individuals on their journey to wholeness and fulfilment. In 2023, Yura offered over 100 free or low cost 1:1 sessions to marginalized artists and creative activists worldwide. Yura's unique approach, rooted in years of experience in artistry, activism, farming, arts management, and Indigenous healing practices, resonated deeply with those seeking holistic healing and guidance. Looking ahead our aim is to broaden the accessibility of energetic healing and manifestation coaching, extending these powerful sessions to a wider audience seeking healing, clarity, and alignment with their soul's purpose.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

LiberArte announced its 2023-24 Artist in Residence, traditional music group of Nuquí, Chocó, Colombia, Tambacum. Tambacum embodies our mission at LiberArte by preserving and sharing ancestral music from Chocó, Colombia.

Their vibrant beats of Tamborito and Cumbancha unite generations, echoing the soul of Nuquí. As cultural ambassadors, they bring heritage to life and foster community bonds, aligning perfectly with our mission of nurturing cultural traditions and fostering unity.





Welcome Tambacum – the heartbeats of our artistic residence! We have been honored to support their artistry and development this past year through running their social media and online presence, helping produce their audition performance for the 2023 Petronio Alvarez Music Festival Qualifiers in Tado, Chocó, securing professional headshots for group members, and beginning the planning for a 2024 U.S. tour.

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PUBLICATIONS AT MEDIA AND MORE



We are immensely proud to share the incredible accomplishments of our CEO, Yura Sapi, whose dedication to art, empathy, and community shines brightly in recent publications and artistic endeavors:

1. "The Art of Liberation: Embracing Ancestral Wisdom for Social Change" Yura's story is featured in the book anthology, Hispanic Stars Rising. Dive into their inspiring narrative exploring the power of ancestral wisdom for social change. Read here.

2. "Harnessing the Law of Oneness for Community Centric Fundraising" Explore Yura's insightful article in the Community Centric Fundraising Hub, delving into the principles of oneness and community-centric fundraising. Discover more.



3. "Evolving our World Through an Actor's Empathy" In their article for HowlRound Theatre Commons, Yura explores the profound link between acting and empathy, highlighting the transformative power of emotional understanding in the world of theater. Explore the article.

4. Short Film Contribution: "This Land is Your Land" Yura's talent shone in the short film released in honor of Indigenous People's Day. Their performance, supported by an incredible team, showcased the depth of emotional connection and storytelling in their craft.

5. Feature in BU CFA Magazine: "Building A Global Art Community" Explore Yura's feature in BU CFA Magazine, highlighting the global impact of art and community-building. Read more.

COLLABORATIONS

AMERICAN THEATRE CRITICS ASSOCIATION

ARTS ADMINISTRATORS OF COLOR

501C3 ANNOUNCEMENT!

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Yura recently had the honor of returning as a judge for the prestigious Edward Medina Prize, recognizing excellence in cultural criticism.
This opportunity showcases Yura's ongoing commitment to fostering critical conversations about culture, art, and society. Serving as a judge not only reflects their expertise but also underscores their dedication to nurturing insightful analysis and thought-provoking discourse within the cultural sphere











ARTS ADMINISTRATORS OF COLOR

Yura Sapi joined the board of directors of the Arts Administrators of Color Network supporting this mission aligned organization move forward. Their two-day 2023 Annual Convening was held in Chicago, IL, on November 11 & 12, 2023. Themed "We Will Flourish: Building Our Table, Defining Our Legacy," this event was a beacon for artists and arts administrators from diverse backgrounds.

It served as a platform for learning, connection, and celebration, embracing sessions designed specifically for the global majority in the arts community. We are proud to support initiatives that amplify diverse voices, promote learning, and create spaces where everyone's contributions are valued and celebrated.

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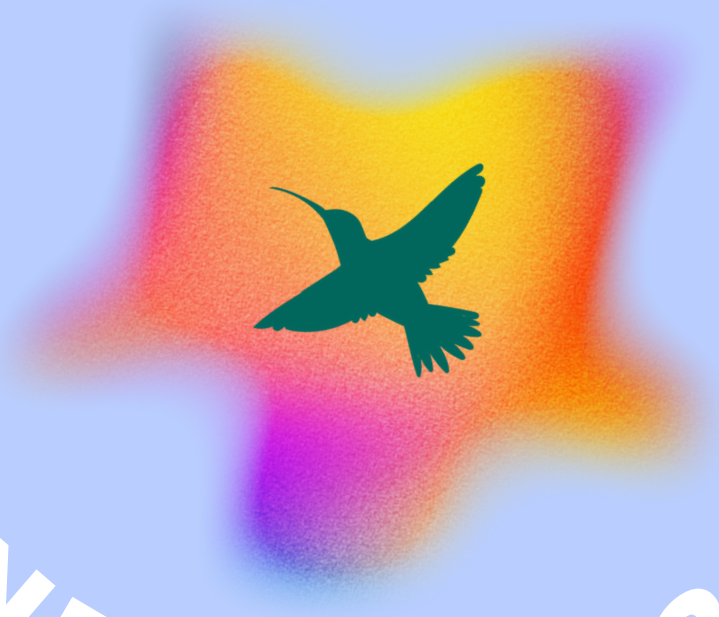
In an exciting milestone for LiberArte, we are thrilled to announce our achievement in acquiring 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. This significant step marks our official recognition as a tax-exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the United States.

The attainment of this status is a testament to our commitment to serving our community, promoting artistic endeavors, and fostering positive social change. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we can further amplify our efforts in supporting artists, advocating for social justice, and facilitating transformative initiatives worldwide.

This milestone not only solidifies our dedication to our mission but also opens new avenues for partnerships, funding opportunities, and initiatives aimed at nurturing artists, empowering communities, and fostering a more inclusive and vibrant arts ecosystem.



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UP NEXT FOR 2024

We want to continue expanding our message and helping others

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Festival del Tamborito

In 2024, LiberArte continues the Tamborito Festival, poised to be a significant cultural milestone. This time securing a grant from the Ministry of Culture in Colombia, welcoming over 150 invited artists and visitors from the local, national and international community. This immersive celebration will embody our commitment to preserving tradition, fostering cultural exchange, and nurturing community bonds.

Participants embark on a vibrant journey, delving into the rich heritage of Tamborito music through engaging conversations, vibrant urban art installations, traditional dress parades, and an insightful visit to Protectores de la Tierra farm. This festival illuminates the significance of culture, tradition, and community. Join us as we step into the future, embracing the spirit of the Tamborito Festival 2024.



New Earth Meditations



We're thrilled to announce that our CEO, Yura Sapi, has achieved certification as a Freedom Meditation Teacher. This achievement signifies their dedication to the art of meditation and its transformative power in catalyzing positive change.

In line with this accomplishment, Yura is preparing to launch a groundbreaking series of meditations tailored specifically for artists, creative activists, and community leaders. These meditations aim to unlock the visionary within each individual, igniting a profound sense of purpose and empowerment.

The series is meticulously designed to guide participants through a journey of self-discovery, tapping into their innate creativity, and fostering a deep sense of connection with their visions.

Yura's expertise and passion for meditation will serve as a guiding light, empowering individuals to manifest a better world through their actions and aspirations.





Building Our Own Tables Season 4



In 2024, LiberArte presents the anticipated Season 4 of our podcast, "Building Our Own Tables," a transformative platform supporting leaders on their path toward collective liberation. This podcast serves as medicine for those endeavoring to create spaces rooted in healing, decolonization, and love.

Our focus remains centered on amplifying the voices of the global majority – Black, Brown, African, Indigenous, Native, Asian, Arab, Middle Eastern, Mestiza, and Dual or Multi-Race creators. By honoring diverse cultural wisdoms and fostering solidarity, we aim to actively contribute to the pursuit of racial, social, and climate justice worldwide.

Stay tuned for the upcoming Season 4, where we continue our commitment to uplifting marginalized voices and fostering a more equitable and just world.

PROTECTORES DE LA TIERRA NUQUÍ FARM



In the upcoming phase of our project, Protectores de la Tierra in Nuquí, we are embarking on an expansion journey. Our vision includes constructing visitor structures aimed at enhancing the experience for those who join us. Additionally, we are focused on expanding our viche-making initiative from sugar cane, among other projects led by Farm Director, Yowar Mosquera.

Through these expansions, our mission remains twofold: to feed more individuals within the community and to broaden our scope of knowledge while furthering our commitment to community welfare.

By creating visitor structures, we aim to offer a more enriching experience for all those who engage with Protectores de la Tierra. Simultaneously, expanding our viche-making from sugar cane allows us to enhance our capacity to share products of the region.

This expansion signifies our dedication to both community nourishment and the continual pursuit of knowledge and assistance within Nuquí.

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