



"Music Moves Us"

A collaborative public arts project
with the Pianos About Town Program

Created by:
Amelia Furman with Northern Colorado
children, toddler to 5th grade.

The Process

Every year, the Pianos About Town Program in Fort Collins reclaims old pianos and commissions artist to create community friendly designs on the exterior. In 2020 I was commissioned to complete a piano and made it a collaborative opportunity as well. I hosted a painting drop in time for children, ages 1 – 13 to use acrylic paint on paper to create artwork while listening to various types of piano music. The pieces of art were collected and then scanned and copied to be used in the piano design. I also utilized sheet music I had available. The collage materials were surrounded by shapes and line work reminiscent of piano sheet music. The piano was then coated in spar-urathane to ensure durability during it's seasons of public display outside.



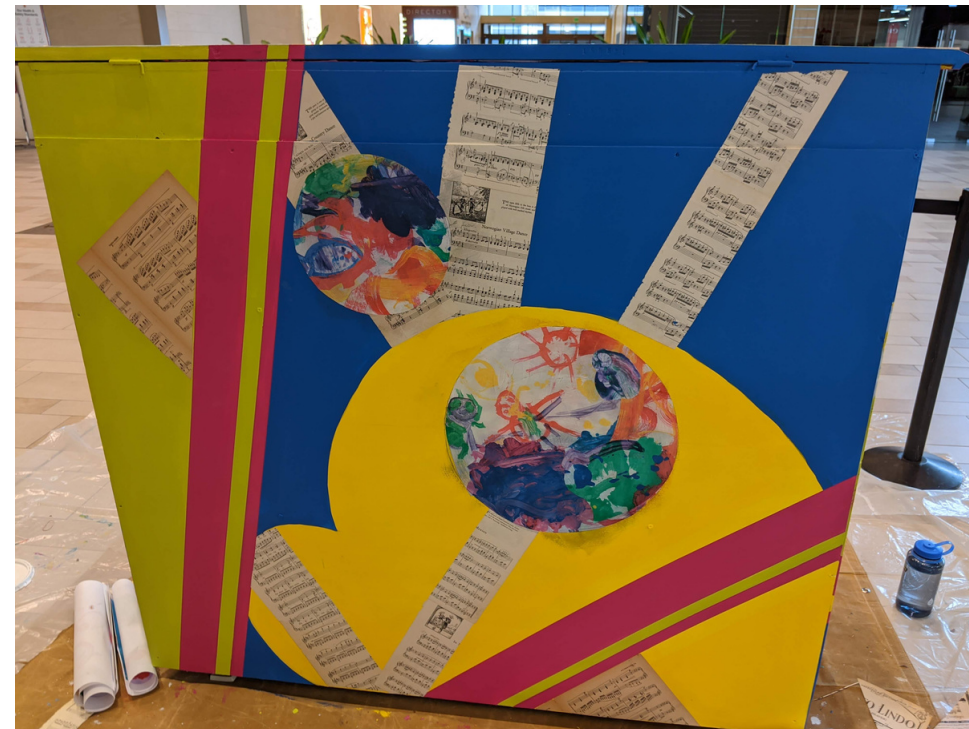
The Purpose of the Project

This project was another exercise in learning how to collaborate with community members in the pursuit of public art. It also gave children a chance to come together in a safe, outdoor space to create something during the middle of COVID.

I also wanted to experience doing paper collage on a three - dimensional substrate and one that would have to weather the elements. The pianos are meant to have a ten year life span as part of this program.

Funding

This piano, as part of the Pianos About Town Project is funded by the City of Fort Collins. The budget for the project was \$1000.00





Music and Art

As a music lover and visual artist, I enjoy finding ways to combine these two loves. As part of the Pianos About Town program, this piano will remain in rotation for roughly 10 years and then retire. It's location shifts throughout the city of Fort Collins as new pianos are created. I often have the joy of seeing videos and pictures of the piano being played by children and adults.

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Fort Collins, CO (precise location varies)



For questions regarding this project, please contact Liz Good at lgood@fcgov.com