

# #MyStory Family Court Exhibit Recap



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This year, the Erie County Family Court Children's Art Project partnered with Bridges from Borders to exhibit Taste of Siam's story from the 2021 #MyStory program. The objective of the Children's Art Program is to support art in public spaces while the #MyStory program aims to share immigrant/refugee narratives. The event took place on Thursday June 9th, 2022 at 4:00pm.



Lined along the building walls were a series of enlarged photographs, captured in the previous year by photographer Michael Mandolfo of Forest Productions, as part of the program. These images depict the intricate and beautiful culture that characterizes Taste of Siam. Dishes, history, narratives, and cultural clothing were all incorporated into the exhibit, so a deeper understanding of their story would be established. Attendees viewed vibrant displays of art and Thai culture as they made their way to sit down with other attendees.



The event began with remarks made by Hon. Mary Carney, Yan Liu, Sunya Afrasiabi, and the relatives of Mimi Sysomboune-Robinson - Ashley Sysomboune and Richie Phongsavath - who spoke on her behalf. The speakers provided greater insight into the program itself and into Taste of Siam. Through these speeches, the audience was given an understanding toward the works they had seen just moments prior. After the speeches, attendees were encouraged to indulge in nourishments generously provided by Taste of Siam.



Overall, the event was a wonderful opportunity for the #MyStory program and the story of “Taste of Siam” to gain further exposure.

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