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**ARTS PARTNERS FOR LEARNING ANNOUNCES
OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED WITH ARTS EDUCATION**



BUFFALO, NY (February 25, 2015) – Arts Partners for Learning and Young Audiences are pleased to announce applications for Western New York cultural organizations, schools, and leaders.

Arts Partners for Learning's priority for partners includes long-term, multi-session residencies that take place during the school day (or after school). Programs should focus on a direct link between art and school curriculum - expanding understanding for students and teachers of cultural and artistic opportunities in the region. **Applications are due March 31, and an information session will be held on March 16th 2 – 4 pm at Young Audiences of Western New York, 1 Lafayette Square 2nd floor, Downtown Buffalo.**

Serve on Arts Partners for Learning's Leadership Team, composed of representatives from the arts, cultural, educational, and philanthropic sectors throughout the region. The Leadership Team sets priorities for the Arts Partners for Learning initiative. Deadline for service interest forms is May 1st.

Arts Partners for Learning's mission is to expand access to arts education for children in the eight counties of Western New York, and to improve the capacity of cultural organizations in these counties to provide quality creative learning programs. Working through a united cultural community, and with managing partner Young Audiences, arts organizations and artists have gained significant leverage to improve arts education services provided to children in the eight counties of Western New York.

For more information about how to get involved with Arts Partners for Learning visit aplwny.org/get-involved/

ABOUT ARTS PARTNERS FOR LEARNING: *Arts Partners for Learning is a regional partnership that was formed in 2011 with support in part from Fund for the Arts, New York State Council on the Arts, and Young Audiences, Inc. with the vision to create opportunities for arts and cultural organizations and professional artists to work with schools and ultimately improve the educational outcomes for children.*

ABOUT YOUNG AUDIENCES: *Young Audiences of Western New York's mission is to make the visual, performing, and literary arts a part of young people's lives in order to enhance their development as creative and productive human beings. They provide services in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming counties. Every day, they fulfill their mission through performances, workshops, and residencies in educational, cultural, and community centers. Young Audiences of Western New York celebrated 50 years of service in 2013.*

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