



Young Audiences Western New York

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YOUNG AUDIENCES CREATIVE FAMILY PROGRAMS AT RURAL LIBRARIES IN GENESEE, ORLEANS, AND WYOMING COUNTIES

BUFFALO, NY (April 15, 2015) – Through generous funding by the New York Council for the Humanities Young Audiences is offering *Creative Family Programs with Local Artists* for families in Western New York. Programming will be offered through this program at Yates Community, Wyoming Free, and Richmond Memorial Libraries between April 25th and June 27th, 2015. These programs invite a dialogue about the region's cultural riches, race, and history. The Creative Family Programs include: performances in performing arts that encourage participation, discussion, critical thinking, and active dialogue.

Performance dates are as follows:

- **Yates Community Library**, 15 N Main St, Lyndonville, NY
 - Gretchen Sepik, Erie Canal Sal, April 25, 11 am - noon
 - Celes Tisdale, From Africa to America, May 2, 11 am - noon
 - Defiant Monkey Improv, All Together Now, May 9, 11 am - noon
- **Richmond Memorial Library**, 19 Ross St, Batavia, NY
 - Celes Tisdale, From Africa to America, April 25, 11 am - noon
 - Gretchen Sepik, Erie Canal Sal, May 23, 11 am - noon
 - Defiant Monkey Improv, All Together Now, June 27, 11 am - noon
- **Wyoming Free Library**, 114 South Academy Street, Wyoming, NY
 - Celes Tisdale, From Africa to America, May 16, 11 am - noon
 - Defiant Monkey Improv, All Together Now, May 30, 1 - 2 pm
 - Gretchen Sepik, Erie Canal Sal, June 23, 9 - 10 am

Our programming provides a unique opportunity for audiences to take part in a meaningful, creative, artistic, and in some cases historical experience. It is our intent that young people will come away learning something new while also promoting their creativity, critical thinking, cultural awareness, and active communication skills. Our hope is that children and families participating in our *Creative Family Programs* may become more aware of what the arts can offer to their lives, and that they may search out opportunities to engage more in the future.

For more information please visit yawny.org/events/new-york-council-for-the-humanities/.

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 is celebrating 50 years of service in 2013.*

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