Buffalo Emerging Leadership Institute will tackle leadership in the arts

Buffalo, NY (May 12, 2014) — Young Audiences Arts for Learning and Young Audiences of Western New York are excited to announce the launch of the first ever Buffalo Emerging Leaders Institute, to take place July 13-16, 2014. Building on the success of Young Audiences’ national Emerging Leaders Institute model, the Buffalo Institute will serve approximately 25 emerging leaders in the arts from organizations and schools across New York State. The Institute will serve artists, non-profit administrators, service providers, community organizers, artists, and teachers, who will improve their skills as leaders in the arts and arts education fields.

A collaboration between Young Audiences Arts for Learning and Young Audiences of Western New York, the Buffalo Emerging Leaders Institute is made possible by the New York State Council for the Arts with additional support provided by the Emerging Leaders in the Arts Buffalo (ELAB). The Institute will take advantage of the revitalized riches Downtown Buffalo has to offer, with out-of-town participants staying at the historic, recently renovated Lafayette Hotel, and seminars held at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Just Buffalo Literary Center, and Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center.

The Institute will be facilitated by seasoned Executive Coach Judi Spear, who will help participants achieve practiced leadership throughout the three days. Presentations will address functional needs as well as topics relevant to successful leadership and management, with content guided by institutional and community needs specific to Upstate New York. The intensive experience will also provide training and best practices in inclusion, personal renewal, grantsmanship, team leadership, human resources, governance, community collaboration and organizing, and volunteerism. Break-out sessions and small-group workshops will allow for networking, the sharing of perspectives and best practices, and peer-to-peer discourse and reflection.

• For further details visit www.yawny.org or www.youngaudeiences.org
• Deadline for application is June 6, 2014

In addition to the three-day Institute in Buffalo, participants will remain in contact throughout the year to discuss personal successes and challenges and share their progress in taking on leadership roles in their communities. Participants will also have the opportunity to attend the YA National Conference in New York City in November 2014, a valuable opportunity for emerging leaders and artists.

Young Audiences is committed to building the capacity of individuals and organizations by providing rigorous professional development for administrators, artists, and educators to help them better serve their communities. In 2010, YA held its first annual National Arts in Education Leadership Institute in New Orleans, LA to support professional growth and build institutional capacity for organizations around the country. The Institute has since been held in Chicago, IL and Houston, TX. The National Institute is made possible by the American Express Foundation, with additional support provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and Southwest Airlines.

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Presenting partners for the Buffalo Emerging Leaders Institute include Arts Services Initiative of WNY, Inc., Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, Hotel @ The Lafayette, Just Buffalo Literary Center, Starlight Studios, RV Rhodes, LLC., and WNED|WBFO.

Founded in 1952, Young Audiences Arts for Learning is the nation’s leader in arts in education with a mission to inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts. This year, YA’s network of 30 affiliates will reach over 5 million children and youth in 6,000 schools and community centers around the country.

Young Audiences of Western New York works to make the arts a part of young people’s lives in order to enhance their development as creative and productive human beings. Founded in 1962, Young Audiences of Western New York provides hundreds of programs and residences to schools in Buffalo and Western New York each year.

Emerging Leaders in the Arts Buffalo is a group of multidisciplinary artists, arts administrators and patrons who work to support professional and artistic growth while serving as creative placemakers for the region through innovative events, educational activities, critiques, workshops and community art projects.

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