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YOUNG AUDIENCES ANNOUNCES 2015 BUFFALO EMERGING LEADERS INSTITUTE

Buffalo, NY (April 29, 2015) — Young Audiences Arts for Learning and Young Audiences of Western New York are excited to announce the 2015 Buffalo Emerging Leaders Institute, to take place July 27-29. 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. This is the second year the Buffalo Institute will be offered.

“The Emerging Leaders Buffalo institute gave me concrete tools to inspire myself and those around me. I better understand my colleagues and myself, have more time to create, and enjoy work more simply by focusing my teams strengths and implementing strategies to utilize those strengths. Bravo, Buffalo Institute!” – 2014 Participant

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. 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, Starlight Art Studio and Gallery, and Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center.

Seasoned Executive Coach Judi Spear, founder of RVRhodes, LLC., who will help participants achieve practiced leadership throughout the three days, will facilitate the Institute. 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 New York State. The intensive experience will also provide training and best practices in inclusion, personal renewal, grantsmanship, team leadership, fundraising, collaboration, 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.

• To apply visit http://yawny.org/latest-news/buffalo-emerging-leaders-institute/
• Deadline for application is June 1, 2015

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 Young Audiences National Conference, 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.

Presenting partners for the Buffalo Emerging Leaders Institute include Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Current Catering Hospitality Group, LLC., Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, Just Buffalo Literary Center, Starlight Art Gallery and Studio, and RV Rhodes, LLC.

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.

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