



Young Audiences Western New York

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YOUNG AUDIENCES ANNOUNCES THE 7TH ANNUAL PATRICIA COTSEN ARTS ABILITIES CONFERENCE

BUFFALO, NY (09/25/14) – Young Audiences of Western New York in conjunction with Arts Partners for Learning will host the 7th Annual Patricia Cotsen Arts Abilities Conference. Arts and cultural community representatives, educational program leaders, and human service providers are invited to learn about best practices in arts and cultural education through workshops led by community organizations participating in the Arts Partners for Learning initiative.

WHEN: Friday November 14, 2013, 8:30 am- 4:30 pm

WHERE: Buffalo & Erie County Public Library,
Downtown Buffalo, 1 Lafayette Square, 2nd Floor

REGISTRATION: Tickets will be \$60 regular, \$30 for partners, and \$20 for artists & students. Complimentary tickets are available for volunteers.



The theme for this year's conference is "Reaching Everyone: Differentiated Instruction Through The Arts," which intends to address the wide-range of learning needs in today's educational settings. The conference will also address aspects of the Common Core Learning Standards. Conference participation contributes to the 175-hour requirement for NY State Professional Development Standards.

"We are extremely pleased to partner with Young Audiences of Western New York for their 7th Annual Arts Abilities Conference in November. Libraries and the resources we offer every day to children, adults, educators – everyone – are as critical to the future of our great community as are the arts and the well-rounded perspectives they provide."

– Mary Jean Jakubowski, Library System Director, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

Featured presentations include:

- **Keynote speaker, Andrea Moore, Andrea Moore Arts** - creative activist and artist using writing, performance, and photography to foster connection and dialogue across social and cultural lines
- Additional workshops with APL partners, including the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Buffalo Zoo, Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Squeaky Wheel, and Young Audiences

For more information please contact us at 716.881.0917 or at communications@yawny.org

The 7th Annual Arts Abilities Conference is made possible with support from the Buffalo News, Fund for the Arts, and New York State Council on the Arts. The Conference was named for Patricia Cotsen, a long-time devoted Young Audiences board member and community advocate when she passed away in 2009.

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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