



Young Audiences Western New York

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YOUNG AUDIENCES ANNOUNCES FREE SUMMER PROGRAM: CURATORS OF CULTURE

BUFFALO, NY (June 11, 2014) – Young Audiences is pleased to announce free summer programming for teens. Curators of Culture is a free summer program in the arts for teens, ages 13-17 and living in Erie County. It provides young people with behind the scenes access to Buffalo's most creative businesses, artists, and art venues. Youth get the opportunity to work with local professional artists in spoken word, dance, digital and visual arts within a safe and educational environment.

Workshops also include long term learning with local cultural organizations including *Western New York Book Arts Center and the Downtown Library*, as well as regular visits to *The Albright Knox Art Gallery, Shea's Performing Arts Center, and Buffalo's historic Canalside*. This multi-disciplinary program will bring the arts to life asking students to envision their future and to reflect on the community around them.

WHAT:

Curators of Culture is a free summer program in the arts for teens, ages 13-17 and living in Erie County

WHEN:

Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, July 8 through August 29

WHERE:

Downtown Library (1 Lafayette Square) with every Fridays at the Buffalo State College Community Academic Center (214 Grant Street)

COST:

Free

Visit www.yawny.org to apply, e-mail teens@yawny.org, or call us at 716.881.0917

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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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