



Young Audiences Western New York

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Photo and interview opportunity

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RICH CULTURAL SUMMER EXPERIENCES FOR TEENS EXPLORES BUFFALO

BUFFALO, NY (July 16, 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.

The goal of Curators is to design, develop, and deliver quality, integrated arts learning experiences that produce significant outcomes for young people. We are also looking to create an entrepreneurship program, which will be a next step for those in Curators to further develop as young artists.

Workshops 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.

Opportunities for photos and interviews:

- Break dancing with Shane on Tuesdays July 29, August 5, and August 12, 11 am - 12:45 pm.
- Field trip to the Albright Knox Art Gallery on Friday August 8, 11 am – 1 pm
- Drumming with Griffin on August 13, 11 am - 12:45 pm
- Bollywood dance with Gaitre on August 14, 11 am - 12:45 pm
- Our final celebration will be on Friday, August 29 between 12 - 2 pm

Please call to schedule interview opportunities at 716.881.0917

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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