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Dear Artists, Partners, Funders, and Former Board Members,

It is with sadness that we inform you of Cynnie Gaasch's departure as Executive Director of Young Audiences of Western New York, Inc. We anticipate her last day will be December 29, 2017.

We wish to thank Cynnie for eight years of service as the Executive Director of Young Audiences, as well as the seven prior years she spent as a staff member and teaching artist. As Executive Director, Cynnie has worked to grow the organization to serve the community, diversify funding and partnerships, and to professionalize the organization.

We wish Cynnie all the best as she embarks on her next venture, writing grants and consulting for nonprofits. She will also return to work as an active artist. We look forward to following the success of her career.

Over the next few months the board of directors will conduct a search for the next Executive Director. During this transition period, it is our priority to find the best leader for the organization's future, while maintaining a stable and effective organization in the interim period.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to providing opportunities for the children of Western New York to have access to creative learning through the arts - *we could not do this work without our important partners like you.* Should you have any questions during the transition process, please contact Laith Al-Khalidi or Lindsay Evans.

Sincerely,

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