



Young Audiences Western New York

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YOUNG AUDIENCES ANNOUNCES FREE SUMMER PROGRAMS & PERFORMANCES

BUFFALO, NY (June 27, 2014) – Young Audiences offers FREE creative family programming all summer long at Canalside, in downtown Buffalo, and at Old Falls Street, downtown Niagara Falls. Young Audiences is pleased to host and participate in a wide-range of community events that promote creative learning through the arts. These fun community activities feature interactive workshops and performances and are presented free of charge.

Young Audiences' summer programs are weekly and start July 2nd and end August 27th. Events are scheduled at Canalside every Wednesday at 11 am and noon, and at Old Falls Street every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday at noon and 1 pm. A complete schedule of Young Audiences' public programs can be found at yawny.org/public-programs/.

Young Audiences programs will feature arts forms such as architecture, juggling, break dancing, storytelling, African dance, Guinean drums, and local history.

"We're tucked away in the classrooms most of the year," said teaching artist Melissa Kate during a presentation of the Erie Canal Traveling Museum. "It's a treat to be out in public and sharing these programs with families. It's a chance for parents to experience in person what their children do in school, and to learn what kinds of programs are out there. Often adults will have as many questions and are as engaged as the young people. What a great way to connect as a family."

Young Audiences maintains a full schedule of workshops for young people, both in and out of school, as well as their families. Summer programming at Canalside allows the public to experience workshops and performances offered by Young Audiences' roster of professional teaching artists.

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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