Making the arts a part of young people’s lives in order to enhance their development as creative and productive human beings.

Implementing Multi-Media into the Visual Arts and Music
Young Audiences Teaching Artists present professional development to Erie 2 - Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES educators

Teaching Artists Annette Daniels-Taylor and Aitina Fareed-Cooke presented Erie 2 BOCES educators with creative tools and short media-making assignments designed to engage them with exciting video art, video poetry and music.

"Erie 2 BOCES had the distinct pleasure of having two artists, Aitina Fareed-Cooke and Annette Daniels-Taylor from Young Audiences share their expertise and amazing talent with the teachers in our region. Both classroom and special subject teachers were immersed in authentic, hands-on learning experiences that were enriched by literacy and the media arts to bring back to the classrooms. The artists were not only passionate about their art, they also were able to connect with our audience of adult learners! Thank you so much, Young Audiences, for sharing your talent with the teachers in our region!" - Aimee Bloom, Staff Development Specialist, Erie 2 - Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES

Our professional development programs provide educators with realistic, accessible, and fun techniques for integrating the arts with other subjects to authentically engage and challenge students of all learning abilities.

Through classroom workshops, we pair educators with Teaching Artists for hands-on training in arts integration. Teachers and Teaching Artists work side-by-side to develop innovative lesson plans that use the arts to teach curricula skills and concepts to children. Teachers gain a hands-on understanding of the connections between arts experiences and learn effective ways to engage students in participatory activities that involve all the senses and encourage critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration.
Attention Teaching Artists: We Want You!

Applications to be a Master Teaching Artist for the Summer ArtWorks program are now available.

We are seeking innovative curriculum proposals from Teaching Artists who wish to participate in the Summer 2019 ArtWorks program. Master Teaching Artists provide instruction in the arts while helping Youth Apprentices develop workplace skills and gain knowledge in post-secondary options. Through ArtWorks, Youth Apprentices create art, learn how to work cooperatively, professionally, and responsibly while earning a wage.

Selected artists will work with diverse populations of Youth Apprentices with a broad range of artistic experiences to perform and exhibit works of art, develop community partnerships, provide real-world project experiences, and guide apprentices in the development of a professional portfolio. Curriculum proposals from artists of all disciplines will be considered, including but not limited to: theater, music and/or vocal performance, dance, filmmaking, recording arts, video game/web design, visual arts, architecture/design, culinary arts, and poetry/literary arts.
Proposals are due Friday, April 12, 2019. More information can be found here.

Make sure you're staying up-to-date with the Spring 2019 ArtWorks program!

ArtWorks is made possible with support from the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, New York State Council on the Arts, and the City of Buffalo.

Arts Partners for Learning Program Spotlight
Explore & More Children's Museum transforms familiar classrooms to represent different countries at Global Concepts Charter School

2nd grade students at Global Concepts Charter School were immersed in a unique global experience featuring countries the students would most like to visit including, Mexico, Japan, and the Ukraine. The Explore & More Culture Days program uses colorful decorated classrooms, carefully selected artifacts, and an interactive approach to engage students.

Explore & More educators help the students to discover how children in other parts of the world live, eat, play and learn. Students rotate from classroom to classroom and from country to country. Each individual country's program includes dynamic discussion followed by an appealing and appropriate game, activity and craft.

This program gives students the opportunity to learn and understand the geographical location of each country in relation to one another and how the countries location influences their food, traditions, and cultural heritage. Students also learn to understand and explore the similarities between their own traditions and ones celebrated in these other cultures.

See more photos from this APL program here.

You can find more information on the Arts Partners for Learning Initiative here.
As an affiliate of Young Audiences Arts for Learning, we will join the nationwide, two-week YA Week celebration and advocacy initiative, which aims to raise awareness and support for arts-in-education.

We will celebrate YA Week with a variety of special events, public programs, and other outreach with the goal of spotlighting the powerful role that the arts play in enhancing education and enriching communities.

Stay tuned for the official YA Week Schedule!

Did You Know?

The nonprofit arts and culture sector is a $352.1 million industry in Western New York — one that supports 10,160 full-time equivalent jobs and generates $40.3 million in local and state government revenue.

The Arts Drive Our Economy and Transform Our Communities

What did we learn?
That locally, as well as nationally, the arts mean business!

Nonprofit arts and cultural organizations are businesses in their own right. Nationally, they spent $156 million during fiscal year 2015 to employ people locally, purchase goods and services from local establishments, and attract tourists. They also leveraged a remarkable $196.1 million in additional spending by cultural audiences—spending that pumps vital revenue into restaurants, hotels, retail stores, parking garages, and other local businesses.

Communities that support the arts and culture are investing in an industry that supports jobs, generates government revenue, and is the cornerstone of tourism, customized for the
We encourage all of you to get out, get involved, and continue your support of the arts in Western New York!

Learn more about Western New York's impact in the Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 Report!

This school year, we will be in classrooms, libraries, and community centers all across Western New York through assemblies, workshops, and long-term residency programs with professional Teaching Artists.

Every child deserves to participate in our programming will be immersed in opportunities to imagine, create, and realize their full potential through the arts.

Please consider making a charitable donation today that will directly impact the lives of our youth. We cannot do it without you.

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