



Become a Lead Teaching Artist

INSPIRE YOUTH TO SUCCEED



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

ArtWorks is a paid creative arts-based job training and college readiness after-school program for high school students, ages 14-18. Students are enrolled as paid apprentices to train under Teaching Artists, who mentor them in an art form while they learn skills transferable to any future workplace or college. A program of Arts for Learning WNY, ArtWorks is advancing the organization's mission by inspiring young people and educators through new and meaningful creative arts experiences.

HOW IT WORKS

Lead Teaching Artists provide instruction in the arts while helping youth apprentices develop workplace skills and gain knowledge in post-secondary options. Selected artists will work with diverse populations of teens 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.

Every year, two Teaching Artists are hired for each of the Fall and Spring sessions. Apprentices are placed in teams of 10-12 and receive mentorship from their Teaching Artist. Led by their Teaching Artist, apprentices will network and build connections while engaging with the community through the creation, exhibition, and performance of original works of art.



Inspiring, expand learning, and strengthen our community through engagement with the arts.

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WHAT PAST TEACHING ARTISTS SAY



“The teens I worked with were able to learn about photography concepts, like lighting and using texture and fabric, line of sight, and a multitude of others. Then they were able to use the knowledge learned to develop mood boards, do research, create fashion pieces, and hold photo shoots. I am extremely honored to have gone on this journey with them, and I am grateful to be a beacon to let their creativity shine and bring it all together. We need more programs like ArtWorks. The kids need this.”

Rashaad Holley LEAD TEACHING ARTIST



“This rare opportunity to work with students during ArtWorks is a one of a kind experience. I saw our students bloom and grow in a very short time, and it was thanks to this program and the exposure of the arts. Because of this program, I have been able to express myself through my work, communicate my emotions, and challenge myself to take my work to the next level. Giving students more access to these opportunities will open the door for them and our community.”

Gaitrie Subryan LEAD TEACHING ARTIST

WHEN TO APPLY

Applications for the Spring Session are due Friday, January 30.

Spring ArtWorks will be held from February 27 - May 24.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ Complete application form
- ▶ Write your letter of intent
- ▶ Provide curriculum proposal, including weekly work plan and culminating showcase idea
- ▶ Provide work samples: photos, videos, and/or other documentation
- ▶ Once a complete application is received, proposals will be reviewed, and applicants will go through an interview process

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE DIFFERENT SESSIONS



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