



Hired to Create. Inspired to Succeed.

Become a Master Teaching Artist Today!

What is ArtWorks?

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 Master Teaching Artists, who mentor them in an art form while they learn skills transferable to any future workplace or college.

For either 6 weeks during the summer or 24 weeks in an after-school setting, high school students apprentice with professional artists to produce high quality art and gain valuable workforce development skills. Students will network and build connections while engaging with and serving the community through the creation, exhibition, and performance of original works of art at public venues.

ArtWorks has been operating since 2015. Young Audiences has hired 225 teens since its inception, with over 33 schools and 18 zip codes represented in Western New York.



Role of the Master Teaching Artist



Master 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.

Curriculum proposals from artists of all disciplines will be considered, including but not limited to:

Recording Arts / Filmmaking / Book Arts
Poetry / Dance / Fashion Design / Photography
Theater / Visual Arts / Video Game/Web Design



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Hear From Past Master Teaching Artists!



ArtWorks has enabled our organization to hire talented working artists from our Book Arts community to lead participating teens through creation of hand-made books, paper, cards, poster prints, and more, with the opportunity to learn how to market their creations. We've seen first-hand the pride and confidence ArtWorks has given participating apprentices in their artwork, daily life, and career paths; it can be truly life changing for these teens.



Western New York Book Arts Center »
MASTER TEACHING ARTISTS



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 gracious 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 » MASTER TEACHING ARTIST



I watched young people grow up and change from inexperienced teenagers to young professionals in a matter of weeks. Not only did we create art for the youth to sell, display, and be proud of, the youth created



adult, professional relationships and gained real world skills they can take with them into any work environment.

Jeremy Stock » MASTER TEACHING ARTIST



It was amazing to witness them thinking and reaching beyond their own expectations, and actively becoming positive and proactive leaders, while using their art to inspire others. This really speaks to what happens when the arts are creatively integrated into education.



Aitina Fareed-Cooke » MASTER TEACHING ARTIST

Want To Apply? Here's How It Works!

Each year, ArtWorks hires 6 Master Teaching Artists: 2 for the Summer Session; 2 for the Fall Session; and 2 for the Spring Session. Apprentices are placed in teams of 10-12 and receive mentorship from Master Teaching Artists who work professionally in selected artistic disciplines.

APPLICATION PROCESS & REQUIREMENTS

Complete application form

Letter of intent

Curriculum proposal, including: weekly work plan & culminating showcase idea

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.

THE NEXT APPLICATION IS DUE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

The Spring Session will be held from February 28, 2022 - May 25, 2022
For more information on the different sessions, please visit www.yawny.org/artworks

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