

# BROOKLYN NORTH ARTS NEWSLETTER

## Welcome to October!

I hope this week has given you a chance to establish routines in your classrooms as you wrap up your first full week of school.

Many of you are aware of the monthly professional learning, called *Arts Monday*, commencing on **October 19**. This series of professional learning will focus on cycles of inquiry. It is going to be challenging, messy, and will have an impact on your teaching practice as one teacher shared with me this week. Each month, participants will take small steps with teacher-facilitators towards questioning, designing, implementing, reflecting, and refining their chosen action research project.

I had a meeting with the facilitators and they are excited to embark on this journey alongside you. Locations of the Arts Monday will be based on the facilitators' schools. Once registration closes (**Oct 9!**) we will follow up with locations. Meeting time for Arts Monday will be from **2:40pm—4:00pm**. We understand that it may take teachers some time to arrive at the host schools and have planned accordingly.

If you have not registered, please do so: <http://www.event.com/d/rrqbl5>

Our office offers a plethora of professional support to you throughout the year. For a **one-page overview** and links, [CLICK HERE](#).

- Joy  
Brooklyn North Borough Arts Director  
Districts: 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 23, & 32

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## 2015 BROOKLYN BOROUGH ARTS FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHT:



Dance students from P.S. 105 The Blytheborne School perform "Shangri-la" on stage in the Cantor Auditorium at Brooklyn Museum. Teacher: Christina Lo

## SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

### BROOKLYN ARBOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

I visited Brooklyn Arbor Elementary School and participated in paper sculpture-making with teacher **Laurie Marcus** and her students. Her third graders combined "loud" or "soft" colors of paper to create 3-dimensional sculptures. Students focused on negative space and repetition by cutting the paper to create various folds and curls. Take a look at her student's inventiveness. Laurie has been generous to **share her lesson** which can be found [HERE](#).

I also love how she has found a [use for garment bags](#) while she awaits the arrival of shelves. Thank you, Laurie!

For **future spotlights**, I would love visit your school and see the awesomeness that is happening in your classroom. Please invite me!



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## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES



### WEST SIDE STORY AT CARNEGIE HALL

**Carnegie Hall** is seeking NYC high school student singers from across the five boroughs to be featured in a **200-student choir** for three full-scale productions of **West Side Story** next March.

**All students MUST register online beforehand in order to audition!**

#### CHOIR AUDITIONS

WHEN: SATURDAY **OCTOBER 3** & SUNDAY **OCTOBER 4, 2015** 10:00am—2:00pm

WHERE: **Carnegie Hall Education Wing**, 154 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION AND MORE INFO](#)

Students, parents, or teachers who have questions about the auditions can contact **Margaret Fortunato** at [seconddayschoolprograms@carnegiehall.org](mailto:seconddayschoolprograms@carnegiehall.org).

## PLAYBILL



### SHUBERT FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL

Your high school is invited to apply to the **second annual Shubert Foundation High School Theatre Festival**. This Festival will showcase productions from published plays/musicals during a high-profile event on a **Broadway theater** in **May 2016**.

This is a wonderful opportunity for **five selected productions** from schools with a dedicated theater program to perform a **10-15 minute excerpt** from their **Fall-Winter shows**. The festival is fully funded thanks to the Shubert Foundation and will also provide student performers and crew as well as their teacher/directors free technique workshops.

**NOTE:** Performances must be NYCDOE High School fully-produced performances to be adjudicated live between October 22nd and mid-January to qualify.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY **OCTOBER 9, 2015**

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW LAST YEAR'S PLAYBILL](#)



### NYC TEEN DESIGN FAIR AT COOPER HEWITT

**Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum** is hosting its 10th annual **Teen Design Fair**, where teens from across the city will have the chance to talk with top designers in the fields of **architecture, fashion, graphic design, and more**.

This year, **Tim Gunn** from 'Project Runway' will return as keynote speaker. Additionally, the winners of the 2015 National Design Awards and designers from leading companies will be available to answer questions about possible careers paths, discuss the challenges designers face in the studio, and share what they love about their work.

**This is certainly an event teens who are interested in these creative fields won't want to miss!**

WHEN: TUESDAY **OCTOBER 13, 2015** 4:00pm—6:00pm

WHERE: **National Museum of the American Indian**, 1 Bowling Green, New York, NY 10004

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### DANCING THROUGH COLLEGE AND BEYOND

**Dancing Through College and Beyond** is a **free, full-day event** organized by Dancewave that will provide high school dancers with the following invaluable resources and support while they move forward toward college:

- College fair with nationwide programs
- Panel discussions on financial aid, admissions, and dance career options
- Peer-to-peer group networking sessions
- Free dance classes by college professors and performances from college programs
- **Audition opportunities** for colleges at the fair

**REGISTRATION FOR DTCB IS FREE** but space is limited. Please direct students to this link: <https://www.eventprout.com/register/dancing-through-college-and-beyond-2015>

WHEN: SUNDAY **OCTOBER 18, 2015** 8:30am—6:00pm

WHERE: **92Y Harkness Dance Center**, 1395 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10128

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

## UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS & EDUCATOR EVENTS

### FALL 2015 EDUCATOR OPEN HOUSE AT COOPER HEWITT

**\*\*HAPPENING TODAY! FRIDAY OCTOBER 2, 2015** 4:00pm—6:30pm

WHERE: **Cooper Hewitt**, 2 East 91st Street, New York, NY 10128

Educators throughout the area are invited to the **Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum** to learn about free resources this great institution has to offer. Those who attend will also learn about Cooper Hewitt's **field trips, high school programs, and how to incorporate design-related tactics** into your teaching as well as have the chance to tour the exhibitions and permanent collections.

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### TEACHER EFFECTIVENESS IN THE ARTS PD SERIES

**\*\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED! FRIDAY OCTOBER 9, 2015**

WHEN: **Thursday October 15, 2015**

LOCATION FOR MUSIC / DANCE / THEATER:

**Borough Hall**, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

LOCATION FOR VISUAL ART:

**Brooklyn Museum**, 200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11238

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLC) ARTS MONDAY

Beginning **October 19**, we will be offering a monthly PD for arts teachers led by teacher facilitators.

Please keep the following dates for **PLC Arts Monday: Oct 19, Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 22, Mar 14, May 9, and Jun 6**.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY **OCTOBER 9, 2015**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

### CITYWIDE ARTS PD

All assigned groups of dance, music, theater and visual arts from PreK through 12th grade are invited to a **FREE, three-day, citywide professional development series** from **8:30am—3:00pm** at various locations in Manhattan on the following days:

WHEN: TUESDAY **NOVEMBER 3, 2015** / MONDAY **FEBRUARY 1, 2016** / THURSDAY **JUNE 9, 2016**

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### ARTS IN PRE-K PD WORKSHOPS

The Office of Arts and Special Projects is pleased to announce our 2015-16 professional learning workshops for **Pre-K educators**. Provided by NYC arts and cultural partners with early childhood expertise, the following **FREE, two-day workshop series** will help teachers develop strategies to assure student-centered and imaginative arts practices, grounded in the **New York State Prekindergarten Foundation for the Common Core**.

**\*NOTE: Only Pre-K site directors** may complete the online registration form. Also, sites that participated last year are **not eligible this time around**.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

## GRANTS & PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

### ARTS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

This program helps schools build arts partnerships that enhance arts opportunities for diverse groups of students, with a focus on **ELLs and SWD**. Grantees receive up to **\$15,000** to work with experienced local arts organizations to **implement school-based arts residencies**.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: TUESDAY **OCTOBER 13, 2015**

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### ARTS CONTINUUM

**Middle schools and their feeder elementary schools** work together in this program with NYC arts organizations to bridge and advance students' arts learning as they transition from ES to MS. **Each pair of ES/MS grantees shares a grant of up to \$24,000** to support the development of residency and curriculum plans to achieve these goals.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: TUESDAY **OCTOBER 27, 2015**

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### ARTS + FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

These grants aim to expand **parent, family, and community engagement** around all aspects of our students' arts education. Leveraging schools' existing arts partnerships, this program provides **up to \$5,000** to support arts partner-coordinated workshops and other events that support students and their families' involvement.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: TUESDAY **NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

**\*ATTENTION TEACHERS:** Please share the above grant opportunities with your administration. For more information on grants and other program opportunities, you may contact OASP Arts Partnerships Manager **Ben Espinosa** at [BEspinosa@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BEspinosa@schools.nyc.gov).