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School Spotlight: Academy of Arts and Letters, 13K492

This week a colleague and I visited Principal John O'Reilly at Academy of Arts and Letters. The school has a thriving visual arts program and this year has expanded to include a theatre program. As we walked down the halls, I noticed student art works were accompanied by artist statements. The artist statement included the inspiration, studio habits, and the importance of the work. Mr. O' Reilly explained that during parent-teacher conferences, students were able to discuss their work with parents using their writing. What a wonderful way to engage students in conferences and it was helpful to me as the viewer to read about their work. For an example of the artist statement, click [here](#). Thank you Principal O'Reilly, and visual arts teachers, Kahrin Bennet and Ianthe Jackson, for sharing your work.

Call for Submission to Brooklyn Borough Arts Festival

Click on the links below to view guidelines and deadlines (press Ctrl+Click):

- [Visual Arts](#)
- [Performing Arts](#)

Summer Arts Institute

Students can **major in dance, theater, instrumental music (band), string orchestra, vocal music, film, or visual arts**. The program is designed for students at an intermediate or advanced level of study in their chosen discipline

To Apply: Complete, sign, and return the application by mail OR apply online [HERE](#). Applications must be RECEIVED by 6 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2016.

Cultural Pass: Deadline JAN 8, 2016

For Principals, APs, or designated Arts Education Liaisons ONLY

Further information: <http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/culturalpass2.html>

- **NEW PASS:** fill out the application <http://www.cvent.com/d/4fqny1>
- **RENEWAL STICKER:** please email culturalpass@schools.nyc.gov with your name, school-based title, and correct school mailing address. No need to complete the application form!

Ensemble AJCW @ Carnegie Hall: Deadline: Mar. 8, 2016

Ensemble ACJW Partner School 2016-2018 Partner School Program

Musicians from the Ensemble ACJW are partnered with public schools to collaborate with their instrumental music teacher. A wonderful video explanation of the partnership program can be found [HERE](#).

Information and application process, visit: <http://www.carnegiehall.org/ACJWSchoolInfo/>

Pre-K Workshops

Click here for registration and info: <http://www.cvent.com/d/mrq6n5>

National Endowment for the Arts Summer Programs for School Educators

Each year, NEH offers tuition-free federal opportunities for school, college, and university educators to study a variety of humanities topics. Stipends of \$1,200-\$3,900 help cover expenses for these one- to five-week programs. For more information on the seminars and application instructions: <http://www.neh.gov/divisions/education/summer-programs>

Blueprints:

Items such as the *Blueprint for Teaching and Learning* and the Arts Education Manual for School Leaders can be purchased through the FAMIS Portal. For more information: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_JxCHsNuJC9YTFsRnVadWZaVmM

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