



A note from our Borough Arts Director

March Greetings!

It is hard to believe that spring is almost here! The weather is definitely tempting us with some mild temperatures and sunny skies. The days are longer, the nights are warmer and perhaps we can finally put our heavy coats and gloves in the back of the closet. In this month's newsletter, there are some new, exciting opportunities and some updates to ongoing events. Please note that there will not be an Arts Monday PL meeting in April 2016.

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Warm Regards,
Jessica

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As we move into spring we look forward to the many culminating events ahead. The visual arts adjudications are over and the selections are being finalized in preparation for our Second Annual Brooklyn Borough Arts Festival. Performing arts entries are due no later than March 11th so please do not procrastinate. Remember that video entries can be of dance, music and theater performances as well as of video media (animation). We are hoping to have a wide range of district representation in all media.

In addition, I have begun to visit your schools to meet with your principals and discuss the arts in your buildings. I am here to offer support where needed. I

have made initial visits and have appointments throughout March and April. Please contact me if you wish me to make a concerted effort to meet with your administration. Enjoy the first zephyrs of spring and Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Thank you,

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Professional Learning in the Arts

<http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/aboutoasp.html>

Arts Monday:

Arts Monday PL Series remaining dates: March 14, May 9, June 6

PLEASE NOTE: The Arts Monday PL session will NOT be held in April

Citywide PD: Thursday, June 9th – Save the date!

<http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/aboutoasp.html>

Arts & Cultural Education Services Fair

Monday, May 23, 2016 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Morgan Library NYC

Cultural organizations from across the city will be at the Morgan Library to share information and answer questions about their program offerings with school leaders. It's a great opportunity to explore what's available and see what might fit your vision. For additional information, please contact:

Ben Espinosa, Arts Partnership Manager bespinosa@schools.nyc.gov

ACES online guide for cultural organizations that you can partner

with: <http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/resourceguide2.html>

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Provided by NYC arts and cultural partners with early childhood expertise, these 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 (PKFCC) in their pre-K classrooms.

Pre-K Leaders may register teachers: www.cvent.com/d/mrq6n5

Theater: Monday, March 14, 2016

Dance:

Cohort A: Monday, March 21, 2016 and Tuesday, March 29, 2016; **or**

Cohort B: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 and Monday, March 28, 2016

Participants who complete both days of their selected series will receive substantial arts resources for use at their pre-K site. Questions, please contact: Ben Espinosa, Arts Partnership Manager, at (917) 521-3746 or bespinosa@schools.nyc.gov

2nd Annual Borough Arts Festival – Brooklyn

Borough Arts Festival – Brooklyn 2016



Student Visual Arts Exhibition: May 27th - June 3rd

Opening Reception: May 27, 2016

**Brooklyn Borough Hall
209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, New York**

Performing Arts Night - May 25, 2016

**Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College
2900 Campus Road, Brooklyn, New York**

Teacher Opportunities



APPLY NOW FOR THE 2016 WQXR INSTRUMENT DRIVE

Schools in need of musical instruments for their music programs should apply now to the WQXR Instrument Drive. The Office of Arts and Special Projects is partnering once again with WQXR as they host their second Instrument Drive to collect donated musical instruments from:

April 8 to April 17, 2016.

Schools may apply online now through application deadline 4/18/16.

Eligibility:

- schools with instrumental music programs needing additional instruments or
- schools that have made concrete plans to fund and staff an instrumental music program for the 2016-17 school year;
- a licensed instrumental music teacher employed at the school.

To Apply: www.WQXR.org/kids

Click "REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL" and complete the application.

Application requirements include:

- details on your existing or proposed music program, including a list of musical instruments needed from the Drive;
- a description of your school administration's support for the music program, school capacity and population;
- a description of the funding and budget for your existing or proposed instrumental music program;

• ***a jointly signed online application form by both principal and teacher.***

All schools will be notified regarding their application status by **September 30, 2016**. Instruments will be distributed during the 2016-17 school year. Best efforts will be made to fulfill requests based on need and instrument availability.

Questions about the application may be addressed to: Robert Lamont, Instrument Drive Project Manager:
InstrumentDrive@schools.nyc.gov

Spring Staten Island Arts Conference
Full day professional development and networking opportunity

Saturday, March 19, 2016
Staten Island Museum, Building H, Staten Island, NY 10301

ADMISSION IS FREE and includes morning keynote conversation, 2 breakout sessions and lunch.

In order to stay on the top of your game and excel in your industry it is important to stay up to date and informed on current practices. It is also critical to network with peers to learn from others and grow as a community.

RSVP: www.statenislandarts.org click on: Spring SI Arts Conference

Astor Educators at the MET

Elementary Teachers:

- Need some new inspiration?
- Interested in learning from innovative learners and thinkers?
- Want to improve your teaching practice and enliven your classroom with works of art from around the world?

If you are an exemplary elementary school teacher (visual arts, classroom or special education) working in a NYC Title 1 or District 75 public school, The Metropolitan Museum of Art invites you to apply for the 2016-2017 cohort of Astor Educators. Fifteen outstanding teachers will be selected to participate in this unique professional learning community.

Visit <http://bit.ly/1TnRm8b> to learn more and apply.

Nicola Giardina, Astor Fellow for K-12 Education
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Carnegie Hall Elementary Programs

Registration for **Musical Explorers** and **Link Up** opens on **April 20, 2016**. Detailed information about all of Carnegie Hall's K-12 programs online here: http://www.carnegiehall.org/For_Students_and_Teachers/

Link Up

Students in grades 3–5 are given the opportunity to join the orchestra in this highly participatory program, in which they learn to sing and play an instrument in the classroom and perform with a professional orchestra from their seats at a culminating concert at Carnegie Hall. During the 2016–2017 season, NYC students participate in The Orchestra Swings—a new addition to the Link Up curricula.

Musical Explorers

Carnegie Hall partners with teachers at schools throughout New York City, building basic music skills in the classroom as children learn songs from different cultures, reflect on their own communities, and develop

singing and listening skills. During the 2016–2017 season, students will explore a diverse range of musical genres found in their New York City neighborhoods including Chinese, Bluegrass, Sudanese, Hip Hop, Armenian and Calypso.

**Lincoln Center Education's annual Summer Forum:
Learning Labs for Artists and Educators. July 11-29, 2016**

15% early bird discount, when you register by April 15th

Join us for a fully-immersive professional development experience crafted by the staff and Teaching Artist faculty of Lincoln Center Education. Explore the process of imaginative learning and best practices in arts education and community engagement. Attend live performances, compelling keynote presentations and plenary discussions led by international leaders in the field.

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**ART21 Educators Summer Institute
Deadline: March 20, 2016**

ART21 Educators is a year-long professional learning community bringing together teachers from all subject areas interested in using contemporary art and ART21 films as resources for innovative teaching and learning across subject areas.

The 2016-2017 program combines a six-day summer institute in New York City (July 6-11, 2016) with participation in a virtual community and distance learning sessions (July 2016-May 2017)

Applications for the 2016-2017 program year can only be completed **online** Visit: www.ART21.org

Whitney Museum of American Art

We are now taking reservations for our Guided Visit and Guided Visit + Studio programs for K–12 students for **spring 2016**. We'll have works on view from the permanent collection, including favorites by artists like Edward Hopper, Georgia O'Keeffe, Alexander Calder, and Joseph Stella. A seventy-minute guided visit - Free for NYC public schools.

For more information or to sign up, visit www.whitney.org

Student Opportunities

**Guggenheim Second Sunday Family Tours
March 13th, April 10th, May 8th 10:30am–12:00pm**

Join us on the second Sunday of every month for family-friendly tours that include conversation and creative hands-on gallery activities. For families with children ages 5 and up.

\$20 per family (includes admission and tour for two adults and up to four children),

\$15 members, FREE for Kids Club Members, Family Members and Cool Culture families.

For more information: <http://www.guggenheim.org/new-york/calendar-and-events>

American Folk Art Museum

2 Lincoln Square (Columbus Ave. between 65th & 66th)
New York, NY 10023 (212)595.9533
Free admission

Metropolitan Museum of Art opens The Met Breuer

On March 18, 2016, The Metropolitan Museum of Art opens The Met Breuer, its new space dedicated to modern and contemporary art. Housed in the landmark building designed originally by the great Bauhaus architect Marcel Breuer, The Met Breuer enables visitors to engage with the art of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Family Day: Drawing Sound at The Met Breuer

Sunday, March 20, 2016 12:00–4:00pm

For more information on events: <http://www.metmuseum.org/events/find-events?location=breuer>

MET TEEN PASS: <http://www.metmuseum.org/-/media/Files/Learn/For%20Teens/Teen%20Pass.pdf>

Community Events

Free Event: Carnegie Kids: Little Big Tiny: Emily Eagen and Friends

Performance: Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 12:00 pm

Resnick Education Wing at Carnegie Hall, Weill Music Room
154 West 57th Street, New York, New York

Singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Emily Eagen and her band take little kids on a big musical journey with original songs inspired by children's imaginative minds.

Reservations: Available Thursday, 3/24/2016 11:00AM

<https://www.carnegiehall.org/Calendar/2016/4/24/1200/PM/Carnegie-Kids-Little-Big-Tiny-Emily-Eagen-and-Friends/>

Snug Harbor Presents Beyond Sacred: Voices of Muslim Identity as a Youth Matters Performance!

Friday, May 20th 2016 11:00 am (school performance)
and 7pm general Public | \$10 Admission

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden
Music Hall
1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301
www.snug-harbor.org

New York City Art Teachers Association/UFT

We are happy to share with you upcoming NYCATA/UFT activities and opportunities. We hope you will take the time to read on and we invite you to join our active volunteer team in 2016!

For more information: www.NYCATA.WEBS.COM

2016 NYCATA/UFT Outstanding Art Educator Awards

Nominations are currently being accepted for NYCATA/UFT's art educator of the year awards.

Nomination deadline: May 10, 2016

For more information: www.NYCATA.WEBS.COM

Blueprints for Teaching and Learning in the Arts

Downloadable Blueprints For Teaching and Learning in the Arts

Please click the link below to download a pdf. file:

Dance – Music – Theater – Visual Arts – Moving Image Blueprints.

<http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/blueprint.html>

For instructions on how to order hard copies of the Blueprints and posters through **FAMIS** please click on the link below:

[http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/Blueprints/PURCHASING%20-%20Curriculum%20Resources%20for%20the%20Arts%20\(Internal\)%20SY12.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/Blueprints/PURCHASING%20-%20Curriculum%20Resources%20for%20the%20Arts%20(Internal)%20SY12.pdf)

Blueprint Inquiry

If a copy of the Blueprint has not arrived to your school – please email any

inquiries to: artsandspecialprojects@schools.nyc.gov

Subject line: Blueprint Inquiry

For any additional information and support, please contact:

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