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# artsnews

## A note from our Borough Arts Director

It seems as though the first months of school have gone by in the blink of an eye. Temperatures keep fluctuating but the cool nights are a sure sign that the holidays are just around the corner. With the support of Chancellor Fariña, our superintendents, and Borough Field Support Centers, 2015-2016 is sure to be an exciting school year. This newsletter will be sent each month, keeping you updated about the resources and opportunities in the arts for you and your students. Thank you for your dedication to providing quality arts education.

Sincerely,



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## Professional Learning in the Arts



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

### Arts Monday Professional Learning Series

On October 19th, we held the 1st of our 8 Arts Monday PL meetings and I'm thrilled to share that across Brooklyn South and Staten Island 26 PL's were established, differentiated by arts discipline and level, serving over 290 arts teachers. Members of the Arts Monday PL's have begun to investigate the power of formative assessment for learning, using the cycles of continuous improvement. Arts Monday PL's are meeting at schools, hosted by principals, and lead by skilled arts teacher facilitators. On Monday, October 26th, 100 Facilitators, who are peer leaders in their arts disciplines, attended a training focused on improving teacher practice through an exploration of inquiry and formative assessment at the National Museum of the American Indian. Arts Monday dates are as follows: December 14, January 11, February 22, March 14, May 9 and June 6. Registration for this series is now closed. Please click on the various links here for many OASP offerings.

### Introduction to Teacher Effectiveness Professional Development (PD)

The Office of Arts and Special Projects is featuring a unique professional learning series for its teachers of dance, music, theater, and visual arts. During these face to face sessions arts teachers will engage in content specific to their arts discipline which also aligns with the city wide PDs and short courses provided by our office as well as the local borough arts supports. Arts teachers will also be leveraging new technology through our "first of its kind" virtual learning website [StarTCHR](#). Please contact: Heather Powell at [hpowell3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:hpowell3@schools.nyc.gov) if you would still like to attend the final two sessions.

**Staten Island Theater Teachers** February 24 and May 3

**Brooklyn Series:** March 1 and May 9

### Arts Education Liaisons Workshop Series

This workshop series promotes art leaders in schools and supports a wide range of capacity -building in areas such as grant writing, fund raising, aligning arts support with the Framework for Great Schools and common core, understanding the arts report and the information it gives to school communities and much more!

[http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/artscount\\_workshops.html](http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/artscount_workshops.html)

### Art Specific Short Courses 2015-2016

Please click on the links below for information and registration.

**Music:** [http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/pd\\_music.html](http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/pd_music.html)

**Theater:** [http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/pd\\_theater.html](http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/pd_theater.html)

**Dance:** [http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/pd\\_dance.html](http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/pd_dance.html)

**Visual Arts:** [http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/pd\\_va.html](http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/pd_va.html)

## Blueprint Ordering



A free downloadable PDF of the Blueprints for Teaching and Learning in Visual Arts can be found at:

- [http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/canda\\_va.html](http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/teachlearn/arts/canda_va.html)
- <http://startchr.nyc/resources-page/>

Additional hardcopies of the Blueprints for Teaching and Learning in Visual Arts, Third Edition can be ordered by your school through FAMIS.

Please click the link below for more information.

[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)

## Student Opportunities 2015

### **Carnegie Hall Launches NYO2: Nominate Your Students by December 1**



In the summer of 2016, Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute will launch the first season of NYO2, a two-week, intensive summer training program for outstanding young American instrumentalists ages 14–17 from communities that are underserved by and underrepresented in the classical orchestral field. Running in conjunction with the National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America's annual summer residency at Purchase College, SUNY, NYO2 will offer an opportunity for participants to play alongside exceptionally talented peers and learn from a world-class faculty.

The program culminates in an exciting side-by-side performance with members of The Philadelphia Orchestra. NYO2 is free for all participants, including room and board and all rehearsal, teaching, and performance activities. There is no fee to apply. A formal nomination is required as part of the application.

**Nominate a Student:** <http://www.carnegiehall.org/nyo2/>



The New York City Department of Education Borough Arts Festival celebrated and showcased the arts in our borough's public schools during the months of May and June 2015.

Sponsored by Chancellor Fariña and the Office of Arts and Special Projects, The Borough Arts Festival featured Pre-K through grade 12 students in a visual arts exhibition and grade 6 through grade 12 performing arts night. Both events were a huge success.

***Stay tuned for upcoming information:***

***May/June 2016 Borough Arts Festival.***



*Tree of Life* - Ella Alvarez, Age 10 PS 60R Alice Austen School

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