

Art Works

HIRED TO CREATE. INSPIRED TO SUCCEED.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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. A program of Arts for Learning WNY, ArtWorks is advancing the organization's mission by inspiring young people and educators through new and meaningful creative arts experiences.

HOW IT WORKS

For 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.

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Inspiring, expand learning, and strengthen our community through engagement with the arts.

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ARTWORKS IMPACT



“ArtWorks enabled me to feel prepared for the future. I believe that things such as professional development, public speaking, and financial literacy workshops have given me the necessary skills to find my next job.”

Tahynnis APPRENTICE



“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

BY THE NUMBERS

Young Audiences has hired 361 teens since its inception in 2015, with over 36 schools and 18 ZIP codes represented in Western New York.

At the end of each session, apprentice surveys reveal the true impact the program has had on their lives.

Workforce Readiness

95% Better understand how to complete a project with a team

90% Gain understanding of responsibilities that come with maintaining a job

College Readiness

80% Intend to pursue higher education after high school

95% Gain new skills in completing tasks on time

Artistic Competency

95% Gain new skills in different art forms

94% Have a better understanding of what it takes to be a professional artist

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