

ARTWorks 2009
a program of
Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio
Artist Request for Proposal (RFP)



Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio is soliciting applications and project proposals from teaching artists who wish to participate in the Summer 2009 ArtWorks program. ArtWorks is an arts-based job training program for area high school students designed to provide training in the arts while developing skills for the workplace. Selected artists will work with diverse populations of young people with a broad range of artistic experience, to perform and exhibit public works of art and to develop professional portfolios. Proposals from artists of the following disciplines are requested: theatre, film/photography, music, dance, performance art, visual arts (all forms), culinary arts, and fashion/costume design.

Where and when will ArtWorks take place?

ArtWorks will operate June 17–July 30, Monday-Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM, though some Saturdays and evenings are required for performances/exhibits. ArtWorks artists will be involved in the interviewing and selection of prospective ArtWorks apprentices, and therefore, should be available to help interview applicants after 2 PM on April 7, 8, & 9. Teaching artists will be available to meet apprentices and their families at the ArtWorks Registration Open House event on Thursday, May 14 from 4 PM – 8 PM. Artists will participate in an orientation session on June 3 from 9 AM – 4 PM with YANEO staff and be available for training, planning, and set up June 15 and 16 from 9 AM – 4 PM. Program activities will take place mostly outdoors in tents on Wade Oval in University Circle in Cleveland.

What would my role be?

Artists work side-by-side with 6-12 student apprentices to provide a job opportunity that is unique in Northeast Ohio. Two public performances/exhibitions of apprentice work as well as artist-guided development of an apprentice portfolio are expected. The public is encouraged to observe and interact with artists and apprentices at work. Both artists and apprentices are paid. Artists work as independent contractors, while apprentices are hired as temporary employees. Artists receive payment of \$7,000 including the three planning days. In addition, artists will be paid \$25/hour for scheduled meetings and events prior to June, including the apprentice interviews and registration.

How do I apply?

To participate in this program, artists must submit a proposal as described in the following application. Unless all requested materials and information are submitted, Young Audiences cannot confidently ascertain a proposal's quality. For this reason, it is vital to answer every question and provide information in the requested format. An interview is required for finalists. Background checks are required for all YANEO artists and must be completed before final acceptance as an ArtWorks teaching artist. After acceptance, all ArtWorks artists will meet with YANEO staff to finalize a program theme, determine precise logistic and budget needs, and develop a specific project plan. **Applications must be submitted no later than 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 12, 2009.**

How are artists selected?

ArtWorks teaching artists will be evaluated according to the criteria below, based upon the needs of the ArtWorks program.

Structural & Artistic Merit of Project

- Quality of proposed project that demonstrates clarity, purpose, rigor, innovation and focus within a fine arts discipline.
- Project's ability to provide apprentices with concrete artistic and career skills.
- Quality and completeness of application, including a clearly planned, itemized budget.

Teaching Artist Qualifications

- Demonstrated interest and ability to work cooperatively with professional staff, artists, and youth.
- Demonstrated work ethic and professionalism to serve as a mentor and adult role model.
- Experience teaching and/or working with diverse populations of youth, ages 14-18.
- Advanced professional training, background, and work, as demonstrated by work samples, photos or other documentation.
- Proven ability to organize, implement and successfully complete project plans in a learning and/or work environment.

