

young audiences of houston

2020 - 2021 strategic programs + initiatives



Arts In Education Residencies

Residencies are tailored to each site and offer experiences implemented by dance, visual arts, music, and theater artists. Throughout the residency, students experience programming that both support the educational goals of the campus and expose students to the complete artistic process of creation, development, and performance by applying their new skills.



Arts and Culture Performances

Young Audiences of Houston offers diverse arts-in-education performances in assembly settings. These innovative programs introduce students to the arts through a balance of demonstration and student interaction. Each performance program is aligned with the Texas state curricula (TEKS) and offers teacher resources such as curriculum ties, classroom activities, discussion ideas, and extension activities.



Healing Arts Programs for Hospitals and Homeless Youth

Healing Arts provides specially designed and subsidized programming for children undergoing treatment or who are homeless. The goal of this program is to use the arts to spread joy, give hope, manage pain, and support treatment for hospitalized children and their caregivers and provide emotional healing, a sense of community and pride for youth who are homeless.

Arts-Promise for Youth at Juvenile Detention Centers

Arts-Promise was created to specifically address the needs of at-risk youth in the Houston area by providing them with creative tools to encourage positive life choices. Through trained artists who are passionate about working with youth, teens are given a sense of hope. Studies have shown that participation in the arts deters youth from engaging in criminal activity; furthermore, teens involved in art programs are more likely to stay in school and graduate high school.



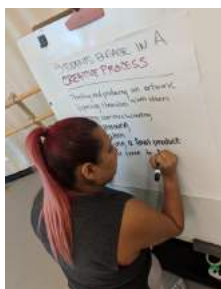
Discovery Arts Programs for Children with Learning Differences

Discovery Arts programs were introduced in response to the community's need for specialized art programming for children with learning differences such as Autism, ADHD, and Down Syndrome among others. The programs are aligned with the latest music/art therapy approaches, exposing youth to a vast array of therapeutic arts experiences including drumming and adaptive visual arts.



YAH Assistance Fund

Young Audiences of Houston offers the Assistance Fund, a partnership-based financial assistance program to help schools and community organizations with limited funds for arts-based educational programs. The fund serves as a vehicle for YAH to directly sponsor requested programs in schools and community organizations that have the greatest financial need.



Arts for Learning Lab Teaching Artist Training Certification Program

The Arts for Learning Lab (A.L.L.) is an educational partnership between Young Audiences of Houston and the University of Houston's Kathrine G. McGovern College of the Arts with support from the Departments of Dance, Theater, and Center for Art & Social Engagement. The certificate training program offers a pathway for artists interested in entering the arts-in-education field. The program

consists of 45 contact hours of professional development training, field experience with master artists, and collaborations between artists and educators in designing an arts-integrated residency.



Come + Explore: Summer Bridge Program

The Come and Explore model exemplifies social responsibility and development through a peer-to-peer support approach for communities. Through mentor leadership teams comprised of area high school students, educators and local teaching artists students are supported through grade level and academically aligned content that allows for a personalized learning approach to education. The Come and Explore program provides children and their families with both in the program and at-home activities to reduce barriers to summer learning loss and engages a whole-child approach to learning -- to combat summer learning loss.



Arts + Environment: Living Mural Program

This unique program combines visual arts, environmental sciences and horticulture to create a living mural with students, schools and their community. The program is designed to utilize the arts to provide the participants the inspiration, interest, and opportunity to connect to deepen their sense of community through nature, gardening, design, and architecture.



Youth + Volunteer Mentorships

Volunteers are a critical component to Young Audiences of Houston and each year we engage more than 147 individuals through board, committee and volunteer service to further the mission and vision. Each year the organization also engages students from local universities and high schools to serve as mentors, providing a critical connection to youth and philanthropy. During the 2021 year Young Audiences will establish a youth advisory board affecting meaningful change with the constituents it serves each year.