



Young Audiences Western New York

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Young Audiences Premieres Student Exhibit at Starlight Studio

WHAT: *Young Audiences Visual Arts Projects*
WHEN: On exhibit from April 30 through May 14, featuring a reception with the artists on May 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Gallery hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
WHERE: Starlight Studio and Art Gallery, 340 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo
FREE ADMISSION

BUFFALO, NY (4/22/10) – Beginning April 30, Young Audiences of Western New York will showcase the art and imagination of young people as it premieres *Young Audiences Visual Arts Projects* at Starlight Studio and Art Gallery in Buffalo. The exhibition features projects created by students ages 6-18 participating in Young Audiences WNY artist residency programs throughout the region. A reception with the artists will be hosted on May 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., coinciding with Greater Allentown First Friday's Gallery Tour.

Young Audiences WNY residency programs pair teaching artists with a classroom or after school program to provide students, their educators and families, with multi-disciplinary, multi-session education through the arts.

"Residencies provide a unique opportunity for schools to use the arts to engage students in core curriculum, helping young learners to explore their regular class subjects in extraordinary ways," said Sunnylee Mowery, Arts & Education Director for Young Audiences WNY. "Interactions with professional teaching artists empower students to think as creative, problem-solving individuals."

On view through May 14, the showcase includes works made at Compass House, Heritage Centers After School Program, Holland Elementary, Holley Elementary, and School 43 Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo. Projects on display include:

- Nature Mandalas, Prayer Flags, and Visual Rhythm Mural made with Jen Russo at Holland Elementary and Heritage Centers
- Memory Boxes created in a collaborative residency with Gerald Mead and poet, Sherry Robbins at Holland Elementary
- Pop-Up Poetry Books created in a collaborative residency with Kyoko Roszmann and poet, Sherry Robbins at Holland Elementary
- Biome Mural, a large scale collaborative project made with Kyoko Roszmann at Holley Elementary
- Creative Journals created with Tom Holt at School 43 Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo
- Mural for Civic Engagement, a large scale collaborative project made with Manya Fabiniak at School 43 Boys & Girls Club of Buffalo
- Wish Boxes created with Kris Crosson and poet Sherry Robbins at Compass House

Starlight Studio and Art Gallery is located at 392 Delaware Avenue and is open weekdays from 9 a.m to 4 p.m. Admission to the exhibit is free. Visit www.yawny.org for further details about this event or if you are interested in bringing a visual arts residency to your school or after school program. Young Audiences visual arts residencies are available for as little as \$184 per school visit.



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ABOUT YOUNG AUDIENCES: Founded in 1962, Young Audiences WNY programming is designed around the fact that an arts-rich education provides a child with the ability to look beyond facts and figures; to creatively meet new challenges as they arise. Plus, the arts make learning fun. Introducing curriculum-supportive, arts-based learning provides a varied and compelling environment—engage even the most reluctant learners and give day-dreamers a classroom as rich as their imagination.