



# Young Audiences Western New York

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## YOUNG AUDIENCES TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRST ANNUAL BUFFALO POWDER KEG FESTIVAL

**BUFFALO, NY (2/18/10)** -- Young Audiences of Western New York is pleased to announce that it will be participating in the Buffalo Powder Keg Festival during its inaugural year. Five artists from Young Audiences' roster of teaching artists will be presenting free, family-oriented workshops and performances from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27 and Sunday, Feb. 28.

Young Audiences WNY presents over 1,100 programs and workshops and nearly 300 long-term artist residencies in schools and after school programs annually. Each of the teaching artists performing at the Powder Keg Festival has been chosen to showcase the diverse talent of Young Audiences' roster.

"The festival is going to be an excellent opportunity for families to participate in Young Audiences' programming together" said Cynn timer Gaasch, Executive Director of Young Audiences of Western New York. "Our performances and workshops are highly interactive and fun, fueling creativity and education through the arts. We're very excited to share these opportunities with the public and be part of a great community event."

The Buffalo Powder Keg Festival is Buffalo, New York's brand-new winter festival, named to pay homage to the area's snowy weather and brewing history. The festival will take place in and around the streets near the Pearl Street Grill and Brewery. All Young Audience workshops and performances will take place under a heated tent at the HSBC Plaza, One HSBC Center, in downtown Buffalo. More information is available at [www.yawny.org](http://www.yawny.org) or by calling 716.881.0917

### PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

**Feb, 27 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** - Kyoko Roszmann will present an **Origami Workshop**, teaching families the fine art of Japanese paper folding. Participants will learn the history of origami and its background as well as a variety of folding techniques.

**Feb. 27, performances beginning at noon and 1 p.m.** - Cindy Hanna, a dancer, choreographer and educator, will offer an **Interactive Dance Party**. This fun-filled dance-along features upbeat tempos and steps that anyone can follow. She'll invite families to join in, showing how dance can exercise both their bodies and their brains.

**Feb., 27 at 12:45 p.m.** - Melissa Kate Miller, an international recording artist, songwriter, stage and voice actress, will lead families in a variety of fun and creative **Word Games**. Miller believes in developing creative and critical-thinking minds through theater, creative writing, poetry and song.

**Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** - Children and parents will learn **the sacred art of Mandalas** from art teacher and artist Jen Russo. These special radial designs begin with a central image and are further developed with repetitive elements surrounding it. Creating their own Mandalas will allow families to explore visual rhythms and patterns.

# ARTS FOR LEARNING

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**Feb. 27, performances beginning at noon and 1 p.m.** - Buffalo Music Hall of Fame inductee Glenn Colton will lead families in a toe-tapping **America the Beautiful Sing-Along** show that celebrates the freedom and heritage of the USA. The show features great songs from our country's past, combined with some of Glenn's personal favorites.

**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.

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