



SPEAKING UP FOR THE ARTS

Cleveland School of the Arts sixth grader **Joshua Delk** confidently spoke on behalf of Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio's Art is Education program at the Cleveland Board of Education's September meeting. Delk's message to the eight board members and CMSD's CEO Dr. Sanders was about the positive influence the arts have on his education. Delk received a standing ovation and left a lasting impression on everyone!



Cleveland 6th grader Joshua Delk

BEAUTIFUL MURALS



Young Audiences Artist Sheree Ferrato helps students make a glass tile mural.

Over the years many schools and organizations have worked with Young Audiences artists to create murals and public works of art. An artist-in-residence collaborates with the teachers and students to enliven a wall, hallway, doorway, bench or any indoor or outdoor space. Schools create murals to commemorate an anniversary, celebrate a school's unique identity or welcome the community with a public piece of art. Mural projects are hands-on, visually stunning, and last forever.

Whether its creating the design, rolling clay, firing tiles, or painting, students and staff enjoy rolling up their sleeves to work on a mural project from beginning to end. Young Audiences has artists who work in glass, clay, ceramics, cardboard, batik fabric, plexiglass, paint and other materials. Visit our website for more information: www.yaneo.org/what/murals or call 216-561-5005.



A mosaic tile mural at Noble Elementary created by students with artist George Woideck's help.

Thank you for our mural! The students staff and parents had a wonderful experience working with George Woideck, and it is an absolutely beautiful addition to our school.

– **Nancy Eisenberg, Noble Elementary School, Cleveland Heights**



Advisory board member Deborah Ratner, student Daie Garrett, St. Martin de Porres teacher Keith Laschinger, Governor Strickland

GOVERNOR STRICKLAND ATTENDS YOUNG AUDIENCES ARTWORKS EVENT

On January 11, ArtWorks apprentices attended an event organized by Young Audiences to learn about The Ohio State University. Dr. D'Andra Mull, Program Director in the Office of the Vice President for Student Life, and three OSU students came to Cleveland to tell the ArtWorks 2009 apprentices about campus life and potential scholarship opportunities. ArtWorks co-founder Deborah Ratner and OSU trustee Ron Ratner arranged a surprise visit with Governor Ted Strickland, in town for a special event. He spoke with students about the strengths of the university and encouraged students to pursue higher education as a path to success in life.

ArtWorks apprentice Matt Gilbert said of the evening, "More than anything else, last night helped me to think a little more about college. I learned things that are going to make the entire transition from high school to college easier. It was definitely a pleasant surprise meeting Governor Strickland, you never know who will drop in when you are surrounded by 'art people'!"

This event was a result of Dr. E. Gordon Gee's visit to ArtWorks last summer. Dr. Gee, the President of OSU, spoke with ArtWorks apprentices about careers in the arts and success in higher education.

To learn more about ArtWorks, visit www.yaneo.org/artworks.



BRINGING ART AND A SMILE TO RAINBOW BABIES

Young Audiences theater artist Jonathan Graham performs "Seuss-a-rama" at Rainbow Babies & Children's hospital.

Thanks to generous annual grants from the **Jennifer Ferchill Foundation**, Young Audiences' artists make weekly visits to **University Hospital's Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital** throughout the year to help bring joy to patients and their families. **Meredith Ferchill Kempton** of the Jennifer Ferchill Foundation notes that the goal of bringing Young Audiences' artists to the hospital is to "have the kids and families come away with a happy experience and a

good memory." When Meredith was 12 years old, her younger sister was hospitalized for a very long time and she vividly remembers those difficult days. That experience was the impetus of providing young cancer patients and their relatives with artist visits during their hospital stays. If you are interested in helping to bring more artists and their joy to young patients and their families in hospitals, please contact Jerry Smith at 216-561-5005 x16 or jerry@yaneo.org.

Musician Susan Weber uses songs, stories and puppets to entertain children.



MAD HOT BALLROOM GALA

Young Audiences raised more than \$90,000 at the 2009 Mad Hot Ballroom Gala. Thanks to all our supporters! Young Audiences is always looking for volunteers to help plan our events. If you would like to join the benefit committee, please contact Laura Polutnik at 216-561-5005 x17 or laura@yaneo.org.



Left to right: Charles Byrd, Dan Moulthrop, Tom Stevens and their American Dance Exchange partners.



Charles Byrd, Suzanne Westlake, Dan Moulthrop, Diana Munz, Tom Stevens and their dancing partners from the American Dance Exchange.

STUDENT ART CONTEST WIN \$100!



Young Audiences is seeking submissions of student art to be featured as the cover design for our 2010-2011 Program Guide. Each year we print a 60-page full-color guide of all the programs and services we offer. The program guides are mailed to more than 6,000 educators in Northeast Ohio.

Submission Guidelines

- Entrants must be a student (PreK-12)
- Entries must be 8.5" wide x 11" tall
- All entries must include an entry form (visit www.yaneo.org to download)
- Use any medium you choose (2 dimensions)
- Have fun!

The deadline for submissions is **May 1, 2010**.
The winner will be announced **June 1, 2010** and receives a prize of \$100.

We look forward to seeing your art. To submit your work, visit www.yaneo.org. Good luck!





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STUDENTS PRESENT MURAL TO CITY HALL

Apprentices from the 2009 ArtWorks program presented a community mural for temporary display in City Hall. The mural was created over the course of the summer as part of their painting apprenticeship under master teaching artist JoAnn DePolo. Two-hundred-twenty-six individuals who visited ArtWorks during the six-week program helped paint the piece and added their names to the work, including Councilman Zack Reed. The mural depicts many things that make Cleveland a great city.



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NEW BOARD AND STAFF



Welcome to new board member **Amy Vegh**. Amy is the Senior Sales Director for BNY Mellon. In addition to joining the board, Amy has joined the Young Audiences Special Events committee.



Matt Slain has joined the Young Audiences staff as **Community Engagement Coordinator**. Matt is responsible for community education and outreach on the value of arts education. He organizes local core activist groups and a parent/volunteer program.





ARTWORKS:

A SUMMER INTERNSHIP IN THE ARTS- APPLY NOW!

ArtWorks is a six week arts-based job training program for **high school students**. ArtWorks apprentices gain experience by creating art and presenting a performance and exhibition. Teens expand their talents in a variety of disciplines: dance, drama, music, literary arts, and visual arts – through direct mentorship with master teaching artists. ArtWorks will take place in two locations: Tri-C Metro Campus and Wade Oval in University Circle.

June 16 - July 28 (Wade Oval) or June 23 - August 5 (Tri-C)
Applications for Summer 2010 are available at
www.yaneo.org/artworks and are due March 26th.

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