

ARTS FOR CHILDREN + YOUTH INITIATIVE

YOU ARE INVITED:

The Arts for Children and Youth of Greater Philadelphia Community Meeting April 16, 2009

Last March, the Greater Philadelphia community came together to begin a conversation about how to enhance arts learning opportunities for our children and youth. Since then, community members have worked together to articulate a 10 year vision for this work and develop a corresponding implementation framework. We also began articulating parameters of quality arts programming, investigated policy opportunities to move the agenda forward, and selected a leadership entity through a regional request for proposals process. To support the effort, we conducted a city-wide needs assessment of schools, arts organizations, and after school providers, and secured \$1.4 million in commitments to date.

What: Presentation and reflection on the current state of arts education in Philadelphia; discussion about how to advance this work as a community moving forward; and introduction to the selected Arts for Youth leadership partnership: the Philadelphia Education Fund, Public Citizens for Children and Youth, and Fleisher Art Memorial.

When: April 16, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM including lunch

Where: Moore College of Art and Design
20th Street and the Parkway
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103

Who: Leading Philadelphia arts proponents, educators, policymakers, business leaders, parent organizers, community service organizations, and grantmakers.

RSVP: Please visit www.omgcenter.org/RSVP before April 3rd to let us know whether or not you will attend. It is critical that we have an accurate headcount.

OMG Center will share the findings from the needs assessment and facilitate the meeting. We look forward to an exciting and fruitful conversation on April 16th.

Steering Committee:

Peggy Amsterdam, Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance

Linda Chen and Dennis Creedon, School District of Philadelphia

Raye Cohen, Philadelphia Arts Education Partnership

Allan Edmunds, Brandywine Workshop

Kumani Gantt, Village of Arts and Humanities

Feather Houstoun, William Penn Foundation

Girija Kaimal, Temple University College of Education

Jo-Anna Moore, Temple University Tyler School of Art

Jan Norman, National Young Audiences

Natalye Paquin, Kimmel Center

Susan Segal, Lincoln Financial Foundation

Susan Sherman, Independence Foundation

Lori Shorr, Mayor's Office of Education

Gary Steuer, Mayor's Office of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy

James Undercofler, Philadelphia Orchestra Association

Beatriz Vieira, The Philadelphia Foundation

Shelly Yanoff, Public Citizens for Children and Youth