



Young
Audiences
Arts for
Learning

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Thank you for your interest in Young Audiences, Woodruff Arts Center (YAWAC). We are Georgia's largest provider of in-school, educational arts programs, one of 33 affiliates of Young Audiences, Inc. – a national network of over 4,600 artists in 22 states – and one of the four divisions of the prestigious Woodruff Arts Center. Our mission is *to transform the lives and learning of young people through the arts*. We do this through assembly performances, classroom workshops, and extended residencies that provide young people with expanded opportunities to participate in and benefit from learning in and through the arts.

We seek out *professional* artists in the community who embody and can impart a spirit of creativity and discovery through their programs. Our artists are dedicated professionals who combine a passion for their art form with the desire and ability to educate and communicate effectively with young people. They recognize that our work demands not just talent, but a special set of knowledge and skills that enables them to share their art with students in meaningful ways.

YAWAC works collaboratively with artists to design powerful learning experiences that actively engage students in the creative process and align with state curriculum standards. Although we welcome applications from a broad cross-section of disciplines and genres, ***preference will be given to artists who can meet the artistic and thematic priorities as determined by Young Audiences staff, Young Audiences' program committee and the overall market demand.***

Our roster artists enjoy a number of special advantages:

- Promotion through Young Audiences and Woodruff Arts Center program catalogs, Web site, printed materials, media coverage and marketing events;
- Full-time scheduling staff and relief from burdensome paperwork and fee collection;
- Opportunities for professional learning, development, and networking with peers;
- Professional association with the Woodruff Arts Center, an organization whose name is synonymous with artistic and educational excellence.

Although we support our artists in these ways, we are first and foremost a partnering agency, not a booking agency. We expect our artists to enter into this work with a genuine desire to collaborate with us and to evolve as creators of innovative approaches in the design of highly effective programs. To this end, we endeavor to be a learning organization with a sustained commitment to growth and change in harmony with the clients we serve and the talented performers who make it all possible.