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Dear Legislator Marinelli,

On behalf of the Young Audiences board and staff and the children of Western New York, we wish to thank you for your leadership and advocacy on behalf of area cultural organizations. It is this kind of support that assists us in providing high quality arts education programming to over 26,000 young people, their teachers, and families in Erie County each year.

In response to your request for information, attached please find Young Audiences of WNY's completed data response sheet. We look forward to working together with the new County Administration and Legislature to grow our mutual efforts to further enhance the regional roles of cultural organizations.

In the coming year, thanks to generous advocates such as yourself, Young Audiences will continue to provide high quality arts education programming linking professional artists with children in schools, community centers, and other locations where children and families gather. We hope that you will continue to support Young Audiences and encourage you to visit our website, www.yawny.org, to learn more about how we are serving our community's future—its youth.

Again, thank you for your support in helping us fulfill our mission. For your reference, enclosed please find a copy of our annual report. If you have any questions about Young Audiences of WNY, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at (716) 881-0917 or via email at <u>Cynnie@yawny.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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Cynnie Gaasch Executive Director

' cc: James Cerroni Jr., Clerk, Community Enrichment Committee

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2012 Cultural Organization Data Response Sheet

Name of Organization: Young Audiences of WNY
Yearly Budget Amount: \$ 483,000
Yearly Operational Costs: \$483,015
Yearly Projected Revenues: \$ 483,700
Number of Yearly Events or Performances: 1,664
Number of Full Time Employees: 4
Number of Part Time Employees: 2

2012 Level of Anticipated County Funding:

Other Major Sources of External Anticipated Funding:

John R. Oishei Foundation, Earned Income

Please return by

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Thank you for assisting in efforts to grow the roles and awareness of the value of the regions cultural organizations.

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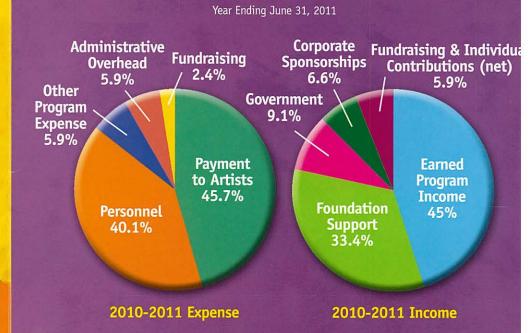


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The Year In Numbers

120 artists reaching 60,000 children in over 100 schools, after school, summer, community and cultural centers through 275 performances, 1,280 workshops, and 65 residencies.

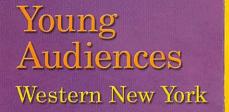


Total Budget \$410,713

Sarah Haykel, Salsa for Life

YoungAudiences Western New York

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Annual Report 2010-2011

We are professional artists using creative learning to develop young people into extraordinary adults

ARTS FOR LEARNING



This year we brought professional artists into schools and the community to:

- Enhance preschool through 5th grade literacy development in and outside of school
- Invest middle school students with passion for life-long learning so that they may remain invested in their education
- Provide teens with tools to find success in the 21st Century workforce through multidisciplinary after school programs
- Extend professional development for teachers and teaching artists
- Innovate as one of eight affiliates in the country creating and training artists in the new Young Audiences National "Signature Core Services" model
- Build Science, Technology, Engineering and Math supportive programs

On cover: Kris Crosson, Hands On Arts. Above: LehrerDance performer

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