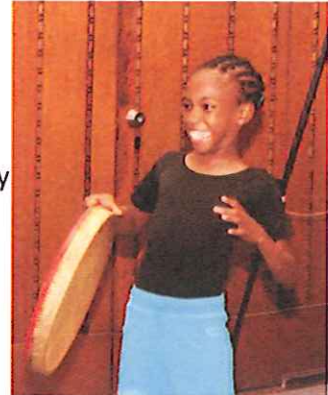


Young Audiences would like to extend a most sincere thank you for your support this past year. With the support of donors, like you, YA provided 3,264 arts learning experiences across the state. Some of the many FY 2009 successes include:

Opportunities for enriching arts learning experiences

- Served 206,575 youth in 21 counties across Maryland.
- Provided 758 live performances by professional artists for K-12 audiences.
- Provided 114 hands-on workshops that allowed youth to practice their creativity and gain new knowledge and skill in the arts and other subject areas.
- Provided 89 artist-in-residence programs, totaling 1,939 workshops, which afforded students a more substantial learning experience.



Through the *Access for All Initiative*, YA raised more than \$90,000 to serve 3,000 youth in 18 Baltimore City schools with arts-in-education programming at only 10% of the cost. Demand for the *Access* program exceeded available resources, and many of the schools that utilized *Access* were new to YA, having never been able to afford such enriching arts programs. One Baltimore City school's statement of need best portrays the community concern that *Access* addressed:

"Our summer school funds are limited due to current cuts in the budget...we cannot imagine having summer school without some form of an artistic presentation...We believe that this kind of learning will have a huge impact on the retention skills of our students."

Enhancing teaching and learning in, and outside, of the classroom

- Provided 105 professional development opportunities for teachers, ensuring they were equipped with the skills to engage all types of learners in their classroom.
- Aligned all of its programs with state curriculum and offered programs that connect to the language arts, social sciences, mathematics and/or science.
- Provided 1,000 free teacher guides.

Ensuring artistic excellence

- Provided ongoing coaching and evaluation to YA's 100 teaching artists, to build their capacity to provide programs that are artistically excellent and align with classroom curriculum.
- Continued to offer the Teaching Artist Institute (TAI). Last year TAI served 40 artists with more than 70 hours of training. YA received national grants from the Dana Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts to expand TAI in FY 2009 and 2010.

Making an impact



"I was often moved to tears by the ability of our students to work together and encourage one another. In another setting, these are students who often struggle to get along with peers and/or participate in school assignments. We want to have you back as soon as possible and hope to make your dance residency a regular fixture in our school program."

"TAI is creating a community of artists and educators locally, nationally, and internationally in which everyone shares the goal of engaging children in creative and innovative ways so that "learning" is dynamic, energizing and successful for everyone involved..."

"This was the best assembly I have ever seen in 32 years of teaching - absolutely outstanding!"