



A department of MPS

Partnership for the Arts and Humanities

2021-22 Funded Projects or Programs

53212 Presents

53212 Presents will facilitate one Performing Arts Intensive after school for youth ages 4-11 during the 2021-22 school year at Riverwest Elementary and COA-YFC Riverwest. Each Intensive will take place over five weeks in-person or virtually and will be scheduled according to site needs during the 2021/2022 academic year. The intensive is facilitated by a local professional teaching artist and will include theatre, dance, and/or circus arts. Performing arts activities integrate interpersonal, intrapersonal, social-emotional, and physical learning and development with collaborative creative practices and opportunities to connect between sites for community sharing events.

ACLU of Wisconsin

For more than 20 years, our Youth Program has served young people in the Milwaukee area, establishing meaningful relationships and teaching them how to secure a successful future through positive interaction with their peers, community leaders, elected officials, and adult mentors. Through the use of art, we empower youth to speak out against injustice, providing them with the tools and resources they need to amplify their voices and become civically engaged. Students can participate in our program by attending the one day Youth Social Justice Forum, the two-week Summer Justice Institute, or by engaging with one of our student alliances which meet twice per month throughout the school year.

All Hands Boatworks, Inc.

All Hands Boatworks will engage Milwaukee youth, ages 10-18, in structured, hands-on, experiential programs that provide extended learning opportunities, career readiness, and well-being. AHB utilizes the art, science, and craft of building wooden boats as a teaching tool and holistic youth development strategy. Three integrated programs are offered throughout the year: An after-school teen program (ages 13-18) at AHB's shop; a six-week, summer paid Internship for teens; multiple weeklong boatbuilding and maritime skills day camps (ages 10-15) on the Menomonee River. AHB programs follow a holistic approach to youth development that aims to nurture the strengths of resilient, "boatsmart" young people.

America SCORES Milwaukee

America SCORES Milwaukee will run two safe, structured, and age-appropriate programs (Junior SCORES for 1st and 2nd grade and Elementary SCORES for 3rd-5th grade) that promote holistic youth development through arts- and humanities-focused activities. Using poetry and service-learning, SCORES strives to improve the academic achievement, health, and social-emotional competence of Milwaukee youth. Through year-round out-of-school time programs, SCORES positively impacts youth by authenticating their voice, empowering them to affect change in their community, and by fostering supportive relationships with caring adults who become long-term mentors.

<p>Art Start</p>	<p>Art Start's Creative Connections program will offer creative personal and professional development opportunities for Milwaukee youth, ages 14-21, who engage in the program in multiple ways, from low-commitment drop-in creative sessions, to project-based work, to high-commitment creative career exploration and one-on-one arts industry mentoring. Creative Connections includes Creative Sessions, Emerging Artist Program and the Art Start Portrait Project, a multimedia project and platform for youth participants to portray the complex narratives of their identities, asking the world to see them as they chose to be seen, and exhibiting that through public exhibitions and campaigns, offering a platform for self-determination, representation, and freedom.</p>
<p>Artists Working in Education</p>	<p>Artists Working in Education's Artist-in-Residence (AIR), Truck Studio, and Rising Artists Council (RAC) programs will provide creative, hands-on art-making opportunities for youth to explore a variety of art techniques and media, creative concepts, and community-focused engagement. The AIR and Truck Studio programs will take place out in the community at parks, libraries, schools, and other public spaces, in order to remove barriers to entry and ensure that all youth in Milwaukee have access to high-quality art education experiences. RAC programs will be hosted at AWE's sites with art-making and artist visits in the community.</p>
<p>Arts@Lage</p>	<p>Arts@Large will facilitate Arts4All, an inclusive arts workshop series, and our Summer Arts Camp at no cost to families. Arts4All is hosted weekly on Saturdays to engage early childhood, students with special needs and families in the City of Milwaukee in creative art making. Summer Arts camp is offered to Milwaukee youth, grades 3 - 8, exploring themes surrounding MILWAUKEE, STORYTELLING, FRIENDSHIP, NATURE, SOLIDARITY, and CELEBRATION hosted by Milwaukee artists and youth interns. All activities will be hosted at the Arts @ Large Community Center, located in Walker's Point.</p>
<p>ArtWorks for Milwaukee</p>	<p>ArtWorks for Milwaukee is preparing youth for tomorrow by providing transferable career skills through art internships today. Interns will work with a lead artist to learn a set of soft skills that employers and educators have identified as essential for success in the current workforce. These skills include: creativity and innovation; critical thinking and problem solving; communication and collaboration; initiative and self-direction; social and cross cultural skills; productivity and accountability; and leadership and engagement. Interns also receive workforce development opportunities such as career coaching at ManpowerGroup, community engagement, and networking with real-world professionals.</p>
<p>Bay View Community Center</p>	<p>This humanities-focused program sharpens storytelling, listening, and interviewing skills of middle school students while building intergenerational connections between community members. Using the StoryCorps app, students will interview an active-duty or retired service member. Students prepare for the interview by becoming adept with the app, practicing interviews, and exploring the historical/cultural context relevant to their veteran's time of service ranging from current-day back to post-World War II. A week after interviews, students will introduce their veterans by sharing highlights during a community dinner with families. StoryCorps preserves interviews and a photo in the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress.</p>

<p>Bembe Drum & Dance</p>	<p>Founded in 2015, Bembe is a cultural performing arts program in the City of Milwaukee that inspires music and dance performance skills, intergenerational connection, and cultural identity exploration with Milwaukee youth and their families through percussion-based Afro-Latino musical culture. Year-round workshops will take place after-school and on weekends in three accessible locations for youth ages 6-19 and youth with senior citizens during the summer. Free public performances will take place throughout the city, year-round, in partnership with local youth-serving organizations and youth performance groups. Performances position youth to express, entertain, and educate the community on the history of the Afro-Latino Diaspora.</p>
<p>Black Arts MKE</p>	<p>Black Arts MKE's mission is to increase the availability and quality of African American arts and culture. At-risk youth are most vulnerable to negative influences after school. We will collaborate with local professional artists of color to provide culturally relevant programming that nurtures social emotional skills, lift hearts and creativity through the performing arts. Programming will include chorus/music and dance for elementary age children and summer camp for high school youth which includes experiencing hands on, all aspects of musical theater. Students will display their skills, engage family and community at culminating school showcases and performances at our home in the Marcus Center.</p>
<p>Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee</p>	<p>"Works of Art" is a unique teen-focused arts & career exploration experience between Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee (BGC), Notes 4 Notes (N4N), Little Bakers Association (LBA), and Milwaukee teens. "Works of Art" will connect teens to hands-on arts instruction in Music Production and/or the Culinary Arts. Programming will allow youth to learn and develop tangible skills in the arts from trained professionals, who will help them explore meaningful connections to careers in the field, and assist them with understanding what is needed (study, training, work experience) to further their aspirations within a specific career pathway.</p>
<p>CAPITA Productions (We Are the Drum)</p>	<p>CAPITA Productions, Inc. will host after school and weekend sessions for K - 12 students of Milwaukee schools to provide team building learning opportunities, training and rehearsals that prepare them to participate in professional quality, musical theater. This program is designed to serve students who have limited access to quality stage and production training. "We Are the Drum" held during Black History Month allows students to share through music, song, narration, and dance what they have learned about the arts, Black History and how it applies in current life. Participants will grow in self-confidence and ability to collaborate with others.</p>
<p>Casa Romero</p>	<p>Casa Romero's (CR) program, "Journeys: Exploring Identity and Voice through the Arts," will offer after-school workshops, over-night retreats, and summer day camps that give low-income, urban youth opportunities to work with professional, local artists as they explore various forms of artistic expression. Students will use visual arts, poetry, creative writing and music to build self-esteem, develop critical thinking skills and learn how to voice their message while developing their cultural lens. The ultimate goal of the program is to empower students to use the arts to communicate their unique voices and make a positive impact in their community.</p>

COA Youth & Family Centers	COA's Music and Video Education program will provide approximately 75 aspiring young Milwaukee artists (ages 5-18) the opportunity to collaborate with professional arts instructors to write and record music, shoot and edit original short music videos and films, and showcase their work publicly. Project Manager Kiran Vedula ("Cue the Sun") will lead twice weekly workshops after school and during the summer at COA's Goldin and Riverwest Centers. H2O Peace Propaganda Project will provide instruction at O.W. Holmes (COA Safe Place) twice per week after school. Programming is youth-led and project based, empowering youth to bring their unique artistic visions to life.
Ex Fabula	Brave Space for Young People uplifts youth by holding space for them to develop and practice their self-advocacy skills. Ex Fabula storytelling coaches will facilitate interactive workshops in collaboration with youth-serving organizations, with most partners hosting a series of three workshops. An in-depth residency will take place in the Amani neighborhood, with an artist at COA twice a week and with the Amani Youth Council monthly. The residency will culminate in a youth-designed StorySlam in spring 2022; as they vulnerably share their stories publicly, the young people will build and deepen relationships and connect with folks across generations.
First Stage	First Stage's Theater Academy is the nation's leading theater training program for young people. Through a challenging theater curriculum taught by professional teaching artists, the Academy teaches life skills through stage skills and provides students with a foundation in theater, as well as a deep understanding of human nature and how to relate to each other in a positive and supportive manner. MPS Partnership funding will provide scholarships to enable Milwaukee youth to participate in First Stage's Theater Academy training and experiences afterschool. Scholarships will be made available via two outlets: ongoing access and targeted recruitment.
Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast (GSWISE)	Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast (GSWISE), in partnership with Journey House and Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee, will provide the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) to girls in two MPS schools. The girls will participate in the longest and most successful girl leadership program in the U.S. through an out-of-school time staff-led troop program for girls in grades K-8. Girls will participate in activities at bi-weekly troop meetings that align with the GSLE curriculum, focusing on STEM, the outdoors, life skills, and entrepreneurship, while exploring leadership traditions and connecting them to their values and own cultural conditions.
Hmong American Friendship Assn, Inc.	"Preserving Hmong Cultural Roots: An Intergenerational Project to Document Hmong History through the Lens of Hmong American Youth" will build on our current Arts & Humanities grant to renovate museum space for Hmong historical artifacts. Leveraging the curiosity this project has generated among Hmong youth, we will combine teaching traditional dance and qeej with a project to create a documentary based on video interviews with Hmong elders about their life experiences. Our goal is to strengthen youth's ties to traditional Hmong cultural arts and build a sense of identity and pride in their community's history of courage and resilience.

<p>Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful</p>	<p>EcoConnections is an inquiry based, multi disciplinary opportunity for Milwaukee youth to explore the world around them and be empowered to make positive changes to improve their community. This program weaves literacy, art and the social sciences to support the investigation of environmental concepts and current issues while simultaneously providing innovative eco-art lessons. Youth participants will discover and explore environmental topics such as urban forestry, wellness and gardening, water pollution, recycling and waste reduction, and energy conservation in a variety of outdoor and indoor activities throughout the school year and during the summer months.</p>
<p>Lead2Change</p>	<p>Dream.Explore.Build. is a program designed to engage high school students in becoming career ready. Through a series of intentionally designed experiences, students receive professional develop and are exposed to prospective careers through paid career focused internships. Each student will receive 500 hours of training which includes curriculum instruction, etiquette boot camps (3), one on one monthly coaching sessions, as well as a paid summer practicum and additional summer training to support them while interning. Part of our core career readiness training involves a focus on the arts, through career exposure, internships, community-building, and skill development.</p>
<p>LocoMotion Dance Company</p>	<p>MKE inner-city art is an initiative to bring quality arts training to students who will participate in weekly academic assistance, dance classes, mentorship, and performance opportunities. This project will focus on fostering character and leadership development, academic excellence, and community involvement. Motivating the students through dance, we will connect with the youth in Milwaukee through something they enjoy while helping achieve their academic goals. Programming will also cater to students with learning differences and special needs with fun & functional dance movement to evidence-based practices commonly used in sensory integration, ABA therapy, kinesiology, & movement safety to aid in reaching developmental goals.</p>
<p>Marcus Center for the Performing Arts</p>	<p>The Marcus Performing Arts Center's ArtsConnect program connects Milwaukee high school students to the performing arts industry via year-round workshops and a summer intensive program. The program will provide individualized high school student mentorship, access to college and career readiness resources specific to the arts, and formal artistic training opportunities. By integrating arts industry professionals and academic leaders, ArtsConnect captures all aspects of the pursuit of a career in the arts for students, from education to internship and part-time opportunities to setting long-range career goals. ArtsConnect prepares Milwaukee high school students to take the next steps in the arts.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Art Museum</p>	<p>ArtXpress is a Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM) teen internship summer program. MAM will hire approximately 18 students to work as artists and share their creative voice and talent in a museum setting. Teens will work together and with adult mentors to create public art inspired by MAM's collection and exhibitions to beautify public spaces throughout the city, educate younger children, and build personal and professional connections beyond the museum. Interns are recruited from Milwaukee high schools; the program targets students who live in high-poverty neighborhoods and those who traditionally have faced barriers to a strong sense of belonging or access to cultural institutions.</p>

<p>Milwaukee Ballet</p>	<p>Milwaukee Ballet’s Relevé Summer Camps and Relevé Scholarships provide free ballet education in summer and after school throughout the school year. These programs are extensions of our school-day Relevé program, which provides free ballet lessons to students grades 3 to 5 from four Milwaukee schools. Relevé Summer Camp will provide these students with free week-long ballet camps in the summer months. Relevé Scholarships will provide dedicated graduates of the school-year program with tuition scholarships to Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy each year through high school graduation.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Christian Center</p>	<p>Milwaukee Christian Center’s (MCC) Youth Artists United is a leadership project connecting professional artists with aspiring Milwaukee youth interested in the arts. Through this project’s 10-month process, approximately 68 youth are exposed to different artistic mediums, improve their communication and collaboration, develop project management skills to facilitate public art, and unite their perspectives to create three murals, including one large-scale community mural. MCC’s Youth Artists United will engage participants in hands-on, real-world learning so that they may develop positive leadership skills that empower them to excel academically and envision future careers.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design</p>	<p>MIAD’s Summer Pre-College Program is an intense, immersive, and exciting exploration of visual art and design for high school age students. Carefully designed to teach students at any level of skill and taught by MIAD faculty, this is an opportunity to create art all day, every day, and experience a college-level curriculum. Through two- and three-week long summer classes devoted to developing high school students’ artistic skills, the Summer Pre-College Program prepares students for art and design colleges and introduces expanding career opportunities in the creative industries.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Repertory Theater</p>	<p>The High School Monologue Competition (HSMC), formerly the August Wilson Monologue Competition, is a free arts education program celebrating contemporary Black playwrights and inspiring high school students to build confidence by expressing themselves through theater. Fall and winter HSMC programming will include after-school residencies at schools and youth-serving agencies, drop-in residencies, and workshops to prepare students for auditions and the regional competition where two winners will move on to a national competition in New York City. The program will include professional theater experiences and youth employment opportunities. Spring HSMC programming will prepare middle school students for future participation.</p>
<p>Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra</p>	<p>Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra’s nationally award-winning Community Partnership Programs (CPPs) are designed to remove barriers of access and equity to music training programs for City of Milwaukee youth, including those with financial challenges. The CPPs include ten ensemble and outreach programs offering diverse musical options, including classical, jazz, steel pan, and latin. Participants will receive financial aid support as needed to ensure their participation. The programs afford the documented cognitive, social, and emotional benefits of participatory music study to students. Most of these young people would not have access to ensemble music training of this depth and magnitude elsewhere.</p>

<p>Neighborhood House of Milwaukee</p>	<p>Family Adventures (FA) is an out-of-school initiative that engages more than 250 children and family members in arts, cultural and environmental science educational activities. FA takes place on weeknights and Saturdays from September to May and is open to all Milwaukee residents at no or very low cost. In 2021-2022, FA's theme is "Inspiring Discovery: Milwaukee" and will include a variety of seasonal/nature, cultural and arts activities highlighting different facets of the cultures and traditions that make Milwaukee special. Each session will include creative activities designed to strengthen the experience and further illustrate how families are connected to the city.</p>
<p>Neu-Life Community Development</p>	<p>Neu-Life's Artist-In-Residence Program is designed to scale and expand the frequency of arts participation for K-12 youth in Milwaukee's near north side. The program will pair experienced artists with Neu-Life youth for monthly, in-depth sessions. Youth will work side-by-side with the artist to learn their creative process and then collaboratively plan, create and exhibit a body of work to the community. Sessions will include varied genres and mediums including visual arts, fiber arts, dance and theater performance, sculpture, film and creative writing. Youth benefits include improving academic and life skills while increasing cooperative and collaborative behaviors to successfully complete a shared task.</p>
<p>Quasimondo Physical Theatre</p>	<p>"Bee the Change" is a multi-faceted theatre arts environmental stewardship pilot project that will engage 40-50 culturally diverse, mostly low-income children and elders in the Bronzeville neighborhood in creative theatre activities designed to increase self-confidence, cooperation and understanding of the vital importance of our pollinators and creative ways we can work together to help them/us survive. The project's four facets include: 1) creating an original 30-minute Theatrework; 2. a Pollinator Parade with puppets, costumes, musical instruments; 3) a Documentary video of the process; 4) Resource Guides with activities/information to raise awareness, knowledge and commitment to help our pollinators.</p>
<p>Radio Milwaukee</p>	<p>Grace Weber's Music Lab (GWML) is a free monthly music education program and talent accelerator for Milwaukee area high schoolers to connect and be inspired by music industry professionals and each other. GWML provides opportunities to refine performance skills; build connections between engaged and talented young people from different neighborhoods; expose participants to the multiple career opportunities available in creative industries; and to participate in performances and talks by professional musicians and entertainment industry professionals.</p>
<p>Running Rebels Community Organization</p>	<p>UNITY Arts is a central piece of Running Rebels' after-school programming and provides youth experiential learning opportunities in a variety of art disciplines through programming and strong community partnerships. UNITY has expended programming to include offerings previously managed by Express Yourself Milwaukee, which has sadly closed. Year-round, UNITY youth will create music, paintings, and videos focused on positively impacting their peers and the community through performances and media campaigns. UNITY also connects and coordinates youth to partnerships who bring complimentary programming in the areas of theatre and visual arts. Overall, UNITY helps youth improve self-esteem, foster creativity, strengthen youth voice, and build community.</p>

<p>SHARP Literacy</p>	<p>Explore MKE: Art in the City is an after-school program of 16 one-hour workshops taking place during the spring and/or fall semester. Urban students in grades K-6 will engage in a read-aloud, thinking routine, movement activity and arts-integrated project that captures the theme of each workshop. They will employ learning strategies to recontextualize their views on Milwaukee, their communities and art. Workshops will explore Milwaukee’s culture and community through the visual arts, artful thinking palette, literacy and social studies. After completing a culminating art project, young learners develop a strong interest and connection to their neighborhood which fosters community involvement and pride.</p>
<p>Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers</p>	<p>The Scientist and Artist in You After-School and Summer Camp program offers children living on Milwaukee’s south side hands-on learning opportunities to connect, explore, and engage with their changing built and natural environment. These experiential programs are designed to be educational while also supporting physical and mental health as movement and emotional health activities are woven throughout the programs. This bilingual program, helps children gain a deeper understanding about how the environment impacts their health, as well as cultivate a stronger sense of place through self-guided learning using science and art.</p>
<p>Sojourner Family Peace Center</p>	<p>Sojourner's Healing Arts Program allows children impacted directly by domestic violence a variety of opportunities to explore alternative forms of healing and expressing their emotions and feelings. These opportunities include monthly art workshops with community partners, a semester long project with Artists Working in Education, and weekly drop-in hours for art projects. The overall goal of the Creation, Collaboration and Community program as well as the in-house arts program is to support children in gaining self-confidence in their ability to complete tasks and feel cared for, loved and supportive.</p>
<p>TBEY Arts Center</p>	<p>TBEY ARTReach Program is designed to reach underserved Milwaukee students grades K4-12. Programming is open to all Milwaukee students/residents and students who attend the partnering schools. Through our ARTReach programming, teaching artists will provide arts instruction, develop specialized arts-related activities and organize a showcase at the completion of each semester. Based on the needs and goals of each school, program staff and teaching artists develop a schedule of lessons and activities that allows students to explore and learn different aspects of performance and/or visual arts.</p>
<p>Teens Grow Greens</p>	<p>Teens Grow Greens is a nine-month paid internship where Teens “learn, grow and go”. The program includes physical labor and mental improvement, and is designed to achieve personal growth as well as a positive impact upon the community. In the spring, Teens will develop their soft skills and develop an understanding of the benefits of healthy eating and physical activity through goal setting. In the summer, Teens will mentor elementary school students through growing food, character and community (Virtual due to Covid). In the fall, Teens will develop their own "product with a purpose" and gain entrepreneurial skills at farmer’s markets.</p>

<p>TransCenter for Youth</p>	<p>Escuela Verde's Newline Community Cafe is a student-run business that offers students entrepreneurial experience and creates an intergenerational gathering place for creative community connections. The collaborative and local nature of our programming mirrors our community and reflects and amplifies the talent, beauty, and creativity that exists in our neighbors and youth. Rooted in the themes of environmental justice, culture and service learning, we will provide community requested workshops including gardening, native restoration and painting murals. We will also organize several community events, including Day of the Dead celebrations, a community potluck and Science Strikes Back, a community science fair.</p>
<p>TRUE Skool</p>	<p>TRUE Skool, Milwaukee's Center for Transformative Creative Arts & Hip Hop Culture, has been serving youth and families by engaging, educating and empowering them since 2004. Funds will support our 2021 Fall (October- December) and 2022 Spring (Feb-May) 10 week After-School Creative Arts Sessions and 2022 Summer (June-Aug) 6 week Leadership and Entrepreneurial courses. We will serve approximately 115 youth ages 14-19. We teach through hands on skill based activities through the arts that include STEM and Literacy education with a focus on emotional wellness and community building to help youth succeed in environments outside of TRUE Skool.</p>
<p>Unity in Motion</p>	<p>Unity in Motion is an experiential socio-emotional and leadership development program led by racially diverse, culturally competent role models throughout a young person's most formative years. We develop next-generation leaders through long-term, immersive learning experiences. We provide countless opportunities for youth to develop meaningful, cross-cultural relationships while developing the skills necessary to become transformative leaders. The outcome is young adults who are culturally fluent and equipped with the tools to build progressive communities with their families, classmates, and coworkers. Participants matriculate into leadership positions in Milwaukee with the skills and relationships necessary to accelerate positive change in our city.</p>
<p>UW- Milwaukee ArtsECO</p>	<p>UWM Youth Arts Programs will provide weekly academic year out of school time arts instruction through the Milwaukee Visionaries Project. Focused on specialized media and advanced instruction, students are readied to take on advanced arts learning for their age group. This program supports 6-12th grade students with conceptual and technical development in art, design, media and technology and engages at-risk youth to create work that matters to them. Since adjustments made during the Covid-19 pandemic, MVP is ready to deliver content both virtually and on-site in the MVP classroom at UWM's Kenilworth facility.</p>
<p>UW- Milwaukee Electa Quinney Institute</p>	<p>Story MKE cultivates reading partnerships with high school students. Guided by teachers and UWM outreach staff and pre-service teachers, the project will create spaces for humanities exploration that reflects diverse experiences. Story MKE asks students to read widely and joyfully, to experience words playfully, and to contemplate how language expresses issues that impassion them. The project will connect students with living authors to discuss language as art and disrupt conventional notions of text. The project will culminate in a reimagining of ways to become writers and makers as students develop evidence of their thinking and creative engagement with the humanities.</p>

<p>Victory Garden Initiative</p>	<p>VGI's Youth Education Program (YEP!) highlights growing food and environmental stewardship while positively impacting food security for Milwaukee youth. YEP! utilizes our 1.5 acre urban farm in the Harambee neighborhood and a network of school gardens as an outdoor laboratory for teaching practical garden skills, composting, and nutrition. YEP! is an invitation for Milwaukee youth to come together, make new friends, learn outdoors, achieve food security, and positively impact their physical, mental, and developmental health. Our program includes an After School Chef-in-Training Club and Summer AgriCorp camp for a year-round immersive experience in all things food!</p>
<p>Walker's Point Center for the Arts</p>	<p>Walker's Point Center for the Arts is a nonprofit organization in support of visual and performing arts and youth arts education. The center will foster creativity in children through innovative, hands-on education and encourage audience development and artistic talent with a diverse blend of programming, including 1) Free after-school art instruction; 2) Afternoons with Art; 3) Summer Art Camp; 4) Artist In Residence Program; and 5) Leadership development internship program. Our exhibitions, which feature both regional and national talent, encourages thoughtful social dialog and community engagement. As one of the city's oldest and most beloved community art spaces, WPCA is renowned for providing high-caliber, accessible arts experiences for all.</p>
<p>Wild Space Dance Company</p>	<p>Wild Arts: Summer Creative Arts Camp is a half-day, five-week summer program offered at Lincoln Center Middle School of the Arts for 5th through 8th graders. Participants will engage in dance, visual arts, creative movement and theater arts. A culminating youth-led performance and exhibition of original dance, theatre, and artworks will be presented on the program's final session. This summer camp provides students with structured activities that are creative and fun in a safe, supervised environment at no cost to them. COVID protocols are followed and programming is adjusted for COVID as needed.</p>
<p>Wisconsin Conservatory of Music</p>	<p>Summer Music Institute: The one week, full day SMI for grades 3-12 with culminating performances for family members serves both students who are new to instrumental and choral music, and students who want to advance their skills. It creates a community of motivated students. Students will gain experience performing publicly -- practicing artistic, technical, and ensemble etiquette skills learned through SMI participation. WCM faculty and MPS music teachers will deliver in-depth music experiences to about 200 camp students, providing group lessons, ensemble coaching, and sectionals that support MPS music programming. Students are assessed and assigned based on level.</p>
<p>Woodland Pattern Book Center</p>	<p>Woodland Pattern's Youth Literary Arts Program (YLAP) provides year-round interdisciplinary arts programming with a focus on creative writing. YLAP consists of four main avenues of student engagement. The YLAP's after-school and summer Community Learning Center (CLC) programs serve MPS students in the 53206, 53211, and 53212 zip codes. The YLAP also offers two one-week inter-arts poetry camps each summer, which include meals, workshops, field trips, and a student-led reading that is open to the public. YLAP's Milwaukee Queer Writing Project (MQWP) programming works with high-school Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) clubs to offer LGBTQ-led workshops to MPS students throughout the city.</p>

Xalaat Africa
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Xalaat Africa Drum and Dance for Life will implement two programs for the 2021-22 school year. 1) Xalaat Concert Series- students will learn African dance, Modern dance and Liturgical dance on a weekly basis beginning September 2021 culminating in two concerts for MPS K-12 students at Milwaukee High School of the Arts in Spring 2022. 2) Xalaat Community Dance classes will take place each week beginning September 2021. Students will learn traditional African dance forms and drumming. Classes will be ongoing through August 2022.