



The State Organization on Arts and Disability



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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Arts Inclusion Program

Experiential, inclusionary arts projects in creative writing, dance, drama, music, storytelling, or visual arts. VSAKY Roster Artists collaborate with schools and teachers in designing and implementing residencies that interface with the curriculum and enhance learning. Twenty-five to thirty schools in Kentucky are each awarded \$1250.00. This is VSAKY's largest program, serving thousands of students throughout the Commonwealth each year and is the recipient of the VSA National Award for Excellence in Partnerships, VSA National Award for Excellence in Educational Programming, and the Kentucky Governor's Award for Arts in Education.

Student Traveling Art Exhibit

Artwork by K-12 students with disabilities travels to venues across Kentucky. This exhibit, "A Matter of Perspective" debuts at the Council on Exceptional Children Conference each year. A Call for Student Art goes out to Kentucky schools at the beginning of each school year.

Special Initiatives

Artist residencies and classes, art camps and festivals using adaptive strategies in various arts disciplines are designed for individual organizations and community groups across Kentucky.



VSA Kentucky educational programs are made possible by a partnership with the Kentucky Dept. of Education, Division of Learning Services.

Vision for an inclusive society
Strength in shared resources
artistic expression that unites us all

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Side by Side

In communities throughout Kentucky, students with disabilities participate in classes in music or visual arts with a VSAKY approved teaching artist. The students are then paired up with professional artists from the community to create a collaborative performance or work of art. The program culminates in each community with a public exhibit or performance. Made possible by funding through WHAS Crusade for Children.

Community Partnerships

VSA Kentucky partners with various community organizations throughout Kentucky to provide workshops, festivals and classes in the various art forms.



ARTS IN HEALTHCARE: ARTFUL HEALING

In healthcare organizations throughout Kentucky, artist residencies for children and adults with disabilities or cataclysmic illnesses are integrated into healthcare cultures. These unique artist residencies at facilities such as the Kentucky Children's Hospital (Lexington) are conducted by artists with extensive experience in working with patients (from every Congressional District) in healthcare cultures.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Artist Mentoring Program

Candidates for the VSA Kentucky adjudicated teaching artist Roster are mentored by seasoned teaching artists with years of experience in working with people with disabilities before inclusion on the Roster.

Universal Design for Learning (UDL)

Professional development training for teachers, specialists, interventionist educators and teaching artists in completing a UDL plan and checklist—a blueprint for creating instructional goals, methods, materials and assessments to ensure learning for students of all abilities.

ARTIST RECOGNITION

VSA Kentucky showcases the artwork of adults and children with disabilities in venues throughout the Commonwealth.

Artist Registry

An online directory of Kentucky adult artists with disabilities.

VSAKY Young Soloist Award

A scholarship award that recognizes an outstanding young musician (vocalist or instrumentalist) with a disability in Kentucky.

Ron Billings Emerging Artist Award

A cash award used for professional development purposes that recognizes an emerging adult artist with a disability who demonstrates promise in a professional career.

VSA International Artist Recognition Programs

VSA Kentucky participates in VSA International Calls for Art and educational programs.

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