

2021 CREATIVE LEARNING GRANTEES

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| Arts & Minds | <i>Arts & Minds Collage for Caregivers:</i> A 6-part workshop series for dementia caregivers, that fosters art-centered dialogue and provides art-making instruction to support self-expression and improve well-being. The series will be offered for two separate cohorts in Spanish and in English and each will culminate in a final informal exhibition. |
| Autism Community Theatre | <i>At Rise: One on One Playwriting Workshops:</i> "At Rise" is a 1:1 guided playwriting workshop for teens and young adults on the autism spectrum. Over six-sessions, participants work with a teaching artist to develop two characters with strong wants and distinct voices/actions. The plays then enter a rehearsal period of 4 sessions where revisions are made. |
| Ballet and Beyond NYC | <i>Summer Performing Arts Conservatory:</i> A 7-week full day performing arts and dance training program for 75 children ages 8 to 14. Participants attend free of charge. The summer culminates with a 2-act musical theater production, including an original script and musical numbers drawn from Broadway and classical ballet. |
| BALLROOM BASIX USA, Inc | <i>SIZZLING SUMMER SALSA & SWING:</i> BALLROOM BASIX USA Inc, a Harlem-headquartered arts nonprofit, is proposing a "SIZZLING SUMMER SALSA & SWING" project for July 2021 in collaboration with the New York City Parks Department at five (5) specific Manhattan parks sites, to energize and entertain young & old alike through non-competitive social-distanced partner dancing. |
| The Black School | <i>Seeding Intention:</i> A series of five virtual sessions enabling participants to nurture plantlife in their individual apartments, study historical instances of Black horticultural innovation, and to contribute to a culminating instructional, art-filled Zine that will go back into their communities. |
| Broadway Bound Kids | <i>The Broadway Bound High School Workshop:</i> An out of school performance based program for 9th-12th graders that meets weekly between September to May. Students perform two musical shows each year and the program is grounded in whole person development, community building, leadership skills, mindfulness and social emotional learning. |
| Broken Box Mime Theater | <i>Beyond Words Workshop Series:</i> "Beyond Words" explores the communicative power of body language in two concurrently-running classes. Body Language for Neurodiverse Families welcomes participants on the autism spectrum and their loved ones, and Physical Story is taught entirely nonverbally for families with English language learners. "Beyond Words" will meet in weekly 75-minute virtual sessions. |
| Cathedral of St. John the Divine | <i>Community Creations: Nature, Spaces, and You:</i> NYC students ages 10-14 will explore the idea of community as the intersection of nature, spaces, and people through ten 90-minute workshops held in summer 2021. The Cathedral's expansive campus will be the venue for this program, which will include art educator-led discussions, observations, sketching, and artmaking with unconventional materials. |
| The Children's Institute of Fashion Arts | <i>Fashion Arts Workshop:</i> The CIFA Fashion Arts Workshop instructs children ages 8-12 in sewing, design and fashion presentation through an arts-based process. Students design and hand-sew garments in five sessions: an orientation, three 2-hour sessions for hands-on making, and a culminating fashion show for family and friends. |
| CITYarts, Inc. | <i>Golden Door:</i> A 2-year mural project at Emma Lazarus High School, an English as a Second Language School. The mural project's creative process will include the creation of Mosaic Peace Poetry Pots, a Mosaic Peace Path, and a large mural on the entryway to the school. |
| Dorill Initiative Inc. | <i>Summer Arts Program:</i> Designed to give participants a multidisciplinary summer experience in the arts. Our participants are exposed to 4 expressions in the arts and are given an opportunity to build a final presentation which is presented throughout the organization in a final show. |

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| FUNDACIÓN YOLANDA LAPREA | <i>LATINOAMÉRICA EN MIS PIES (Latin-America on my feet)</i> : A bilingual 2-hour per week distance learning artistic program that explores the richness and uniqueness of some world-renowned Latin-American rhythms. Spanning nine weeks, participant seniors in Harlem and Washington Heights develop new dancing and performing skills to be shared in a final virtual celebration. |
| Gung Ho Projects, Lu Yu, and Michael Leibenluft | <i>Written in the Walls: Exploring Our Immigration Histories through Poetry on Angel Island</i> : Teaching artists Michael Leibenluft and Lu Yu of Gung Ho Projects work with seniors at Open Door in Chinatown to explore Chinese immigration to the US. Inspired by poetry written by detainees at Angel Island, the ensemble will fuse movement and storytelling into a fabric of creativity, yearning, and hope. |
| Halawai, Inc. | <i>Malama Honua (To Care for our Planet Earth)</i> : Through the song and dance of Hawaii (mele and hula), participants in Malama Honua gather as multigenerational families in eight 45-minute sessions to explore environmental justice and inspire care for our communities and environment. MH has been adapted successfully for distant, remote, synchronous and asynchronous learning due to Covid-19 prohibitions. |
| Internal Creations | <i>Guitar in the Heights</i> : Internal Creations Guitar in the Heights program is a series of 35 virtual/in person hybrid guitar workshops culminating in community performances based in Washington Heights. |
| Madeline Calandrillo / Jugando N Play | <i>Jugando N Play's Multilingual Create-a-Play!</i> : A series of after school theater and music based virtual sessions that culminates with a live virtual performance for young people and their families, ages 6-11, and families based in Washington Heights. |
| Kaiser's Room Inc. | <i>"Deaf Plus" Arts Classes, with Kaiser's Room and New York Deaf Theater</i> : Bringing art classes that are designed for students who are d/Deaf and have additional disabilities, to Manhattan Community Partners. The classes were developed by Kaiser's Room in partnership with New York Deaf Theater, and will begin digitally in fall 2020 at Saint Francis deSales School for the Deaf. |
| Keoni Movement Arts | <i>Engaging Individuals with Special Needs and Disabilities through Contemporary Dance</i> : A 10-week series of movement arts classes that nurtures and expands upon these individuals' existing capabilities, provides a human connection through these arts activities, and cultivates joy through public performance. |
| Naked Angels Theater Company | <i>3T Summer Style Film and Theater Workshops</i> : This free, 9-day course serves approximately 12 diverse public high school students with hands-on workshops led by professional actors, directors, and writers, who assist them in creating and presenting their own short films and plays. |
| New Women New Yorkers, NWNKY | <i>Immigrant Women Storytelling Group</i> : New Women New Yorkers' Storytelling Program empowers immigrant women to use their unique voice to embrace and share stories of lived experience. The interactive program not only boosts participants' self-confidence, communication, and English language skills; It is a transformative learning experience which illuminates their true potential and enriches their audiences. |
| NYC Kids Project | <i>PUPPETS AND IMPROV!</i> : A vibrant exploration of puppet-making, improvisation, and storytelling for 7-10 year olds. In five weekly 1 1/2 hour sessions, students will create their own puppets and stories. Themes include inclusion and friendship. |
| Pony Box | <i>Creative Dance at Jackie Robinson Park (Harlem)</i> : Pony Box Dance Theatre provides weekly professional dance classes for students ages 5-12 in collaboration with the Jackie Robinson Park staff, culminating in a performance with company dancers in the Bandshell at the end of June 2021. |
| Alexis Raskin, Chih-Lan Lu, KimSu Theiler | <i>Here On Earth: Ocean Waters</i> : A creative international community where young people from Manhattan can extend their thinking about the climate crisis through media workshops mentored by artists and scientists. Their video works will be presented in a film festival during Earth Week 2021 alongside an online interactive website. |
| Riverstone Senior Life Services | <i>Drawing and Painting with Older Adults</i> : Gives seniors a chance to be artists. Through projects in graphite, pastel, colored pencil, watercolor, tempera and acrylic paint, we will engage in linear, tonal and color explorations, to understand fundamental formal concepts, approaches and techniques in drawing and painting. |
| Emily Rubin | <i>Write Treatment Workshops</i> : The Write Treatment Workshops run by author/instructor Emily Rubin are creative writing workshops held in Mount Sinai Cancer Centers for patients, survivors, and caregivers. In a variety of literary forms the workshops engage the participants in writing to creatively process, and take a break from the rigors of disease. |

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| Sculptors Alliance | <i>Sculpture Workshops 2021:</i> A series of class sessions, free of charge to the general public, that aims to inspire adults with or without an education-in-art to engage in hands-on sculptural projects. This program supports the practice of sculpture by encouraging sculptors to teach and urging non-sculptors to cultivate sculptural skills. |
| Shakespeare Sports | <i>Shakespeare Sports Theatre Company Theatre for Individuals with Autism and Developmental Delays:</i> Heartbeat Hellos, Hellos with Emotions and over view of play session one (30 minutes), session two rehearsal of physical games from scenes of play (30 min). Session three teaching artists play through each scene while individuals also play (45 minutes). |
| SheNYC Arts Inc | <i>CreateHer Playwriting Cohort 2021:</i> CreateHER is a free, multi-session workshop for girl-identifying and non-binary high school students interested in playwriting. CreateHER students learn about playwriting directly from women in the theater industry. Students will write and produce their own 10-minute plays, to be featured in a staged reading at the end of the program. |
| Paul Deo / Starseed Art & Technology | <i>3D Virtual World Building:</i> A series of nine 2-hour weekly virtual Digital Mixed Reality Technology workshops culminating with an online Virtual Reality exhibition. |
| Syma | <i>Art Kits for Seniors:</i> Delivers home-safe art supplies for a series of six, 2-hour weekly online participatory workshops. Elders will explore play-doh as clay substitute and acrylic paint for print-making, culminating in an online exhibition of process and product screen shots, with printed photos on view in neighborhood display windows. |
| Vita Story Club | <i>On Our Block:</i> A 10-week storytelling workshop to showcase the lives of older New Yorkers who drive positive change in their communities. Older adults of settlement houses and public housing document their contributions through oral storytelling and audio memoir. The series culminates in a showcase event and chapbook publication. |
| Voices From War | <i>Writing & Reading War Stories - A Writing Workshop for Veterans:</i> "Writing & Reading War Stories" is a Voices From War writing workshop for veterans meeting for ten 2-hour sessions, each season (with 2 seasons per year), improving craft, discussing and writing new stories, while broadening community and understanding about experiences during and after war (all eras), including a public reading. |
| YBVNY, Young Bulgarian Voices NY | <i>Bulgarian Winter Rituals Recreation:</i> Integrates music instruction, choir singing, dance, and visual art in recreating traditional Bulgarian winter rituals. In a series of inter generational workshops, students ranging in age from two to seniors, are taught traditional musical instruments, singing, arts, and folk dancing. The project culminates in a public participatory event. |
| Zara Aina | <i>Zara Aina Residency & Culminating Showcase with Win Shelter Youth:</i> Zara Aina will offer a residency of seven 2-hour sessions run by professional teaching artists for youth at Harlem's Jennie Clarke Women in Need Shelter. This specialized residency in September- October 2021, will consist of 6 work days and a 7th share day of the original material. |