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Teen Art Summit

Free Improv Theater, Yoga, Music-Making for Local Youth



North Adams, Massachusetts — MASS MoCA and MCLA seek northern Berkshire teens (ages 13-19) to participate in five hours of improv theater, studio art, collective music-making, yoga, and more, all while connecting with other teens, college students, and artists. The Teen Art Summit affords teens the opportunity to contribute their ideas to a think tank for future visual and performing art programs to take place at MASS MoCA and throughout the community. Dinner, t-shirts, and special

giveaways are provided. The Summit is free and held at MASS MoCA on May 1, from 4 to 9pm.

MASS MoCA also offers an opportunity for teen artists in its summer residency, July 9 through July 30.

Participants collaborate with artist Kathleen Carr to design and create an immersive cardboard city for a month-long installation in a public space in downtown North Adams. The teens strengthen skills through the mentorship of a practicing artist, experience the opportunity of a public audience for their artwork, and explore issues of waste, repurposing, and recycling. The Teen Summer Residency is free and open to all participants with an interest in the arts... and pizza! Creative curiosity is a must, but experience is not required.

Teen Art Summit project partners and workshop leaders this year include MCLA Arts Administration students, along with staff of the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition (nbCC) and the Common Folk Artist Collective. For more information or to sign up to participate in the Summit or the Teen Summer Residency, contact Amanda Tobin, Senior Museum Educator, at 413-664-4481 x8154 or atobin@massmoca.org.

About Teen Programs

Teen Programs at MASS MoCA expose area youth to contemporary art-making practices, build confidence and leadership abilities, provide creative avenues for self-expression, and deepen teens' connections to the museum

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and greater North Adams community. Teen Programming at MASS MoCA is supported by the Amelia Peabody Foundation, the Feigenbaum Foundation, John Hancock, the Berkshire Bank Foundation – Legacy Region, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, and an anonymous donor.

About MASS MoCA

MASS MoCA is one of the world's liveliest (and largest) centers for making and enjoying today's most important art, music, dance, theater, film, and video. Hundreds of works of visual and performing art have been created on its 19th-century factory campus during fabrication and rehearsal residencies, making MASS MoCA among the most productive sites in the country for the creation and presentation of new art. More platform than box, MASS MoCA strives to bring to its audiences art experiences that are fresh, engaging, and transformative.

MASS MoCA's galleries are open 11am to 5pm every day except Tuesdays. From June 26 through September 7, MASS MoCA's galleries are open 10am to 6pm every day, with extended evening hours to 7pm on Thursdays through Saturdays. The Hall Art Foundation's Anselm Kiefer exhibition is open seasonally, spring – fall. Gallery admission is \$18 for adults, \$16 for veterans and seniors, \$12 for students, \$8 for children 6 to 16, and free for children 5 and under. Members are admitted free year-round. For additional information, call 413.662.2111 x1 or visit massmoca.org.