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Wingspan Arts
List of Current School Partners
2011-2012

Lower Manhattan Community Middle School (LMCMS)
Financial District, Manhattan

In partnership with LMCMS, Wingspan Arts has built an extensive dance program including both an in-school dance curriculum and afterschool audition prep classes in their state of the art dance studio. This dance program is a 3-year sequence: 6th graders study global dance; 7th graders explore contemporary genres; 8th graders participate in 'Dance Company,' examining emotion v. technique. We've extended this study into out-of-school time to offer Dance Technique and Audition Prep classes to train the students for specialized High School testing.

Lower Lab School/PS77
Upper East Side, Manhattan

Once a week, the 4th graders at Lower Lab School examine their social studies content through the lens of the dramatic arts. The Wingspan Drama Integration program helps reveal the relevance of social studies to student life. Developing characters rooted in historical fact, students will engage in improvisation, monologue and playwriting units, creating personal connections to the rich content. At the end of the year, all their hard work hits the stage in a play written and performed entirely by the students.

Greater Newark Charter School
Newark, New Jersey

On Friday afternoons, Teaching Artists travel to Newark to facilitate a performing arts program for the entire middle school. Students choose from such classes as Hip Hop, Step, Leadership, Pop Choir, Visual Art and Afro-Caribbean Drumming. This is a year-long program and serves at Greater Newark Charter School's arts programming; students get to choose their classes by semester and each course culminates in a showcase for the community.

Validus Preparatory High School
Bronx, New York

The mission of Validus Preparatory Academy is to develop students who understand the importance of health and fitness, who demonstrate the character traits of Responsibility, Collaboration, Compassion, and Commitment and who achieve mastery in academics to prepare them to be successful in life after high school. Teachers in this residency will be



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working with the students in their “Community Classes.” These Community Classes are part of their in-school curriculum and are taught by artists or members of the local community. Wingspan Teaching artists instruct students in Physical Fitness and Drama Club. At the end of each semester, the students present in a very lively Community Celebration.

PS102

Queens, New York

PS102 and Wingspan Arts have partnered in a variety of ways over the past few years. This year there’s a full range of classes offered!

Fifth graders gather on the stage once per week to sing, dance and act in an original work, conceptualized by the students and written by the teaching artist. At the end of this 7-week residency, students will perform for their peers in a 10-minute piece.

Ballroom dance has the 6th graders tangoing their way around the room, moving to the grooves of smooth salsa rhythms. This popular class teaches the students the basics of ballroom dance, from foxtrot to swing, from rumba to meringue, students learn how to partner, spin, move and grove!

You’ve got a desk full of armature wire, masking tape, newspaper, which can only mean one thing: Sculpture! Special Education students from 3 – 8th grade are all working on self-portrait sculptures that highlight their interests and personalities. This class encourages student exploration through three-dimensional art making.

8th graders will participate in an Improvisation residency, designed to build on practical skills such as problem solving, confidence, projection, team-work, self expression, body and spatial awareness. Students will explore the 5 senses, followed by the 5 W’s and gradually move into scene and character work.

PS230

South Bronx, New York

At PS230, every student will receive Wingspan Arts programming throughout the year, as part of a larger performing arts curriculum with cultural connections to the community.

Kindergarteners through fifth graders explore music, movement in drama in such classes as Storytime Theatre, Musical Factory, Ballroom Dance and Pop Choir. Each students participates in an 8-week residency study, which concludes in a celebration and showcase for the parents. Ballroom dance students also participate in the city-wide Ballroom Dance competition.



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**Learning Community Charter School (LCCS)
Jersey City, New Jersey**

Every Monday and Thursday, Teaching Artists travel to LCCS to lead an arts-elective program for the entire middle school. Students choose from such classes as Ballroom Dance, Hip Hop, Step, Poetry, Printmaking, Yearbook and Afro-Caribbean Drumming. Each class culminates in an end-of-semester performance for the LCCS community.

Fifth graders also receive Wingspan Programming: Each 5th grader participates in a year-long conservatory-style Musical Theatre sequence that concludes with a performance. In the Fall, students rotate to receive 12 weeks each of Choreography, Acting Skills and Chorus. In the Spring, students begin work on a Musical, comprised of selections from classic musicals. The performance in June 2012 will feature *The Wiz!*, *Oliver*, and *West Side Story*, in which all the foundation skills the students acquired in Fall will be used on-stage for the whole school!

MS324

Washington Heights, Manhattan

Wingspan Arts is all about Ballroom and Latin Dance at MS324. Working closely with the school community, our Ballroom Dance specialist teaches Foxtrot, Swing, Tango, Bachata and the Merengue. In addition to learning the dance skills, the students learn to respect one another, respect their dance partner, discuss the cultural history of each dance, and participate in a variety of out-of-school time events.

MS326

Washington Heights, Manhattan

2011-12 marks the first year of working with MS326, and the first time students have received music education during the school day. Once per week, a music specialist works with students on a Music Appreciation Course, teaching both technique and music history in an engaging and dynamic way. Students hear music vocabulary, listen to a variety of genres – from Gregorian Chants to today's Top Ten – with the ultimate goal of learning to sing in a group for end-of-the-year activities.

IS276/Battery Park City School

Battery Park, Manhattan

Partnering with the 7th Grade English Language Arts department, students explore such themes as truth and freedom, as related to the core curriculum texts they study. A teaching artist spends session time working with students on portraying characters in monologue form, as well



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as such performance skills as voice, projection, conflict and action. At the end of this semester-long residency, students take to stage to present their piece to an audience of parents, teachers and peers.

**GED Plus at Tenzer Learning Center
Chinatown, Manhattan**

Wingspan and GED Plus at Tenzer Learning center are working toward the common goal to provide arts instruction to lower and mid-level English language learners. Once per week, students participate in one of two courses designed to enhance student's opportunities to express themselves creatively through the arts. Eco-Art explores how refuse can be re-purposed into art materials. Portraiture compliments the personal statement students write in their literacy classes. Both classes aim to foster individual and collective expression, and will culminate in Arts Festival and Gallery in Spring 2012.