

Office of the Mayor  
CITY OF NEW YORK



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS:** THE ARTS AND CULTURE ARE A VITAL PART OF LIFE IN NEW YORK CITY. THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF BROADWAY DRAW MILLIONS OF TOURISTS YEAR AFTER YEAR, AND THE MUSICALS, PLAYS, MUSEUMS, AND GALLERIES ACROSS THE FIVE BOROUGHES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN OUR CITY'S ECONOMY. WE'RE COMMITTED TO ENSURING THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF ALL AREAS OF THE ARTS, AND ARE ALWAYS PLEASED TO RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE DEDICATED TO BRINGING CULTURE TO AUDIENCES, PARTICIPANTS, AND STUDENTS IN ALL PARTS OF NEW YORK CITY. THIS IS WHY WE'RE GLAD TO JOIN WINGSPAN ARTS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR 10TH YEAR.

**WHEREAS:** SINCE 2001, WINGSPAN HAS PARTNERED WITH DOZENS OF NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS IN THE PERFORMING, VISUAL, AND LITERARY ARTS IN COMMUNITIES THAT MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE HAVE ACCESS TO THEM. THEIR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HAS EXTENDED ACCESS TO THEIR EXCELLENT PROGRAMS TO SO MANY YOUNG NEW YORKERS, AND THEIR CLASSES AND CAMPS HAVE HELPED DEVELOP THE SKILLS OF OUR CITY'S MANY TALENTED YOUNGER ARTISTS. WINGSPAN HAS HAD A TERRIFIC EFFECT ON THE STATE OF THE ARTS IN NEW YORK, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE MANY OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THEIR PROGRAMS' GRADUATES.

**WHEREAS:** OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT THE ARTS PLAY IN A WELL-ROUNDED AND THOROUGH EDUCATION. WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT CREATIVE THINKING IS A KEY TO SUCCESS, AND ARE PLEASED THAT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THIS ONE DO SO MUCH TO HELP YOUNG NEW YORKERS LEARN BY ENGAGING WITH SUCH A DIVERSE RANGE OF SUBJECTS AND MATERIAL. TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE A NEW YORK CITY THAT IS EVEN MORE COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AND EDUCATION.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS IMPORTANT EVENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MONDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2012 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AS:

"WINGSPAN ARTS DAY"



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO  
SET MY HAND AND USED THE SEAL OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO BE AFFIXED.

*Michael R. Bloomberg*  
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG  
MAYOR