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Dear Colleagues:

Applications are now being accepted for the New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA). NYSSSA is a summer residential arts program offering highly competitive training programs that are exciting, challenging, and fun for students currently in grades 8-12. At NYSSSA, students work with acclaimed artists, broadening their skill set and developing technique, allowing them to grow as an artist.

Students are accepted through either a portfolio review or audition for one or more of the seven component intensives. Auditions take place at locations across the State during the months of January and February. We ask that you please share the information below with your arts teachers and students.

School of Ballet (June 24 to July 21): Taught by New York City Ballet dancers, the School of Ballet provides intensive ballet technique instruction as well as pointe, character, jazz, variations, and pas de deux classes; and a physical therapy program focusing on the needs of developing dancers.

School of Visual Arts (June 30 to July 27): Designed to emphasize art experiences that exceed a 45-minute school period, students work in the studio with drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media, figure, and interdisciplinary arts under the direction of noted exhibiting artists/educators.

School of Choral Studies (July 1 to 28): The program offers students a curriculum of individual voice instruction, diction, theory, ear training, music history, and musical theatre. The program also includes daily choral and ensemble rehearsals.

School of Media Arts (July 7 to August 3): Students are immersed in production work in the areas of 16 mm film, digital video, photography, electronic sound art, or computer animation during this program. No prior media experience is necessary.

School of Theater (July 8 to August 4): The curriculum includes daily classes in acting, improvisation, voice, and movement. Workshops are held in mask, stage combat, directing, playwriting, and more. Students attend shows in NYC, preview staged readings, and engage in recreational and social events.

The School of Dance (July 15 to August 11): The curriculum includes modern dance technique, music for dance, composition, repertory and performance, guest artist mentorship, and trips to concerts. Students work directly with well-known companies- and choreographers-in-residence.

The School of Orchestral Studies (July 22 to August 18): Students study with the world-class musicians of the Philadelphia Orchestra, while living and working in a professional environment as members of the full orchestra, wind ensemble, or string orchestra. Students are coached in small groups and attend classes in history, literature, and theory of music.

An electronic version of our brochure is attached to this email. Program and audition information can be found on our website at <http://www.oce.nysed.gov/nysssa/>. Thank you so much for your assistance in helping us get the word out about this wonderful program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "MaryEllen Elia".

MaryEllen Elia
Commissioner



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NYSSA



The New York State School of the Arts (NYSSSA), celebrating its 49th season, is a summer arts residential intensive program offering highly competitive pre-professional training programs that are exciting, challenging, and fun. By attending NYSSSA, you have the opportunity to work with acclaimed artists, broadening your skillset and developing technique, allowing you to grow as an artist.

Through NYSSSA's seven component schools—ballet, modern dance, theatre, media arts, visual arts, choral studies, and orchestral studies—you will experience daily life with professional artists and have the chance to understand the rigorous discipline of your chosen field. You will also join a strong community of NYSSSA alumni who are successful in a variety of fields. Whether working in the arts or in another profession, many alumni say their summer at NYSSSA was one of the most formational experiences of their lives.

The four week, pre-professional summer curriculum includes individual and group instruction designed to help each student explore and develop their talents in ballet, modern dance, theatre, media arts, visual arts, choral studies, or orchestral studies. Students live in college dorms and take classes from working performing and visual artists for 6-12 hours a day, six days a week in their area of concentration. Evenings are spent at lectures, performances, or group recreational activities. NYSSSA is open to all New York State students enrolled in grades 8-12, who qualify through auditions or portfolio reviews.

We accept applications December 1 up until a week before a live audition. Deadlines are listed with the programs. Visit our website for more information, audition dates or to register for a live audition:
WWW.OCE.NYSED.GOV/NYSSSA.

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TUITION: \$2,250

Funding from the New York State Education Department enables NYSSSA to keep tuition costs low, providing every student with a reduction in the actual cost of attendance.

FINANCIAL AID Tuition assistance is available to all students who qualify on a financial-need base. Once accepted into the program, students will receive financial aid applications. NYSSSA awards tuition assistance based upon demonstrated economic need.

BALLET

JUN 24–JUL 21
SKIDMORE COLLEGE

An unforgettable experience to work with and learn from some of the greatest dancers performing today. In association with SPAC and the New York City Ballet. 60 spots available.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER FOR A LIVE AUDITION.

THEATER

JUL 08–AUG 04
SUNY DELHI

Hone your craft by taking daily classes in movement, voice, and scene study. Students also receive training in other theater disciplines including stage combat, comedy and impulse improvisation, mask, and playwriting. 32 spots available.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER FOR A LIVE AUDITION.

CHORAL STUDIES

JUL 01–JUL 28
SUNY FREDONIA

Experience the joy of singing, the thrill of performing, and the power of vocal music. A nationally acclaimed faculty provides daily instruction in choral singing and musicianship, in addition to private instruction, musical theater and opera study, movement, small ensemble work, and recitals. 70 spots available.

RECORDED AUDITIONS JAN 31
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[WWW.OCE.NYSED.GOV/NYSSSA](https://www.oce.nysed.gov/nysssa).

MEDIA ARTS

JUL 07–AUG 03
ALFRED STATE

With intensives in filmmaking, digital photography, electronic sound art and design, computer animation, and digital video, you will work with today's top artists from across the country. The School takes an exploratory approach to art-making where students combine technical skills with critical thought. 40 spots available.

DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS DUE FEB 28
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[WWW.OCE.NYSED.GOV/NYSSSA](https://www.oce.nysed.gov/nysssa).

JUN 30–JUL 27
SUNY FREDONIA

Experience life as a working artist this summer. Designed to emphasize art experiences that cannot normally be undertaken during a 45-minute school period, you will work in the studio with drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media, figure, and interdisciplinary arts professionals. 95 spots available.

DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS DUE FEB 28
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PHYSICAL PORTFOLIO DROP-OFF DATES AND SITES:
[WWW.OCE.NYSED.GOV/NYSSSA](https://www.oce.nysed.gov/nysssa).

VISUAL ARTS

ORCHESTRAL STUDIES

JUL 22–AUG 18
SKIDMORE COLLEGE

Work side by side with the world class musicians of the Philadelphia Orchestra. Students have multiple opportunities to perform as members of the full orchestra, wind/string ensembles, and small chamber ensembles. 100 spots available.

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MODERN DANCE

JUL 15–AUG 11
SKIDMORE COLLEGE

Discover the world of modern dance and learn from inspiring professionals. Program highlights include instruction in technique, composition, history, and workshops with guest artists. 30 spots available.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER FOR A LIVE AUDITION.