

Highlights from a 2005 Survey of the Arts Community by the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs

92 respondents reported providing **197 programs organized specifically for youth.***
(*specific youth services, not just offering reduced-price student admission to their standard programs)

Range of youth programs included school tours and performances supplemented with teacher resources, to extensive residencies in school, to youth arts training after or out-of-school.

- 85 (44%) of these programs were aligned with the state Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs).
- 93 (47%) of these programs enrolled 1/3 to a "majority" of underserved youth.
- 109 (57%) of these programs were offered FREE to youth.
Of those for which admission was charged, most offered low-cost student rates and/or scholarships.

These programs **served 328,955 K-12-aged youth** in the 2004/05 school year.

Respondents provided an average of 2+ programs to **83 out of 106 Seattle Public Schools**.
Half of respondents do programming both in-school and out-of-school.

Programs served **all age groups K-12** and represented **all disciplines**, from traditional arts to new media.

Two thirds of the respondents included teacher support in their arts education programs.

- 49 respondents provide curriculum guides or teacher resources
- 34 respondents provide training/professional development for K-12 teachers.

Paid personnel and volunteers producing these arts education programs were:

- 118 full-time staff
- 1,129 part-time/contractual employees
- 1,290 volunteers

The **arts community has a long-time commitment** to arts opportunities for youth:

- 55 (60%) of respondents had been providing arts education programs for 11+ years.
- 26 (28%) had been providing arts education programming for 21+ years.

Parents actively play many vital roles in these arts education programs. In order of response:

- Volunteers
- Donors and Fundraisers
- Program Advocates
- Transportation
- Communication/Documentation
- Supplies/Equipment/Snacks
- Teachers/Artists

Conservatively, the arts education budgets for the groups and projects surveyed represented well **over \$10 million invested in arts education opportunities for Seattle youth.**