



young audiences
arts for learning
HOUSTON



about us

Every year, Young Audiences of Houston impacts the lives of thousands of children throughout the Houston area through the arts. The organization has become even more necessary as more students and families have recognized the importance of children being exposed to the arts at an early age. Young Audiences has had the opportunity to partner and interact with a variety of artists and organizations that work to ensure that all children in Houston have the opportunity to gain access to many forms of arts.

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impact

- More than **237,800** students are impacted each year.
- As a result of Young Audiences of Houston's efforts, the dropout rate has decreased, attendance has increased, and there has been an increase of skills critical to students' long-term success.
- Studies have proven that early exposure to the arts leads to improvement in students' academic performance in school.
- More than **139** artists have impacted **51** school districts.
- We develop and deliver more than **3,599** programs annually to students while meeting the unique needs of a diverse population.

what we do

- Giving children the chance to express their voice and ideas through the arts
- Proving that art exposure has a lasting and positive impact on the lives of children as they continue to grow and give back to their communities
- Making the arts an integral part of the current school curriculum
- Training educators and teachers on how to implement art-based activities and strategies in the classroom
- Delivering free accessibility to programs for children and families in hospitals

why give

- Provide free educationally aligned arts programs for children
- Provide free programs to children and families in hospitals
- Train educators on arts-based strategies for the classroom
- Ensure cultural awareness and acceptance
- Recruit and train high-quality teaching artists

ARTS ACCESS INITIATIVE

Networked through YAH, the Arts Access Initiative is a system change effort coalition that acts as Houston's action plan for ensuring sustainable arts access for every Houston public school student.

The AAI bridges public schools and the arts community to grow learning together

IN 2016-2017, AAI

- Served **16,835** students
- Served **25** HISD schools
- Developed **138** partnerships

HOUSTON ARTS PARTNERS

Houston Arts Partners mobilizes Houston art organizations and education leaders into collaborative working committees.

- HAP hosts an annual conference with the vision to have both educators and artists working side-by-side, a partnership to develop arts education in the greater Houston area.
- The HAP conference hosts over **1,000** attendees from across the state annually, supported by the conference co-chairs, Young Audiences Houston staff, and the conference committee members.

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