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## **Summer Internship Teaches High School Students Job Skills through the Arts**

**Cleveland, OH – (May 27, 2008) –** Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio (YANEO) has hired more than **80 local high school students to work in the arts this summer.** For six weeks in University Circle, paid apprentices in the 2008 ArtWorks program will work with master teaching artists in dance, music, theatre, film, fashion design and the visual arts. **ArtWorks helps students expand their artistic talents and create original works of art while gaining the skills needed to succeed in the workforce.**

ArtWorks apprentices will work from **June 18 to July 31, Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 4:00PM.** All events will take place around tents on University Circle's Wade Oval, between the **Cleveland Botanical Gardens and the Cleveland Museum of Art.** Their work will focus on preparing for **public exhibitions and performances to be held Thursday, July 10 at 6:00 PM and Wednesday, July 30 at 5:00 PM.** The public is invited to attend these free performances/exhibits as well as observe apprentices at work each day.

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Along with arts instruction, weekly speaking engagements are planned with various arts and community leaders, including Cleveland Councilman Matt Zone and local chef Dante Boccuzzi. They will share ways in which the arts and creativity can support many different career paths.

Student participants were selected through a competitive application and interview process and represent **57 high schools throughout Northeast Ohio**. Now in its fourth year, ArtWorks was founded in 2005 with strong support from local arts patron Deborah Ratner.

“ArtWorks is an unparalleled opportunity for high school students to learn important skills, such as collaboration, organization and responsibility,” Young Audiences Executive Director Marsha Dobrzynski said. “We are delighted to see how the arts transform the lives of these students and make such a positive impact on our community.”

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### **About Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio**

*Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio enriches the lives of children and promotes creative learning by uniting arts and education. Organized in 1953, the Northeast Ohio chapter of Young Audiences is the only multi-arts resource for schools in the region whose primary purpose is to make learning through the arts an essential part of young people’s education. Programs take place in public, private, and parochial schools, reaching over 265,000 young people each year.*