

## COMING UP TALLER AWARDS 2009

### **Art a la Carte**

Dorchester, MA

[www.fdnh.org](http://www.fdnh.org)

\$110,500

Visual arts (drawing, painting, design, composition) for young people (11-18).

Classes offered after school and Saturdays.

3 years, sequential curriculum, partnerships.

Culminates in intensive yearlong portfolio development course.

Targets inner-city neighborhood where violence prevalent and drop-out rates high.

### **Citywide Poets** (sponsored by InsideOut Literacy Project)

Detroit, MI

[www.insideoutdetroit.org](http://www.insideoutdetroit.org)

\$76,500

Intensive after school poetry-writing program for teens (14-18).

Weekly small group poetry workshops held at various local sites.

3X/year workshops w/ “nationally acclaimed guest poets.”

Targets at-risk kids.

### **Express Yourself**

Beverly, MA

[www.expressyourselfinc.org](http://www.expressyourselfinc.org)

\$250,000

10-month multidisciplinary (dance, theater, visual arts) program for children/teens/young adults (5-23) who suffer from mental illness.

Culminates with performance @ Wang Theater in Boston.

Mentor component (local prep school kids).

Targets mentally ill students, some at in-patient facilities; at-risk students.

### **Girls Write Now Mentoring Program** (Girls Write Now, Inc.)

NY, NY

[www.girlswritenow.org](http://www.girlswritenow.org)

\$250,000

Students (13-20) participate in mentoring with accomplished/professional women writers.

Weekly reading/writing assignments, meetings; monthly half-day workshops.

4 year (max) with portfolio development.

Targets girls from low-income neighborhoods, overcrowded public schools.

**Harmony Project**

Hollywood, CA

[www.harmony-project.org](http://www.harmony-project.org)

\$1,200,000

Year-round program provides free musical instrument instruction for youth (6-17).

Big local partnerships

Serves low-income families in Los Angeles central and south neighborhoods.

**Higher Achievement**

Washington, DC

[www.higherachievement.org](http://www.higherachievement.org)

\$2,263,017

Recruits 5<sup>th</sup> graders for 4 year academic, cultural program which will (hopefully) gain them admission at magnet/private HS's.

Classes meet 3X week and 6 wk in summer.

Program targets kids (9-14) from disadvantaged areas

**New Urban Arts**

Providence, RI

[www.newurbanarts.org](http://www.newurbanarts.org)

\$398,671

Program matches high school students with artists (multi-disciplinary).

Lots of collaborations, mentoring very important.

Targets students from lower-income neighborhoods (14-18).

**Outreach Program with Incarcerated Youth (Keshet Dance Company)**

Albuquerque, NM

[www.keshetdance.org](http://www.keshetdance.org)

\$174,000

Program uses dance to teach young incarcerated offenders (12-18) textbook concepts - math, literacy skills; creative self-expression; self-esteem.

Post-release program so youth can stay involved, aids transition, after release.

**Shakespeare Remix (Epic Theater Ensemble)**

NY, NY

www.epictheaterensemble.org  
\$167,000

Three-month, after-school theater program (14-18) serving 4 underserved public high schools.

Students work with actors and mentors analyzing Shakespeare texts, and writing new material for performance. They also learn theater fundamentals – lighting, sound.

**Sitar Arts Center**

Washington, DC  
www.sitarartscenter.org  
\$1,402,906

After-school and Saturday arts (multidisciplinary) program for students (sliding fee scale).

Wide variety of classes due to their many partnerships, volunteer instructors, local artists. Targets inner-city youth (6-18).

**TAG Teen program** (Elsie S. Hogan Community Library)

Wilcox, AZ  
www.wilcoxtagmag.com  
\$700

They publish a full-color, 40 page magazine 3X/year, costs covered by ad revenue, kids (12-19) sell space to local businesses.

Weekly after-school meetings to plan, write & edit magazine; book & film discussions; produce dramatic readings.

Small, rural, underserved community without many cultural opportunities for students.

**The Old Brick Playhouse Company**

Elkins, WV  
[www.theoldbrick.org](http://www.theoldbrick.org)  
\$40,000

Theater apprentice program, open to all area youth (11-18) for minimal fee.

After school activities – acting, movement, technical, literacy.

Strong community/local business support.

**Yollocalli Arts Reach**

Chicago, IL  
www.yollocalli.org  
\$223,000

Multimedia arts group for youth (13-19).

Using art (mural projects) to improve academic skills and build community bonds.

**Young Artist Apprentice Program (Blaffer Gallery)**

Houston, TX

[www.blaffergallery.org](http://www.blaffergallery.org)

\$20,000

Afterschool program which runs 4X/week for 6/wks. Curriculum based on current contemporary art exhibit.

Local high school apprentices (16-18) who are accepted based on rigorous application process, work in wide array of media arts. Public show.

Partial college scholarship's awarded each semester to top apprentices.