



## **THE CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION®**

### ***Parents As Arts Partners* 2011-2012**

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

##### **1. What is the *Parents As Arts Partners* program?**

The Center for Art Education's (CAE) flagship parent engagement initiative, *Parents As Arts Partners* is a unique school-based family arts program that engages parents and families in hands-on, interactive arts education activities with their children. The program increases parent engagement and involvement in city public schools and in their child's education, creating shared, high quality arts experiences that align with classroom curriculum.

*Parents As Arts Partners* was created in response to research that demonstrates the positive impact of parental involvement on a child's success in school and the effectiveness of the arts as a means of cultivating that involvement. The program fills a distinct gap in city schools, combining arts programs with parent participation to involve and engage parents who might otherwise struggle with barriers of language, culture or schedule constraints. Workshops align with family engagement goals, Common Core and State Learning Standards.

##### **2. What's new this year?**

Several important changes have been made to the program for the 2011-2012 season. Along with a streamlined application process, CAE will now be matching our own experienced Teaching Artists specializing in music, dance, theater, visual arts and digital media with participating schools in order to ensure a higher quality program and reduce program overhead costs. Schools will no longer design the program with a cultural partner in advance of the application process. CAE Teaching Artists will work with school-based coordinators on program design after schools have been selected to participate.

##### **3. How does the *Parents As Arts Partners* program work?**

Each *Parents As Arts Partners* program is a collaborative process. Our teaching artists and staff will work with you to tailor the workshops to suit your schools unique needs and

interests. The *Parents As Arts Partners* program includes five school-based family arts workshops, an orientation and training session at CAE, and one planning session with a CAE teaching artist in advance of the first session.

*Parents As Arts Partners* programs are designed to be aligned with family engagement goals, Common Core Learning Standards, along with the NYS Learning Standards for the Arts. Your teaching artist will work with you to connect the workshops to the school's arts and education programs.

Schools may choose to include a field trip to a cultural organization, performance, or museum as part of their program. However, all ticket and transportation costs must fall within the budget parameters outlined in advance by CAE. There is a budget line for food and refreshments at all family arts workshops to help ensure good parent and family participation!

Workshops typically are held after school or on weekends.

#### **4. Who are the CAE Teaching Artists?**

Teaching artists are a vital component in CAE's effort to provide high quality arts instruction for city public school students, K-12. CAE teaching artists undergo CAE led professional development training focused on lesson plan development, collaboration with classroom teachers and cultural institutions, differentiated learning, working with populations with special needs, parent engagement and more. CAE is committed to ensuring its roster of teaching artists represents the diversity of the city and includes artists with experience in music, dance, theater, visual arts and the moving image, and experience working with parents, English language learners and special needs students.

#### **5. What is the cost of the program?**

The full program cost of *Parents As Arts Partners* is \$2500. For the first time ever, CAE is offering schools the opportunity to purchase the program in full, or in part, on a non-competitive basis. Schools electing to purchase the program need not fill out an application at this point and should contact CAE directly by emailing Nellie Chaban at [nellie@caenyc.org](mailto:nellie@caenyc.org). CAE will also be providing the program at a subsidized cost of \$300 to approximately 25 schools with a limited number of full subsidies available as well.

#### **6. Are there subsidies available for schools to participate in the *Parents As Arts Partners* program?**

Yes. CAE is offering the program at a subsidized program cost of \$300 to selected schools which will be chosen to receive the program at this cost based on a competitive application process. The required school-based contribution represents a small but important commitment to the success of the program. A limited number of need-based full subsidies will also be awarded.

#### **7. If my school has previously received a *Parents As Arts Partners* program, are we still eligible to apply for the 2011-2012 season?**

Yes. We encourage all New York City public schools to apply for the program. Your school's previous or existing program will be considered in the application process.

**8. If my school has never received a *Parents As Arts Partners* program, are we still eligible to apply for the 2011-2012 season?**

Yes. We encourage all New York City public schools to apply for the program.

**9. My school has been working with a teaching artist; can we continue working with this same artist as part of the *Parents As Arts Partners* program?**

To participate in the 2011-2012 *Parents As Arts Partners* program, schools must work with a CAE-trained teaching artist. We will try our best to match each participating school with a teaching artist that suits the needs and interests of the school and the program.

**10. Who is eligible to be a co-coordinator for the program at my school?**

Schools must designate and provide contact information for a school-based co-coordinator and a parent co-coordinator. School co-coordinators may be administrators, classroom teachers, parent coordinators, PTA officers and/or members, arts specialists, or other appropriate school-based personnel. Each school must choose one co-coordinator to be the primary contact for the program. This person will be responsible for communicating with CAE and relaying relevant information to school personnel and parents. If CAE is unable to reach the primary contact, we will contact the co-coordinator, followed by the principal and/or assistant principal.

**11. How is *Parents As Arts Partners* funded?**

*Parents As Arts Partners* is funded through a combination of foundation, corporate, individual and government contributions.

**12. When is the application deadline?**

Please submit your completed application by Friday, November 4, 2011.

**13. When does the program begin?**

You will be notified of your acceptance by December 16, 2011. You do not need to contact us beforehand to check on the status of your application. We will contact you if we have questions and inform you as soon as decisions are made.

Schools that are selected to participate will be required to attend an orientation session that will occur in January. Planning sessions between schools and teaching artists will take place between January and February. At that time, participating schools will determine the dates and times of their program activities, which will take place between February and May.

**14. How do I apply for the subsidized 2011-2012 *Parents As Arts Partners* program?**

*Parents As Arts Partners* applicants interested in the subsidized program must complete the application including a letter of interest outlining the goals of a potential program. To apply for the upcoming season, please visit:

[www.caenyc.org/parentsasartspartners2012](http://www.caenyc.org/parentsasartspartners2012)

**Please complete the entire application and submit by Friday, November 4, 2011.** The application can be downloaded as a writable PDF document. Save the document to your computer and type directly into the form, saving frequently.

Once you have completed the application you may email it as an attachment, fax, or mail a hard copy using the contact information below. **Please note: we will not accept re-created or incomplete versions of the application form. You must use the forms provided and fully complete before submitting.**

If submitting your application via email, please send in PDF format to: [parents@caenyc.org](mailto:parents@caenyc.org). **Subject line should include your school name.**

**Mail to:**

Parents As Arts Partners  
225 West 34th Street, Suite 1112  
New York, NY 10122

**Fax: 212-268-5266**

**Attn: Nellie Chaban**

You may direct specific questions or inquiries regarding purchasing the Parents As Arts Partners program in full to:

**Nellie Chaban, Program Coordinator:**

**Email:** [nellie@caenyc.org](mailto:nellie@caenyc.org) **or Phone:** 212-971-3300 ext. 319

**15. What if I want to purchase the *Parents As Arts Partners* program at the full cost of \$2500.**

Schools electing to purchase the program **need not fill out an application** at this point and should contact CAE directly by emailing Nellie Chaban at [nellie@caenyc.org](mailto:nellie@caenyc.org).