

"I think the programs offered at The Contemporary can be a great stepping stone for high school students transitioning from their school's art community to experiences that resemble real life, so they get a good idea of the professional world without having to jump in feet-first."

-former YA and AYA teen

## Young Artists

Young Artists is a FREE pre-professional arts program in which twenty high school students (ages 14–18) meet over ten consecutive Saturday afternoons. Located in a vibrant and active contemporary art space, Young Artists introduces creative careers, explores contemporary culture, provides portfolio development, and fuels a curiosity about the arts! Participants attend workshops and training sessions designed to foster creative and critical thinking skills. This program is the prerequisite of Advanced Young Artists, an annual mentorship program that pairs ten teen artists with ten local artist-mentors. Join Young Artists and receive a behind-the-scenes view of the museum and art community through the lens of contemporary art!

- This program is FREE for accepted students. Regular and on-time attendance is required.
- Select spaces reserved for students from underserved areas with limited access to arts opportunities in Austin.

### SCHEDULE

#### Jones Center

Saturdays

1:00–4:00pm\*

February 7

February 14

February 21

February 28

March 7

March 28

April 4

April 11

April 18-Teen Event

May 9

May 16

No meeting

March 14

March 21

April 18

May 2

\*meeting times during field trip days may be longer. Advanced notice will be given.

### AS A YOUNG ARTIST YOU WILL...

- receive one-on-one portfolio reviews.
- participate in a public display of your portfolio on the final day.
- walk away with a CD of high-quality images of your portfolio.
- talk with local artists during guest artist workshops and studio visits.
- attend field trips to local arts institutions, colleges, and studios in Austin.
- receive free bus passes to aid in transportation.
- explore new art mediums and techniques.
- have snacks provided at each meeting
- be able to apply to work with a local artist-mentor for seven months in 2016!

Application Due: ~~December 19, 2014~~ January 9, 2015

**IMPORTANT: DO NOT FORGET TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE!**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

Please print neatly and clearly.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
High School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Teacher *(if applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible for free or reduced lunch at school?  
*(please circle)*

Yes                      No

Is there any other financial hardship we should know about?  
*(please circle)*

Yes                      No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Young Artists? *(please circle)*

Teacher	Email	Facebook
Website	Word-of-Mouth	Teen Tumblr
Other: _____		

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Be creative and remember there are no right or wrong answers!

1. Why do you want to participate in Young Artists?
2. What art classes or other creative classes (band, dance, etc.) are you currently taking (in or out of school)? What have you previously taken?
3. Do you participate in other clubs or activities? Please describe.
4. Have you ever been to an art museum? If so, what did you enjoy about it? What didn't you enjoy?
5. Describe one person who has inspired you, and in what way?
6. What does the word individuality mean to you and how do you express it?
7. *Have fun with this question!* If you could describe yourself as an animal, what animal or animals best describe you?

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- Questionnaire ←
- Recommendation Form ←
- Parent Consent Form ←
- Submit to: ←

**ATTN: YOUNG ARTISTS**  
The Contemporary Austin  
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Austin, TX 78701  
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teenprograms@thecontemporaryaustin.org

# RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please have a teacher or other adult not related to you—but who knows you well—fill out the information below to recommend you for Young Artists.

I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ for participation in Young Artists. I believe he/she has the interest in visual arts and the commitment to regularly attend Young Artists. I agree to be contacted by phone or email to discuss this student’s potential.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT INTERESTS

Please complete the following with 5 being the strongest in interest:

Interest in visual art skills	1	2	3	4	5
Excited by art, music, performance, media	1	2	3	4	5
Would benefit from additional exposure to the arts	1	2	3	4	5
Openness to new experiences	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to commit to ongoing scheduled activities	1	2	3	4	5
Do you recommend this student?	1	2	3	4	5

How do you know this student?

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Is there anything else we should know about this student?

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# MEDICAL RELEASE & PARENT CONSENT FORM

*This form should be completed by a parent or legal guardian.*

I authorize The Contemporary Austin staff, volunteers, or mentors to secure medical care at a local medical facility for my son/daughter while he/she is participating in the museum's programs. This authorization is required in order to provide emergency care to a student participating in The Contemporary Austin's programs.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Recognition and Assumption of Risk Agreement

I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, age \_\_\_\_\_, authorize said child's full participation in The Contemporary Austin's Young Artists Teen Program, including meetings and related program activities. To fully participate, my child has permission to attend weekly meetings. My child may travel to field trip locations in Austin, including artists' studios, art galleries, museums, and other arts institutions. My child has permission to travel on Capital Metro buses and to travel by a privately-owned vehicle driven by an employee of The Contemporary Austin, or gratuitously by third party individuals. As part of the art activities completed by the participants, my child's artwork may be reproduced and published in student- designed material, including a magazine, posters, t-shirts, and postcards. My child's artwork may also be published on a web page. While participating, my child may be photographed and have his/her photograph included in publications and promotional materials produced by The Contemporary Austin and/or education program underwriters. My child's comments may be included in The Contemporary Austin's publications and promotional materials.

It is my understanding that participation in The Contemporary Austin Young Artists Teen Program is not without some inherent risk of injury. As such, in consideration of my child's participation, I hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue The Contemporary Austin, its officers, servants, agents, volunteers, mentors, or employees from any and all liability, claims, demands, action, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by my child, whether caused by the negligence of the releases, or otherwise while participating in such activity, or while in, or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student have any medical conditions of which program staff should be aware? *(please circle)*

Yes                      No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the student have any food allergies or intolerances of which program staff should be aware? *(please circle)*

Yes                      No

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_