

Arts @ Work

High School Internship and Studio Program

This year-long program introduces local high school students to professional internships and employment in the arts. Participants are provided an opportunity to express themselves through art in a positive environment while creating collaboratively and gaining experience in making public art to enhance their community.

Designed specifically for high school students, this program aims to:

- Deepen artistic learning
- Enhance student portfolios
- Introduce the skills and practices of community arts, studio arts, and arts administration

Arts @ Work will designate a studio or non-profit in downtown Rockland as a partnering site to host the studio program each year. **2017-18 programs will be held at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art's ArtLab** as a base for experiential work in the arts.

The program is developed by, Alexis Iammarino, Lead Mentor Artist and Project Coordinator, as a natural offshoot of other key arts education programs that she is associated with including: SaturdayStudio at the Flanagan Community Building; CMCA's ArtLab program; Summer Mural Arts with the Farnsworth Museum's Education Department; Steel House Center for Art and Design; and Arts in Rockland.

Arts @ Work will transform the knowledge and energy of the people and resources in the Mid-Coast arts community into a unique educational experience, providing a chance for students to work with and learn from professional interdisciplinary artists and professional mentors while also connecting the talents and know-how of young artists to the needs of these organizations or businesses. Iammarino will place 8-10 students per year in consultation with Oceanside High School Art Faculty and the Gifted and Talented Coordinator.

Fall Semester: Students work with Iammarino who integrates art-making workshops with professional development skills in preparation for their community placements in the spring.

Spring Semester: Student interns are matched with a variety of experts in our community including, but not limited to: studio artists, gallerists, preparators, arts administrators, arts educators and docent programs.

Interns are required to register and commit to:

- **Meet as a cohort twice a month on Fridays at the host studio site**
- **Attend a one-on-one meeting with Iammarino**
- **Complete a minimum of 2.5 hours a week of independent studio hours at CMCA or the Community Building.**

Interns are invited to complete or exceed their hours by attending studio days at partnering sites.

Arts @ Work is a program of Arts in Action offered by RSU13 Adult & Community Education. Open to RSU13 high school students, the program aims to provide a bridge for 9th graders who have been enrolled in Arts in Action as middle schoolers, and to create opportunities for high school artists to learn from and work with key players in the Mid-Coast scene.

For more information or to register, contact: rasaartsinaction@gmail.com or call 691-2156.