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Dear Colleagues:

Applications are now being accepted for the New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA). NYSSSA is a summer residential arts program offering highly competitive training programs that are exciting, challenging, and fun for students currently in grades 8-12. At NYSSSA, students work with acclaimed artists, broadening their skill set and developing technique, allowing them to grow as an artist.

Students are accepted through either a portfolio review or audition for one or more of the seven component intensives. Auditions take place at locations across the State during the months of January and February. We ask that you please share the information below with your arts teachers and students.

**School of Ballet (June 24 to July 21):** Taught by New York City Ballet dancers, the School of Ballet provides intensive ballet technique instruction as well as pointe, character, jazz, variations, and pas de deux classes; and a physical therapy program focusing on the needs of developing dancers.

**School of Visual Arts (June 30 to July 27):** Designed to emphasize art experiences that exceed a 45-minute school period, students work in the studio with drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media, figure, and interdisciplinary arts under the direction of noted exhibiting artists/educators.

**School of Choral Studies (July 1 to 28):** The program offers students a curriculum of individual voice instruction, diction, theory, ear training, music history, and musical theatre. The program also includes daily choral and ensemble rehearsals.

**School of Media Arts (July 7 to August 3):** Students are immersed in production work in the areas of 16 mm film, digital video, photography, electronic sound art, or computer animation during this program. No prior media experience is necessary.

**School of Theater (July 8 to August 4):** The curriculum includes daily classes in acting, improvisation, voice, and movement. Workshops are held in mask, stage combat, directing, playwriting, and more. Students attend shows in NYC, preview staged readings, and engage in recreational and social events.

**The School of Dance (July 15 to August 11):** The curriculum includes modern dance technique, music for dance, composition, repertory and performance, guest artist mentorship, and trips to concerts. Students work directly with well-known companies- and choreographers-in-residence.

**The School of Orchestral Studies (July 22 to August 18):** Students study with the world-class musicians of the Philadelphia Orchestra, while living and working in a professional environment as members of the full orchestra, wind ensemble, or string orchestra. Students are coached in small groups and attend classes in history, literature, and theory of music.

An electronic version of our brochure is attached to this email. Program and audition information can be found on our website at <http://www.oce.nysed.gov/nysssa/>. Thank you so much for your assistance in helping us get the word out about this wonderful program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MaryEllen Elia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MaryEllen Elia  
Commissioner