



***-Working Collaboratively to Ignite a Love for the Arts-
An Art Mentoring Program for Students with Special Needs***

**Sponsored by the New York State Alliance for Arts Education/VSAarts and
The Art Education Department at SUNY New Paltz**

The Arts-2-gether Program

Arts-2-gether: SUNY New Paltz is an art mentoring program uniquely designed for students with special needs, ages 7-21, who have been recommended by their school as having an interest in participating in an expressive art making experience, while working one-on-one with an art mentor.

Once enrolled in the program, each student will be matched with a pre-service, art education intern who is currently completing their art education fieldwork requirements for the Art Education program at SUNY New Paltz. Each student will be matched with their mentor depending upon their individual need and previous art experience.

Program Details

Is there a registration fee to participate?

No! Arts-2-gether is completely free! NYSAAE does ask that a parent and/or guardian provide transportation for their child each week. Parents are not required to stay during the program.

Who is supervising this program?

The program will be supervised by Alice J. Wexler, Ed.D Columbia University, Associate Professor at SUNY New Paltz.

Wexler's expertise is in Special Education and graduate research. She has written many articles on the subject of disability for Art Education journals, such as Studies in Art Education, Visual Arts Research, and the Journal of Social Theory in Art Education. The social and political implications of disability and the crossing of boundaries among fields is often the subject she presents at national and regional conferences. In 2007 she was a visiting scholar at the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies researching art of children from the Stolen Generation.

Questions or comments?

To discuss student enrollment for this program please feel free to contact Sharon Scarlata, NYSAAE Program Manager, at 518-486-7328.

Schedule

First Six Week Session: February 3, 10, 17, 24, and March 3, 10

Second Six Week Session: March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5, 12

(You may sign your child up to participate for both sessions.)

Each session will meet Wednesdays | 3:30PM-4:30PM

Smiley Art Building | Room 102

SUNY New Paltz Campus | 1 Hawk Drive | New Paltz, NY

Directions

Spring 2010 Art Exhibition

Each student will have their work included in the *Spring 2010 Arts-2-gether Exhibition* at SUNY New Paltz's *Rotunda Gallery*. Every student will have one piece of artwork included in the exhibit.

The New York State Alliance for Arts Education (NYSAAE)

Founded in 1973, NYSAAE is located in Albany, NY and advocates for an education rich in all the arts for every student in New York State. With the support of VSAarts, NYSAAE provides support for arts programs (visual, music, literary, etc.), professional development, and cultural access for people with disabilities. Please visit www.nysaae.org and www.vsartnys.org to learn more about NYSAAE and VSAarts.

SUNY New Paltz: Art Education Department

The undergraduate Art Education program is designed to prepare art teachers who are skilled and insightful artists, critics and historians, understand the diverse ways in which people create and respond to art, understand the worlds interests, and are sensitive to a school's purpose and the potential of young people in elementary and secondary schools.

In addition to the strengths of the studio and pedagogical components of the art education program, students participate in 100 hours of fieldwork prior to their student teaching semester. The Art Education fieldwork program offers many opportunities for its majors to observe and assist in a variety of art teaching contexts including schools, museums, agencies and organizations.

Please visit www.newpaltz.edu/arted/overview to learn more about the Art Education Department.

Enroll today!

Applications can be found at <http://www.vsartsnys.org/arts2gether.htm>.