



## CALL FOR ARTISTS

Jefferson Center's INSPIRE artists-in-schools program is currently seeking proposals for music, dance, drama, and visual arts programs to be presented in Roanoke-area schools. Artists and performers are invited to design and submit an educational performance or workshop for consideration for the INSPIRE roster of programs. Jefferson Center will promote accepted programs to schools in the Roanoke City, Roanoke County and Salem City school districts.

We are looking for artists and performers who

- Have a thorough knowledge of their art form and practice or perform their art at a professional level.
- Enjoy working with K-12 students and are able to engage and communicate effectively with groups of students in classroom or assembly settings.
- Are able to convey the cultural or historical background of their art.
- Can design their program to address [Virginia's Standards of Learning](#) at different grade levels.
- Will communicate in a timely fashion with Jefferson Center and are able to commit to school programs scheduled months in advance.
- Are **organized, responsible, dependable** and have **reliable transportation**.

If you would like to be considered for participation in Jefferson Center's INSPIRE program, please complete the following application (also available at [www.jeffcenter.org](http://www.jeffcenter.org)) and submit to Anne Elise Thomas, Educational Programs Coordinator, 541 Luck Ave SW, Suite 221, Roanoke, VA 24016. For more information or to discuss your proposal, contact Anne Elise at (540) 343-2624, ext. 217 or by email at [athomas@jeffcenter.org](mailto:athomas@jeffcenter.org)

**\*\* For the 2008-09 INSPIRE roster, applications must be received on or before February 11, 2008.**

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Imaginatively  
eNgaging  
Students with  
Performance and  
Innovation in  
Roanoke-area  
Education

## **INFORMATION FOR ARTISTS APPLYING FOR JEFFERSON CENTER'S INSPIRE PROGRAM**

Thank you for your interest in applying to Jefferson Center's INSPIRE Artists-In-Schools program. This program creates opportunities for you to perform in front of young audiences, to connect with communities in Roanoke and surrounding areas, and to further develop your skills as a teaching artist.

The mission of Jefferson Center's educational programming is to

- Facilitate cultural programming to meet the needs of Roanoke-area schools and school districts.
- Offer arts and culture programs to address specific SOL objectives.
- Expand access to multicultural programming for a broader segment of Southwest Virginia's population.
- Offer diverse cultural experiences to help students become responsible citizens of their schools, communities, nation, and the global society.

Through the INSPIRE program, we also seek to support local visual and performing artists by creating opportunities for them to interact with schools and other community organizations and to enhance their standing through their association with Jefferson Center, Roanoke's most dynamic and diverse arts presenter. Accepted INSPIRE artists are encouraged to include this designation on their resumé.

The 2007-08 INSPIRE roster currently has 15 artists and groups representing music, dance, and the visual arts. We anticipate maintaining our roster at around this size (15-20 artists). Artists are accepted for a one-year term on the roster with the possibility of extending that term upon favorable review by the members of Jefferson Center's Educational Advisory Committee.

### **Application Process**

Artists interested in joining the INSPIRE roster for 2008-09 should fill out the attached application and return it to Jefferson Center no later than **February 11, 2008**. You will be notified by March 1, 2007 whether you have been accepted for an audition.

Auditions will take place at Jefferson Center on **Thursday, March 13, 2008**. The audition will be a short (5-10 minute) opportunity to present a condensed version of your educational program for a jury of 4-6 teachers and arts administrators from local school districts.

### **Tips for Applicants**

Artists applying for the INSPIRE roster are encouraged to think carefully about the educational goals for your program. Please spend some time on the attached lesson plan to determine what new skills or information you would like the students to come away with as a result of your program, and what activities you would use to convey this information or skills to the students.



**JEFFERSON CENTER INSPIRE PROGRAM**

**ARTIST APPLICATION, 2007-08**

Name of Artist or Group \_\_\_\_\_

If a group, how many members? \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day/evening) \_\_\_\_\_  
(cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Title of school program \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*Include a separate copy of this cover sheet for each program you are proposing \*\*\*\***

Please indicate the type of program you are proposing and the number of students each type of program can accommodate:

\_\_\_\_\_ Performance/Assembly (usually 45-60 minutes) (number of students) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lecture/Demonstration (usually 60-90 minutes) (number of students) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hands-on classroom activity (approx. 60 minutes) (number of students) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Residency [circle one] **full-day** **multi-day** (number of students) \_\_\_\_\_

If multi-day residency, how many days (approx. range)? \_\_\_\_\_

For what grade level(s) will this program be most appropriate? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you presented programs to this age level before? \_\_\_\_\_

(1) What is the rate you would like to receive for the program you propose? \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Is this rate negotiable? If so, please provide a range of fees that you would consider for your program. \_\_\_\_\_

We will make every effort to give you the rate quoted in (1) above; however, it may be to your benefit to be able to negotiate to some degree, and it helps us to know how much room we may have to negotiate with schools on your behalf. (Typical rates charged by artists in the INSPIRE program are: \$150-250 for a solo artist, \$200-300 for a duo and \$400-600 for larger groups)

*Please note that the total amount Jefferson Center charges to schools will include an additional amount (usually 20%) to cover administrative costs of the INSPIRE program.*

Please describe your space or technical requirements/requests. \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, please indicate a "materials fee" per student (school will be charged this fee and you will be reimbursed this amount for the materials you provide):

As separate enclosures, please submit the following:

- Artist bio and resume or other promotional materials.
- Description of previous work in schools or with groups of young people.
- Lesson plan for **each** proposed program (use attached template or create your own based on the attached template).
- Study guide, handouts, or other supporting material.
- Names and contact information (address, e-mail address, phone number) of 2-3 people who can serve as references for your work in schools and with young people.

We recommend, but do not require, that you also submit the following:

- CD or DVD of artist's work

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Submit all materials to:  
Anne Elise Thomas  
Educational Programs Coordinator  
Jefferson Center  
541 Luck Ave, SW, Suite 221  
Roanoke, VA 24016

If you have questions or would like to discuss your proposal, please contact Anne Elise Thomas at (540) 343-2624, ext. 217, or by email at [athomas@jeffcenter.org](mailto:athomas@jeffcenter.org).

**JEFFERSON CENTER INSPIRE PROGRAM  
APPLICATION, PART 2: LESSON PLAN**

Please submit a detailed lesson plan for **each of** your proposed educational program(s). Your thoughtful preparation in planning your program will factor strongly in our decision whether to include your program on the INSPIRE roster. If accepted, this lesson plan will be provided to teachers at schools who request your INSPIRE program. We are looking for teaching artists who have given careful thought to the learning objectives of their program and to how to best work with students to achieve these goals.

You may use this page, or design your own that includes the following categories.

NAME OF ARTIST \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF LESSON \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Time required \_\_\_\_\_

Objectives:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Virginia SOLs addressed (numbers): \_\_\_\_\_

Materials \_\_\_\_\_

Activities:

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Follow-up:

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