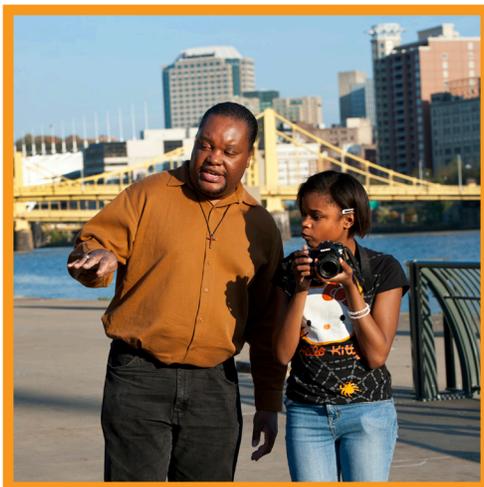


MANCHESTER CRAFTSMEN'S GUILD



ABOUT MCG YOUTH & ARTS

MCG Youth & Arts is a center for arts and learning. Support for this esteemed non-profit comes from various grants, foundations and individual donations. Students may participate in programs including, but not limited to, courses in ceramics, photography, design and digital arts; career and college exposure activities; and exhibits by internationally renowned artists who also conduct workshops with MCG students. Additionally, MCG Youth & Arts hosts a number of educational opportunities for principals, teachers and the community, and offers public access to its two galleries at no cost. All of MCG Youth & Arts' programs are implemented by professional working artists, and maintain an 8:1 student:teacher ratio in order to provide students the attention they need to succeed.

APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (ATP)

The program on which Manchester Craftsmen's Guild was founded 40 years ago, MCG Youth & Arts ATP courses offer high school students of any background the opportunity to refine their art skills in a safe and productive after school environment. ATP courses prepare teens for successful futures by providing nurturing relationships with MCG Teaching Artists who not only empower students to produce and reflect on artwork but who also become mentors to the students. All ATP courses are developed to encourage learning through skill refinement, critical thinking, experiential learning opportunities as well as other activities focused on higher education and career connections. Each trimester, MCG offers 16 unique courses Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, we offer Open Studio, which any enrolled student can work in the studio of their choice.

SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

We believe that students from challenged positions are most in need of arts education. MCG Youth & Arts works in partnership with the Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide rich arts programming to students active with the Office of Children, Youth and Families (CYF).

The arts education and mentoring that these students receive from our teaching artists helps to engage students that are otherwise often difficult to motivate, and the inspiration that begins here carries over into other aspects of their life. While it's difficult to quantify the effect that the Supplemental Education Program has on student attitude and behavior, the results are more than apparent to those who work with these youths on a regular basis.

COURSES FOR EDUCATORS AND ADULTS

Our *Art After Dark* program enables Pittsburgh Public School teachers, as well as other community members, access to high quality tools and materials in MCG studios for continuing education and personal fulfillment. Teachers can earn Act 48 Professional Development hours.

MCG INVITATIONAL

MCG Youth & Arts hosts the annual *MCG Invitational* an annual juried arts exhibition where talented students from the Pittsburgh region compete for accolades and awards exceeding \$100,000. The MCG Invitational seeks to recognize excellence and extol achievement demonstrated by youth in urban and economically disadvantaged communities.

VISITING ARTISTS SERIES

MCG Youth & Arts' Visiting Artists Series connects contemporary artists with Pittsburgh Public high school students through gallery exhibitions, hands-on demonstrations, workshops, and discussions. Recognizing art as a universal form of communication, MCG Youth & Arts promotes cultural discovery and empathy by linking diverse and accomplished artists to young people and their communities.

SUMMER STUDIO

Each summer, MCG offers an exciting opportunity for the Pittsburgh area youth (grades 5-12) to create art in our world-class facility. Use state of the art equipment and professional-grade materials to create one of a kind works of art in our ceramics, photo, design and digital art studios.