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Hudson Maxim School Wins Arts Education Scholarship from Young Audiences

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Dr. Joanne Mullane, Hopatcong Acting Superintendent of Schools, Announces

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Hudson Maxim School Wins Early Childhood Arts Education Scholarship from Young Audiences Grant provides an array of high-quality arts education programming to young learners.

Hudson Maxim School has won an Early Childhood Arts Education Scholarship from Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania (YA). These grants were made possible through the collective support from YA's generous Individual donors. Through the grant, Hudson Maxim School will experience extraordinary and inspiring performances and hands-on workshops delivered by YA's team of professional teaching artists. Each customized program is developed to maximize students' experiences with quality arts programs, provide opportunities to understand the cultural importance of the arts and creativity, and connect to classroom curriculum and their live Hudson Maxim School was one of only nine schools to be selected from the many that applied throughout New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania region.

"We are beyond excited to receive this generous grant," said Katherine McFadden, Principal of Hudson Maxim School. "As a former arts educator, programs like Young Audiences are near and dear to my heart. Providing quality arts programming to our young students has always been a goal at Hudson Maxim School. In these difficult economic times, it is not always possible to bring in a teaching artist, but with the help of Young Audiences we can now continue to offer our students inspiring, arts-rich experiences, including a teaching artist. We are so excited for this opportunity!"

"Hudson Maxim School's application demonstrated a real commitment to offering its students exceptional arts programming—and a need for financial assistance to make that happen," said Michele Russo, President & CEO of Young Audiences. "We look forward to working with Katherine McFadden, Tanya Pagano, Tracie Wiczorek and school staff to plan a curriculum-based, engaging array of arts initiatives for students and teachers." Hudson Maxim School will work with Young Audiences' staff, and their roster of professional teaching artists, to plan high-quality arts programming tailored specifically to the school's unique needs. The grant will provide funding for a variety of initiatives, including:

- professional artist performances at the school
- in-depth, hands-on workshops with professional artists
- family arts and creativity experience for families
- teacher professional learning

For more information about YA's Arts Education Scholarships visit <http://www.yanjep.org>, or contact Michelle L Marigliano at Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania, at 866-500-9265 or mmarigliano@yanjep.org.

About Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania

Founded in 1973, Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania is the premier arts-in-education resource in the region, providing high-quality performances and artist-in-residence programs to schools in all 21 counties of New Jersey and the 7 easternmost counties of Pennsylvania. Young Audiences' extensive professional artist roster represents all art forms—from dance and theater to music, language and visual arts. Since its founding, the organization has reached over 12 million children with essential arts education experiences. A not-for-profit organization, Young Audiences' programs are accessible to all socio-economic, ethnic, cultural, and geographic communities, and are designed to strengthen the arts in schools, meet local and state curriculum standards, involve families in arts activities, and enrich cultural life in New Jersey and Pennsylvania communities. Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania is the first arts education organization designated as a major service organization by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and, as part of the national network of Young Audiences, Inc., was awarded the National Medal of Arts by President Clinton. Young Audiences programs are made possible in part through a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State and Pennsylvania Council of the Arts. Additional funding comes from foundations, corporations and generous individuals. To learn more, visit www.yanjep.org. To be “social” with us, join us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter @YANJEPA and on Instagram @young_audiences_njepa.

