

ArtAccess

at Sharon Arts Center

About the NEW Teen Program



ArtAccess

with Tim Donovan

October through May

Thursdays 3-6PM & 1 Saturday each month



ArtAccess is an intensive program at Sharon Arts for **high school juniors and seniors** who interested in and who can benefit from increased exposure to and experience in the visual arts as they and strengthen their portfolios and become more well-rounded artists. Students meet weekly at the SAC School throughout the school year (October - May) to explore technical and theoretical aspects of art, explore possible career paths, and investigate their creative potential. Beyond our studios, students will meet with artists and craftspeople, curators, gallerists, and other art professionals and will take field trips to museums, galleries, and studios beyond the region. Through this program, students will enhance and strengthen language, awareness, and perception of the art world and, just as important—why they create art. With this knowledge and hands on experience, they will be able to effectively build, as well as comment on, their portfolios with peers and artists they meet along the way. In addition to their weekly meetings, students will be encouraged to participate in volunteer projects that will contribute to increasing awareness of the importance of art in our community. A collaborative exhibit is the group's final project where they will design invitations, write publicity, mat, frame, and install their own show.

Fall Tuition: Members \$235, Non-Members \$255

Mail the completed 2006-07 application to Sharon Arts by **September 15**. After all applications are reviewed, selected students will have a portfolio review and interview before 15-20 students are hand-selected as this year's participants. Open to students from high schools throughout the Monadnock Region, 15-20 students will be selected from different districts to participate.

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Applicant Info:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____

High School _____

Art Teacher Name _____

Grade you will be enrolled in Fall 2006 _____

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability (typed please). Attach responses to this application.

1. Describe the role that art currently plays in your life, as well as your hopes for the role that art will play in your future?
2. How do you feel you would benefit from involvement in the ArtAccess program?
3. What artists inspire and inform you and your work (can be well known, or never heard of!)? Select one artist from your list and write 2-4 paragraphs about their work. Be as descriptive as you can about what you feel makes it successful and how it inspires you. (Please include a photo or copy if you can.)
4. Describe an especially meaningful arts experience that took place outside your classroom. What made it meaningful? How did you apply this experience to your own art? What do you feel are your artistic (technical) strengths and weaknesses? Discuss one weakness and how this program can make a difference.
5. What aspects of art are you most interested in exploring (technique, new media, museums, etc?)
6. Attendance throughout the school year is essential to your success and the overall success of the program. Do you foresee anything that will get in the way or conflict with your ability to regularly attend classes?
7. ArtAccess will provide students with unparalleled opportunities, but it also has expectations that participants will "give back" to Sharon Arts and the community through their dedication, hard work and desire to connect others to art- especially their peers. In what ways do you feel that you could contribute towards this effort?

2006-07 **Application**

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Please enclose **one letter of recommendation** from a teacher, mentor, or other adult (not a parent) who has played a role in your artistic growth and development. Letter should be mailed to: Melanie McDonald, Dir. Of Education, Sharon Arts Center, 457 NH Route 123, Sharon, NH 03458.

Name of student you are recommending _____

Your name _____

Your phone # _____

Your email _____

Relationship to student _____

Please consider the following questions when writing in support of this student:

What makes this student an exceptional candidate for the ArtAccess Program?
How do you feel this student would benefit from this program if he/she is accepted?
Commitment and hard work are an important part of participation in this program.
Describe your experiences working with this student individually, and in a group or team environment.

Letter of Recommendation

