

**United States Senate**  
**Washington, D.C. 20510**

**The Honorable Charles E. Schumer**

**PROCLAMATION**

**Whereas:** On the eighteenth of March in the year two thousand and fourteen, Young Audiences New York will host events in New York City celebrating Young Audiences positive impact in New York as well its national impact on arts education in schools across the country; and

**Whereas:** National Young Audiences believes that an arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for students. Arts in education enable students to develop critical thinking, creativity, and alternative ways to communicate and express emotions, both inside and outside the classroom. The three New York affiliates have worked with nearly a half a million students every year and continue to expand; and

**Whereas:** For 60 years Young Audience New York has dedicated its time to arts education and helping children to become lifelong learners, ensuring students excel in college and in their career. The Ford Foundation's Good Neighbor Committee in collaboration with the YA's Literature to Life program have allowed ninth and tenth graders to explore their creativity and put on six full scale theatrical adaptations of American literature; and

**Whereas:** Host to 162 teaching artist with 1,197 workshops for over 141,382 students in 149 schools, Young Audiences of Rochester has collaborated with community partners for over fifty years and to enrich the lives of youngsters. With collaborations ranging from The Rochester Institute of Technology's Center for Entrepreneurship, the Rochester Broadway Theater League to the Rochester Latino Theater Company, Young Audiences of Rochester and its partners have encouraged generations of youngsters to follow their dreams and further educate themselves; and

**Whereas:** Celebrating 50 years of excellence, Young Audiences of Western New York has collaborated with Buffalo State College and Buffalo public schools to engage children as well as adults, build understanding and consensus. Through the Erie County Departments of Mental Health and Social Services YAWNY initiated an after-school program for at-risk teens helping build stronger, smarter communities through the arts; and therefore

**We It Known:** That I, Senator Charles E. Schumer, do hereby recognize and observe with those gathered here today to honor Young Audience New York for its commitment to further arts education in New York.



**Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the Year  
Two Thousand and Fourteen**

*Charles Schumer*

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