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**Young Audiences Arts for Learning will Host more than 200 Events and Programs across the US in Celebration of National Young Audiences Arts for Learning Week, March 15– March 21, 2015**

**NYC Flagship Event hosted by Young Audiences New York will take place on March 18**

New York, NY – February 19, 2015 – Young Audiences Arts for Learning (YA) is proud to announce The National Young Audiences Arts for Learning Week (YA Week). The YA network is raising awareness for arts and education initiatives in schools and community venues by celebrating YA Week with public programming and special events. It will be observed around the country by 25 Young Audiences affiliates in 22 states.

In New York City, the festivities will be kicked off with a lively panel discussion to address the opportunity gap in NYC and how arts organizations can help leverage the arts to close this gap for all of NYC children. The national organization of Young Audiences is partnering with our affiliate in New York City, Young Audiences New York to create this event that will take place on Wednesday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Crowell & Moring Law Offices, 590 Madison Avenue. The panelists will include leaders from the educational and corporate communities, and arts organizations. They will share their unique perspective on how all of us in the five boroughs can arrive at a sustainable solution.

“We are excited to be working with Young Audiences New York to create this important event that addresses such a timely and pertinent issue in New York City” states David A. Dik, YA’s National Executive Director.

Established in 1952, Young Audiences' mission is to inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts. As the nation's largest arts in education learning network, Young Audiences serves more than 5 million children and youth each year in 8,984 schools and community centers across the country through its diverse network of 30 affiliates.

**The participating Young Audiences affiliates are:**

Arts for Learning Connecticut  
Arts for Learning Indiana  
Arts for Learning, Miami Florida  
Arts for Learning, Woodruff Arts Center, Atlanta, Georgia  
Arts Partners Wichita, Kansas  
Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education, Chicago, Illinois  
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning, Ohio  
COMPAS, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Kansas City Young Audiences, Missouri  
Springboard, St. Louis, Missouri  
Think 360 Arts for Learning, Denver, Colorado  
Young Audiences Maryland  
Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania  
Young Audiences New York  
Young Audiences of Houston  
Young Audiences of Louisiana  
Young Audiences of Massachusetts  
Young Audiences of Northeast Texas  
Young Audiences of Oregon & SW Washington  
Young Audiences of Northern California  
Young Audiences of Rochester, New York  
Young Audiences of San Diego, California  
Young Audiences of Southeast Texas  
Young Audiences of Virginia  
Young Audiences of Western New York

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