

**THE STATE OF MARYLAND
PROCLAMATION**

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

**YOUNG AUDIENCES ARTS FOR LEARNING WEEK
MARCH 16 – 22, 2014**

Whereas Young Audiences/Arts for Learning Maryland is the founding chapter of the largest arts-in-education network, Young Audiences Arts for Learning, which was formed in 1950; and

Whereas Young Audiences/Arts for Learning Maryland impacts nearly 170,000 students, families, educators, and artists annually with valuable arts-in-education programs; and

Whereas Young Audiences/Arts for Learning Maryland presents more than 9,000 assemblies, workshops, artist-in-residence programs, and professional development services in schools each year, totaling more than 232,000 learning hours for students and educators; and

Whereas Young Audiences/Arts for Learning Maryland partners with more than 400 schools and community organizations in 23 Maryland school districts annually; and

Whereas Young Audiences/Arts for Learning Maryland ensures the highest standards of arts-in-education programs by partnering with more than 110 professional teaching artists from across the state; and

Whereas Young Audiences/Arts for Learning Maryland provides valuable professional development training to artists to foster a community among artists, empowering them to use their talents to inspire students in the classroom; and

Whereas Young Audiences/Arts for Learning Maryland creates and disseminates learning resources to educators for inspiring children through the arts by providing more than 10,600 hours of arts-integrated professional development services to Maryland educators.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim March 16-22, 2014 as YOUNG AUDIENCES/ARTS FOR LEARNING WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.