

## **Teen Reviewers and Critics (TRaC) Fall 2019 Application Preview**

Applying to become a **TRaC participant** takes only a few simple steps outlined below. If you have additional questions about TRaC or about the application process, contact Teen Programs Manager, Kristina Gonzalez at [Gonzalezk@artsconnection.org](mailto:Gonzalezk@artsconnection.org) or (212) 302-7433 ext. 456

1. **Eligibility.** High school students in New York City are eligible to participate in this program.
2. **Schedule.** Dates and times for each class are listed below.

### Theater TRaC

WEDNESDAYS, 4:30-6:30, Oct. 12-Dec. 14 with Tiffany Barrett at ART-NY

Discuss and write about theater, playwriting, musicals and more! Past performances and venues include: *Kinky Boots*, *Wicked*, The Public Theater, and Signature Theatre.

\* Additional mandatory workshops will be held on October 12 and December 14

### Visual Arts TRaC

WEDNESDAYS, 4:30-6:30, Oct. 12-Dec. 14 with Nate Sensel at Museum of Arts and Design

Discuss and write about the visual arts: painting, sculpture, installation and more! Past venues include: El Museo del Barrio, The New Museum, The Brooklyn Museum, and various artist studios.

\*Additional mandatory workshops will be held on October 12 and December 14

### Film TRaC

THURSDAYS, 4:30-6:30, Oct. 12-Dec. 14 with Diego Leclery at ART-NY

Discuss and write about film, acting and more! Past screenings and venues include: *CREED*, *La Ciudad*, Museum of the Moving Image, and Lincoln Center Cinema.

\*Additional mandatory workshops will be held on October 12 and December 14

\*\*Additional screenings on 2 Fridays throughout the semester.

### Multi-arts TRaC

FRIDAYS, 4:30-6:30, Oct. 12-Dec. 14 with Brian McCormick at Art-NY

Discuss, write about and create digital media content in response to diverse art forms. Past performances and venues include: Bronx Gothic, The Museum of Arts and Design, The Kitchen, and WNYC.

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### Music TRaC

FRIDAYS, 4:30-6:30, Oct. 12-Dec. 14 with Keenan Higgins at ART-NY

Discuss and write about music artists, concerts, new releases and more! Past concerts and venues include: Miguel, Erykah Badu at the Brooklyn Museum, Gramercy Theatre, and The Apollo Theater.

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3. **Click on *Log-In and Apply*.** For new registrants this will allow you to set up a profile and see other open applications in Teen Programs. Be sure to include your most accurate contact information in the bio so we can communicate with you. Do not include email addresses or phone numbers that you rarely use.

**Check the *Open Applications* list and start the *Teen Reviewers and Critics Application*.** The application asks you a few questions about your availability to attend meetings, your interest in the program, and your experience working in groups. We strongly recommend that you read over your answers before submitting your application to ensure they are clear. Here are the questions we ask you to answer on the application:

- a. Please rank your preference for each TRaC, listing your first choice at the top and your last choice at the bottom.

The 5 TRaC sections will be listed (*see previous page*). Please rank your choices from top to bottom (top = First Choice; bottom=Last Choice). Please consider your interests as well as your schedule when ranking your choices. Make sure that you are available for the time listed. While we'd like to accommodate everyone with their first choice, there is always the chance that you may be placed in your second choice TRaC. Please be mindful of your academic and extracurricular schedules when choosing your rankings.

- b. TRaC is a fun, but serious commitment that depends on each participant's punctuality and communication. Will you be able to be ON TIME for and ATTEND ALL weekly workshops from 4:30-6:30pm?\*

Yes, definitely!

No, my school gets out too late.

Maybe, it depends on my schedule

Most of the time, although I have few conflicts that I can tell you about

- c. Will you be able to check your email for weekly schedule updates from TRaC instructors/program director?\*

Yes, definitely! I'm always online and in the know.

No, I do not have regular access to email.

I don't usually check my email that often, but I will make an exception for TRaC.

- d. In addition to weekly workshops, TRaC participants are also required to attend 5 additional and mandatory performances (shows, plays, concerts, galleries, etc.) with their TRaC group. While most performances occur immediately following workshop, some might take place on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays. Will you be able to attend these additional performances?\*

Yes, definitely!

No, not at all. I have no extra free time.

Only a few.

Probably, I'd just have to check my schedule.

- e. Since most performances have approximate running times between 2-3 hours, TRaC may dismiss as late as 10pm on days when performances are scheduled. Do you have permission from your parents to participate and stay out until 10pm?\*

If your parents have any questions or concerns about dismissal times, please have them contact Teen Programs Manager, Kristina Gonzalez, at [gonzalezk@artsconnection.org](mailto:gonzalezk@artsconnection.org) or (212) 302-7433 ext. 456

Yes, definitely!

No, my parents are not comfortable with that.

I hope so, but they might have some concerns (please see above).

- f. Why do you want to participate in your first choice TRaC program? Would you consider enrollment in your second choice?\*
- g. What role do the arts play in your life?  
Please describe an experience you had working in a group. What were some successes? What were some challenges?
- h. Describe an experience that made you see things in a new way or challenged your thinking.
- i. What are some skills or qualities you hold that would be important to the program?
- j. What other internships, after-school programs, or extracurricular activities have you participated in (in or out of school)? Are you currently participating in any of these programs?
- k. If you have participated in the TRaC program before, what do you hope to gain by participating again? Skip this question if you have not participated in TRaC before.
- l. Have you participated in any other great ArtsConnection Teen Programs?\*

Select all that apply

High 5 Tickets to the Arts

Teen Advisory Council

Student Art Program

Pizza and a Movie Night

Art2Art

Freelancers' Corps

Teens Curate Teens

ArtsConnection Internship

In-school Program with ArtsConnection

If selected, this will be my first ArtsConnection program.

- m. Is there anything else you would like to share? A peculiar hobby or talent? A food you just won't eat? Your favorite artist? Tell us something about yourself that stands out!

4. **Save and submit your application.** You can save your application and work on it later if you need to by clicking the **SAVE** button at the bottom of the screen. This is a great tool if you need more time to think about your answers. Just keep in mind that you will have to log in to the Teen Application Portal to complete and submit your application in order for it to be reviewed for the program. Once you submit the application, then you'll receive a confirmation email telling you that we have your application.
  
5. **Application Timeline.** Applications must be submitted no later than the **EXTENDED DEADLINE Sunday, September 29**. Select applicants will be invited to interview for the program.