ARTSAGE LAUNCHES THIRD YEAR OF TEACHING ARTIST TRAINING
ARTS & AGING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE
Application Deadline — September 1, 2014

Wayzata, MN (August 1, 2014) - September 1 is the deadline for Minnesota teaching artists to apply for a professional development opportunity to increase their skills in working with older adults.

ArtSage seeks 20 professional teaching artists from throughout Minnesota who have a serious and committed interest in working with older adults in various facility care settings for a year-long BASIC Training Program, and 10 professional teaching artists who have completed the ArtSage Basic Training Program in years I or II for an ADVANCED level three-month practicum with a mentor.

ArtSage, a Minnesota nonprofit, is a connector, convener, and catalyst in the field of arts and aging. ArtSage provides training for teaching artists interested in working with older adults, consulting services to arts groups and senior-serving organizations, and resources on arts and aging. This is the third year of the Arts & Aging Professional Development Initiative.

Using a curriculum created by ArtSage, local arts and aging experts and mentors will lead the training. NEW FOR 2014-15, ArtSage will offer two levels of training: BASIC level, for those who have never participated in Arts & Aging training before, and an ADVANCED level for artists who have completed ArtSage training in years I and II, and wish to expand their skills through focused instruction in a secondary art form or in a specific care area like memory loss. The training is highly experiential, giving participants a chance to observe and practice activities and processes.

- more -
The Training Initiative Mentors for 2014-2015 include: Jeanie Brindley-Barnett (MacPhail Center for Music), Joey Clark (MacPhail Center for Music), Zoë Bird (Alzheimer’s Poetry Project-MN); Parker Genné (Kairos Alive!) and visual artist Michèle Coppin.

To apply, artists should complete either the BASIC or ADVANCED application, add attachments, and submit by September 1, 2014 by 5PM (this is a receipt, not a postmark deadline).

LINKS:

» [More information on the Artist Training Initiative](#)

» [BASIC Training Application](#)

» [ADVANCED Training Application](#)

For more information on the ArtSage Teaching Artist training program, visit our website at [www.artsagemn.org](http://www.artsagemn.org) or contact [megan@artsagemn.org](mailto:megan@artsagemn.org).

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.