

2016-2017 APPLICATION - PRINT STUDENT NAME _____

ART READY: Smack Mellon's Professional Artist Mentorship Program for High School Students

ELIGIBILITY: Open to students in grades 10-12, living in New York City

PROGRAM DATES: November 2, 2016 to May 24, 2017

PROGRAM TIMES: Wednesday afternoons, 4:00-6:30pm*

LOCATION: Smack Mellon Gallery, 92 Plymouth Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

From November to December the group will meet at Smack Mellon and will depart for studio visits at 4:00pm. From January through May students will go directly from school to their Artist Mentor's Studio. *Note special dates: Sunday, November 13, 2016 and Thursday, May 4, 2017

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thursday, October 19, 2016, 4pm (received in office)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION – The Program is FREE for Participants

Overview

Art Ready is a mentorship program designed to give high school students the opportunity to experience firsthand what it is like to be a professional working in a visual arts discipline. Students will meet a wide range of artists from emerging to well known and be mentored by professional artists. Students who complete *Art Ready* will be informed, educated and prepared to make a decision about pursuing a future career in the arts.

About the Organization

Smack Mellon's mission is to nurture and support emerging, under-recognized mid-career and women artists in the creation and exhibition of new work, by providing exhibition opportunities, studio workspace, and access to equipment and technical assistance for the realization of ambitious projects. We see ourselves as a vehicle whereby under-represented artists can create, explore and exhibit their creative ideas outside the concerns of the commercial art world, offering many artists the exposure and recognition they deserve. In 2007, Smack Mellon initiated *Art Ready* to extend its artistic services to creative high school students.

Group Visits

From November to December, the group of 20 high school students visits Artist Mentor studios. *Art Ready* visits artists in the fields of graphic design, sculpture, painting, video, photography, accessories design, collage and drawing. Visits take place Wednesday afternoons 4:00-6:30pm.

Artist Mentorships

After the group has visited all the Mentors, each student works with an Artist Mentor from January through May in the Mentor's studio. Students attend their mentorships in groups of up to 4 students, from 4:00-6:30pm on Wednesdays. Our Artist Mentors are a varied group of professionals that represent the ethnic and artistic diversity of NYC. In keeping with Smack Mellon's mission, a majority of the Mentors are women. Our Mentors are also selected based on their interest in sharing their knowledge, experience and skills with students, and all have prior teaching or mentoring experience. All are successful in their field.

Field Trips

During the mentorship period students continue to meet as a group for gallery and museum trips. Past field trips have included a tour of the Brooklyn Museum and an art-making workshop at Urban Glass.

Final Exhibition

Art Ready culminates in an exhibition of work created during the program in Smack Mellon's 6,000 square foot gallery space. Smack Mellon hosts an evening opening reception for students, mentors, families and friends that is also advertised to the general public.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please answer the questions on all sections of the application honestly and to the best of your ability. The information in your application is strictly confidential and will only be used by Smack Mellon staff and mentors for the purpose of best meeting the needs of our program participants. Finalists will be contacted for an interview with Smack Mellon's Programs Manager. You must also provide the name and contact info for a teacher or counselor at your school or another youth program who can be contacted as a reference.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- () Part 1: Completed Application Form
- () Part 2: Completed Essay Questions typed in 12-point font on a separate piece of paper labeled with your name and attached to this Application Form
- () Part 3: Two (2) Artwork Samples labeled with your name. **DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINAL ARTWORK**
- () Part 4: Release Form signed by a Parent/Guardian
- () Part 5: Permission to Use Photographs Release Form signed by a Parent/Guardian

Part 1. APPLICATION FORM

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____ Apt. _____ City/Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Gender: _____ Preferred Pronoun (i.e. she, he, they): _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

Best way to communicate with Student (circle 1): cell phone, home phone, text, email

What language/s are spoken at home: _____

What neighborhood do you live in? _____

What train/s are near your school and home? _____

Referring Teacher's Name: _____ Teacher's Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Teacher's Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian:

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____

Cell Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian's Email Address: _____

Best way to communicate with Parent/Guardian (circle 1): cell phone, home phone, text, email

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Please circle the group/s with which you most identify:

African/Caribbean American Asian/Pacific Islander Latino/a
 American Indian/Eskimo Caucasian Other _____

Do you qualify for free or reduced lunch at school? (Please circle one)

Yes No Not sure (Ask your parent/guardian if you're not sure.)

Please circle the choice below that best describes your experience with art:

a) I have never taken an art class before c) I have taken art in elementary and middle school d) I have taken art in elementary, middle, and high school
 b) I have taken art only in elementary school e) I have taken one or more art classes outside of school

Please circle any of the below art fields you have studied before:

a) Drawing d) Fashion design g) Video/animation
 b) Painting e) Graphic design h) College art portfolio prep
 c) Jewelry design f) Photography i) Other _____

Please circle any of the below experiences you had before doing *Art Ready*:

a) Internship or job c) Working with a professional artist e) Visit/s to art museum/s
 b) Mentorship (with any adult) d) Visit/s to contemporary art gallery/ies f) Visit/s to artist studios

Part 2: ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please tell us why you should be chosen for this program by answering each of the questions below in 1 to 2 paragraph responses and typed in 12-point font on a separate piece of paper labeled with your name and attached to this application. We will not consider hand-written responses. You may wish to ask a teacher or another adult to proofread your responses before you submit your application.

1. How did you find out about *Art Ready*?
2. Why do you want to do *Art Ready*? What are the main things you want to learn?
3. Please describe any previous experiences with art, including classes you've taken, internships you've held or awards you've received, for example. What role does art play in your life? (Formal classes are not required as long as you are passionate about art.)
4. Please describe your artwork. What issues, subject matter and ideas inspire your work? What materials do you like to use?
5. Please list or describe any museums or art galleries you have visited before.
6. Are you interested in pursuing a career in art? Yes / No / Maybe
7. Indicate below if you're committed to other extracurricular programs in the fall or spring. Continue on separate page labeled with your name, if needed.

Day of Week	Time/s	Program/Activity	Dates

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Part 3: TWO ARTWORK SAMPLES LABELED WITH YOUR NAME IN EITHER FORMAT:

- **SCANNED AND EMAILED TO edonnelly@smackmellon.org - WITH FILES LABELED LastName_FirstName1, LastName_FirstName2 WITH APPLICATION**
- **PHOTOCOPIES OF ARTWORK LABELED WITH YOUR NAME AND MAILED TO ERIN DONNELLY, SMACK MELLON, 92 PLYMOUTH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11201 OR FAXED TO 718-834-5233 WITH APPLICATION**
- **DO NOT SUBMIT ORIGINAL ARTWORK**

IF INVITED FOR AN INTERVIEW AT SMACK MELLON, PLEASE CHECK ANY/ALL OF THE DATE/S YOU ARE AVAILABLE:

- () Wednesday, October 19, 3-5pm
- () Thursday, October 20, 3-5pm
- () Friday, October 21, 3-5pm

- () Wednesday, October 26, 3-5pm
- () Thursday, October 27, 3-5pm

PROGRAM POLICIES

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that this opportunity requires a serious time commitment of every Wednesday from November 2, 2016-May 24, 2017, 4:00-6:30pm and other special dates communicated in advance and if accepted into the program, I will maintain good attendance and punctuality.

If selected for this program, I agree to follow and sign the program's code of conduct including being punctual, following directions, participating in group activities/discussion and being respectful towards other people and property. I will behave with maturity, show a positive attitude, and keep an open mind.

Attendance/Lateness policy: If you have three (3) unexcused absences, or more than four (4) latenesses, you will be expelled from the program. For an absence or lateness to be excused, you must: 1) Notify Smack Mellon's Programs Manager ahead of time; 2) Bring a note, or arrange a phone call, from your parent, teacher or doctor explaining the reason for your lateness/absence. Only unavoidable circumstances will be excused. Students with the best attendance and punctuality records have the best chance of getting their first choice of mentors.

STUDENT:

I have read and understood these program policies. I agree to abide by these policies at all times during Art Ready.

Print Student Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

I have read these program policies and agree to help my child follow the code of conduct, and to support Smack Mellon staff by encouraging my child's best behavior as well as good attendance and punctuality.

Print
Parent/Guardian Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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Part 4: RELEASE FORM

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in *Art Ready*. I understand that the length of involvement is November 2, 2016 to May 24, 2017, Wednesday afternoons 4:00-6:30pm with occasional other dates, and that during the mentorship period of the program (January-May 2017) my son/daughter will be traveling to and attending his/her mentorship at the Artist Mentor's studio without the supervision of a Smack Mellon employee. Furthermore, I give permission for my son/daughter to go on field trips off-site using public transportation. I understand that my son/daughter will be traveling home alone from these trips, and may need to travel alone directly from school to the trip site. A complete calendar with the trip locations will be provided at the start of the program.

THIS IS A RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS. READ BEFORE SIGNING.

By signing this document I agree that, to the maximum extent permitted by law, I hereby release, waive and discharge, for myself and my child, *Art Ready*, Smack Mellon, the Artist Mentors, and their affiliates, trustees, officers, directors, board members, joint venturers, employees, agents, staff members, and others acting with them or on their behalf ("Releasees") from any and all liability for injury, loss, damage, obligation, expense or penalty, including attorneys' fees, that I or my child may cause or sustain to person or property in connection with my child's participation in *Art Ready*. I am aware of possible injury that may occur during any activities of *Art Ready* and I am willing to assume those risks. I understand that the Releasees may not have medical personnel available on-site, and may not maintain liability or other insurance coverage for *Art Ready* participants or programs, and I agree that Releasees assume no responsibility for any injury or damage that might arise out of or in connection with my child's participation in any *Art Ready* activity. By signing below, I and my child knowingly and voluntarily assume all such risks, and assume sole responsibility for any accident or injury to myself, my child, and other persons or property arising out of or in connection with my child's participation in *Art Ready*.

In signing this Release and Waiver, I represent that I have read its contents, that I understand it and that I sign it voluntarily and on my and my child's behalf as my own free act and deed. I further state that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, am fully competent to sign this document and that I execute this Release in consideration of my child's participation in *Art Ready*, fully intending to be bound by same. In case of emergency I hereby authorize the doctor, hospital, paramedical unit and/or any other healthcare provider to which my child is brought (and whomever they may designate as their assistant) to perform any emergency medical procedure or operation, to give treatment and the administration of an anesthetic to my child. I release the Releasees from any and all liability, which might arise in connection with this medical authorization. I understand that the Releasees will not be held responsible for any medical expenses associated with this emergency care.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Emergency Contact Info for Student:

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI: _____

Cell Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Emergency Contact's Email Address: _____

Best way to communicate with Emergency Contact (circle 1): cell phone, home phone, text, email

Please List Any Student Allergies: _____

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Part 5: PERMISSION TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS RELEASE FORM

FOR _____ **(PRINT NAME OF STUDENT)**

I, _____ (print name), hereby irrevocably agree and consent that **Smack Mellon**, its affiliates, successors and assigns (collectively, "**Smack Mellon**"), may take, publish, modify, copyright, and/or use photographs, videos, pictures, or other images of the student named above, in any manner and in all forms of media, now or in the future for **Smack Mellon's** promotional, educational, and/or editorial purposes or any other lawful purpose.

I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless **Smack Mellon**, and their officers, directors, employees and agents from any liability in connection with the publication, modification and/or use of the student's photographs, pictures or images.

I understand and agree that **Smack Mellon**, and others may use finished products containing the student's likeness, and in some cases, name, without my prior inspection or approval, and I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect and/or approve the finished product.

I am the parent or legal guardian of the student named above, and I have the legal authority to sign this Permission to Use Photographs, which I have read and fully understand and accept.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

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