



Arts-Making TRaC Spring 2021 Application Preview

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Applying to become an **Arts-Making TRaC participant** takes only a few simple steps outlined below. This Spring (February – May) ArtsConnection is piloting a new FREE program that brings together teens interested in working collaboratively to create a multi-arts project based on a theme they will choose. If you have additional questions about Arts-Making TRaC or about the application process, contact Teen Programs Manager, Amanda Guest at GuestA@artsconnection.org.

1. **Eligibility:** Any NYC public high school student in grades 9-12. Priority is given to high school students (10-12 graders) who have participated previously in any ArtsConnection Teen Program. This includes participants in Teens Curate Teens, TRaC, TAC, Student Art Program Exhibitions, Interns, Pizza and a Movie, and participants in any of our Teen Programs at specific New York City High Schools.
2. **Application Process:**
 - a. Submit your online application by the **deadline: Sunday, January 24 at 11:59pm**
 - b. Selected applicants will be invited to online group interviews at 4:30 pm or 5:30 pm on Wednesday January 27, Monday February 1 or Wednesday February 3. Please make sure you are available on at least one of those dates and times.
 - c. Applicants will be notified by February 5 of your application status.
3. **Arts-Making TRaC Schedule:**

Dates and times for each class are listed below.
Day of the Week: Mondays from 4:30 - 6:30 PM
Date range: **Monday, February 8 through Monday, May 24.**

program includes:

- Industry professionals as guest speakers
- Guided arts experiences
- \$100 Blick gift card for materials
- \$140 stipend upon completion of program (minimum attendance 12 sessions including final session required)
- skill building workshops in digital media and performance

4. **TO APPLY:**

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 *Arts-Making TRaC Application*. The application asks you a few questions about your availability to attend workshops, your interest in the program, and your experience working in groups.

Your Application: 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. Arts-Making TRaC is an amazing opportunity and a serious commitment that depends on each participant's punctuality and communication. Will you be able to be ON TIME for and ATTEND ALL weekly virtual 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

- b. Will you be able to check your email for weekly schedule updates from Teen Programs Manager Amanda Guest?

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 On TRaC.

- c. Why do you want to participate in Arts-Making TRaC?
- d. Please describe an experience you had working as part of a group? What were some successes? What were some challenges?
- e. Share with us three skills or qualities you can bring to the arts-making process. (example: specific visual art, dance, theater, music experience/training etc.)
- f. What do you hope to learn from a collaborative arts-making process?
- g. What themes/stories would you like to explore artistically with the collaborative group?
- h. In addition to weekly workshops, Arts-Making TRaC participants may be asked to meet in person for a socially distanced visit. While it is not required, please let us know if you will be able to attend.

Yes, definitely!

No, not at all.

Probably, I just have to check with my parent/guardian

- i. Have you participated or are you applying to participate in any ArtsConnection Teen Programs? If so, please specify which ones.

Pizza and a Movie Night (PaaM)

Teens Curate Teens-curator (TCT)

Teens Curate Teens-artist (TCT)

Student Art Program – Exhibitions

Teen Reviewers and Critics (TRaC)

ArtsConnection Internship

Teen Advisory Council (TAC)

Art2Art

OnTRaC

If selected, this will be my first ArtsConnection Program

I attend one of the following schools:

Bronx Lab School

High School of Fashion Industries
International High School at Prospect Heights
MACS
Satellite Academy

- j. Are you currently participating in any other after-school programs? If so, what are you doing?
 - k. Is there anything else you would like to share with us? i.e. How do you plan to use this program to prepare you for your future? Why is now the right time for you to be in this collaborative arts-making program?
5. **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, you'll receive a confirmation email telling you that we have your application.
6. **Participate in a group interview.** Once we receive your application, we will reach out to schedule a time for you to come in for a group interview on Wednesday January 27th, Monday February 1st or Wednesday February 3rd at 4:30 or 5:30 pm. Please make sure your schedule allows you to attend one date and time. Group interviews are about 30 minutes long and offer a chance for you to meet the leaders of the program and the other students who have applied.
7. **Application Timeline.** Applications must be submitted no later than **deadline: Sunday, January 24 at 11:59 pm**. Select applicants will be invited to interview for the program. All applicants will be notified of their application status on or before Friday, February 5. The first workshop will occur virtually on Monday February 8 at 4:30 pm.

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