



Arts-Making TRaC Spring 2022 Application Preview

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Applying to be in Arts-Making TRaC takes only a few steps outlined below.

If you are curious about collaborating with and connecting to other creative teens that represent a cross-section of the talent and creativity in the NYC public schools, this program is for you!

This Spring, (February- June) ArtsConnection invites you to participate in our virtual program with teens interested in working collaboratively to create a multi-arts project based on a theme you all will choose.

In this document we aim to answer any questions you may have about the application process and give you a preview of every part of the online application. If you have additional questions about Arts-Making TRaC or how to apply, contact Amanda Guest, Teen Programs Manager at GuestA@artsconnection.org

1. **Eligibility:** Any NYC public high school student in grades 10-12. All interested teens are encouraged to apply, but priority maybe given to high school students 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: Monday, January 17, at 11:59pm**
 - b. Attend a Virtual group interview on January 19, 20, or 21 at 4:30pm and 5:30pm. (round 1) Select applicants may be invited to round 2 interviews on January 26, 27 or 28 at 5:30pm. Please make sure you are available on at least one of those dates and times, or contact Amanda Guest at guesta@artsconnection.org.
 - c. Applicants will be notified by January 31 of your application status.
3. **Arts-Making TRaC Schedule:**

Date range: 16 sessions on zoom: Monday, February 7 through Monday, June 13.
Day and Time: Mondays from 4:30 - 6:30 PM
Session dates: 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/31, 6/6, 6/13
(Note: All sessions meet on Mondays except for Tuesday 5/31.)

program includes:

- Industry professionals as instructors and guest speakers
- Guided arts experiences; collaborative work using a variety of arts media
- \$100 Blick gift card for materials
- \$140 stipend upon completion of program (minimum attendance 14 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 (i) set up a profile and (ii) see all 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.

Checklist in advance of applying:

- Check all the dates to see if you can attend all sessions
- Think about why you want to do this program
- This year in addition to writing answers to questions, you can let us know about yourself with a video or still images or short written piece as part of your application, so you can get that ready in advance. (For details, see question (i) below)

Here are all of the application questions:

- a. Why do you want to participate in Arts-Making TRaC?
- b. We know some folks might prefer to show or speak rather than write. If you would like to, please share a link to a short video or sound recording (2 mins max) that shows/expresses who you are as an artist, or what inspires you, or images of what you make. Please make sure this is a link we can access. This does not have to be professional level recording. (This is optional)
- c. 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
- d. 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 Arts-Making TRaC.
- e. Please describe three skills or qualities you will bring to the collaborative arts-making process. (be specific about your theater/acting, dance, visual art, film, or music experience ...etc.)
- f. Please describe an experience you had working as part of a group? What were some successes? What were some challenges?

- g. What do you hope to learn from a collaborative arts-making process?
- h. We look forward to folks of all different identities being part of this group. Please tell us anything you are comfortable sharing about who you are and how you identify; what is important to you as a person. (for example: your race, pronouns, gender identity, ability, economic background, religion, where you were born...)
- i. What themes/stories would you like to explore artistically in this collaborative group?
- j. This section is about your wifi and tech access. Your answer will not affect your application negatively, only help us plan our sessions. All workshops meet on Zoom from 4:30-6:30pm on Mondays, except for Tuesday, 5/31/22. Is there anything that would prevent you from ongoing collaboration throughout the two-hour workshop sessions, such as:

Do you have reliable access to wifi or data that allows you to regularly join ongoing Zoom sessions?

Yes, definitely!

No, not at all.

Maybe, sometimes

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

Do you have a reliable microphone on or connected to your device?

Yes, definitely!

No, not at all.

Not sure, need to check

Do you have a reliable camera on your device?

Yes, definitely!

No, not at all.

Not sure, need to check

If you have wifi and tech issues, would you be interested in coming to ArtsConnection office (520 8th Avenue b/t 36th and 37th Streets, Manhattan,) to use our computers and wifi connection in order to participate in this program?

Yes, definitely!

No, not at all.

Maybe, sometimes

- k. 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
- l. Have you participated or are you applying to participate in any ArtsConnection's other 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 (which have ArtsConnection in-school residencies):

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

- m. Are you currently participating in any other after-school programs? If so, what are you doing?
 - n. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?
 - o. Is there a teacher or other adult who can tell us about you as an artist, and why now is the right time for you to be in this collaborative arts-making program? *(an optional part of this application)*
Please ask them to recommend you using our short online recommendation form. You can copy this link <https://bit.ly/rec4artsmakingtrac> and send it to them in an email. We ask for their recommendation forms to be completed by January 20, 11:59pm and earlier if possible.
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.** We will review the applications as they come in, so please consider applying before the deadline. Once we receive your application, we will reach out to schedule a virtual group interview on January 19, 20, or 21 at 4:30 pm or 5:30 pm. Please make sure your schedule allows you to attend one those dates and times. Group interviews are about 30 minutes long and offer a chance for you to meet the instructors of the program and the other students who have applied.
7. **Application Timeline.** Applications must be submitted no later than the **deadline: Monday, January 17 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 Monday, January 31. The first workshop will occur virtually on Monday, February 7 at 4:30 pm.

Thank you for applying!

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