

## Summer arts and performance offerings for teens at Cloud Place

### Innovative and challenging workshops for Boston-area young people ages 14-19

This summer the Cloud Foundation will offer four workshops for teens at Cloud Place, building on partnerships with Opera Boston, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, the Christine Bennett Dance Company, and a talented group of professional artists to offer unique programs you can't find anywhere else. The Cloud seeks teens (ages 14-19) attending a Boston-area public school who are ready to try something new, and would like to explore the intersections between performance, visual art, and media. All workshops are free, and lunch or dinner will be provided free of charge to all participants. Students selected for participation in the Cloud's Summer Workshops will receive a stipend.

**Applications** for all workshops are available on the Cloud Foundation's website at:  
[www.cloudfoundation.org/programs/index.html](http://www.cloudfoundation.org/programs/index.html)

### **Concurrent Performance Art and Movement Workshops**

Students are encouraged to sign up for one or both of these workshops, based on their personal interest in Dance and Performance. Contemporary Dance and Performance Art Workshops are designed to be complimentary, teaching skills that can be applied across a variety of genres of performance. Final performances for both workshops will take place together on July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**June 23 – July 11: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00am-3:30pm**

#### **Performance Art: Identity, Media, and Audience**

Led by members of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts Graduate Performance Art Area, the June Performance Art Workshop encourages teens to engage with audiences in new ways, rethinking the traditional dynamics of live performance. The class will witness the work of local performance artists, and will explore their own relationships to places, materials, rituals, and people. Through group exercises incorporating visual art, improvisation, and media, participants will get a chance to experiment with different ways to make their voices heard. In addition, students will explore video and online documentation of their work, considering what it means to perform for a virtual audience. Interested students should submit an application form as soon as possible – available at [www.cloudfoundation.org/programs/index.html](http://www.cloudfoundation.org/programs/index.html)

**June 24 – July 11: Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:00-4:00pm**

#### **Contemporary Dance: Movement and Performance**

Led by members of the Christine Bennett Dance Company, the Contemporary Dance workshop will focus on exploring dance as a means of self-expression. Participants will work with two professional dancers to create movement and dance from familiar gestures, to explore the relationship between dance and sound, and to experiment with performance in a variety of public and private venues. Through improvisation, group work, and partner exercises students will get comfortable expressing their own ideas through movement, and will try out a variety of ways to interact with their audiences. No previous dance experience is required for participation. Interested students should submit an application form as soon as possible – available at [www.cloudfoundation.org/programs/index.html](http://www.cloudfoundation.org/programs/index.html)

**July 21 – August 16: Monday – Friday, 10:30am – 3:00pm**

**Cloud Place presents... The Opera Factory!**

Calling teen singers, musical theater performers, instrumentalists, costumers, and set designers! The Cloud is partnering with Opera Boston to put on our most ambitious performance program yet – an original, 40-minute opera with an all-teen cast. Using the music of *Carmen* as a springboard, a group of the Cloud's Teen Spoken Word Curators have created original dialogue, working with award-winning Boston poet Iyeoka Okoawo. Performers and stage crew hired in June will work with professional stage and music directors and a set designer to create an exciting multi-media experience at Cloud Place. All participating students will receive a stipend. Auditions for performers, musicians, and stage crew will be held at Cloud Place on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00pm. Students are asked to submit an application and teacher recommendation before auditions – application forms and more information are available at: [www.cloudfoundation.org/programs/index.html](http://www.cloudfoundation.org/programs/index.html)

**August 5 – 28: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30-8:30pm**

**StoryBorders – Multimedia Documentary Filmmaking**

For students with a story to tell or an interest in exploring the city of Boston, the Documentary Filmmaking workshop provides a chance to explore the style and techniques of the documentary, with a focus on personal narratives and multimedia. Participants will research story topics and visit a variety of community, historic, and public art sites around the city to gather material. Students will learn to operate digital video cameras, make sound recordings, and acquire digital editing and sound mixing skills. Working independently and in teams with the city of Boston as the backdrop for experimental visual narratives, students will be encouraged to incorporate multimedia elements from sound to visual art into their final footage. The highlight of the workshop will be a unique collaboration: students' work-in-progress will be shared via website with youth documentary makers around the world, and through the international TransCultural Exchange Conference in spring 2009. Working on their own, with classmates, and with international collaborators, students will discover their immense potential as international multimedia documentary makers. Interested students should submit an application form as soon as possible – available at [www.cloudfoundation.org/programs/index.html](http://www.cloudfoundation.org/programs/index.html)

*The Cloud Foundation supports innovative programs that build confidence, ambition, and hope in Boston's youth through artistic creation and cross-cultural communication.*

*For more information on the Cloud Foundation, or to schedule a visit to Cloud Place, please visit [www.cloudfoundation.org](http://www.cloudfoundation.org) or call Alison Kotin at 617.262.2949. Cloud Place is located at 647 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116.*

**Art and Performance Workshops for Teens at Cloud Place** *The Cloud Foundation's art, media, and performance workshops offer teens opportunities to work with professional artists while exploring new artistic media in a professional setting. The Cloud's programming focuses on advanced and specialized artistic exploration while supporting young artists to make connections to adult mentors and present their work to the public.*

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