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OPPORTUNITY FOR ART STUDENTS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF LONG ISLAND

YOUTH PRIDE IN THE ARTS

Mentoring and Scholarship Program 2023-2024

The Art League is proud to announce its new mentorship program for 4 Long Island based visual artists in the LGBTQ+ community grades 9-12. The mentorship program is made possible through TD Bank's sponsorship. Applications for this program are free and open to the public.

Selected students will participate in this 7 month mentorship program from October 2023-April 2024. Students will work closely over this time with Stephanie Folk in developing their artwork from their personal experiences in the LGBTQ+ community, personal narratives, and professional development unique to their individual long term goals as artists. The program will culminate with an exhibition of work completed under this mentorship at the Art League's Pride Festival in June of 2024.

Applications will open on 7/15/2023 and close on 9/20/2023.*

The Teen Pride in the Arts Mentorship includes the following benefits:**

- **4 free hours of class time per month with Art Mentor Stephanie Folk** - The artists in this program will meet on a regular schedule for studio time with Art Mentor Stephanie Folk to develop unique projects focusing on experience,

narrative, and concept in mediums of the students' choice. Students can use this time to diversify their interests in new and challenging mediums.

- **Additional Mentorship through TD Bank** - Students in this program will have the option of speaking with a professional mentor from TD Bank.
- **Access to the Lorraine Graves Grace Memorial Library** - of over 2,500 art books for study and reference purposes.
- **Promotion of you and your work on the Art League website and social media**
- **Free entry into the annual Member's Exhibition at the Jeanie Tengelsen Gallery** - all students are guaranteed acceptance into this yearly exhibition.
- **Culminating in an exhibit at the Pride Festival in ALLI's Strolling Gallery June of 2024.**

One of the four students selected for this program will be awarded an additional scholarship, the "YPA Scholarship", equal to 35 free class hours at the Art League to be used between September 2023-May 2024. This award will be determined by a set of criteria balanced on quality of work and financial need. Class hours can be taken in any Teen or Adult class of your choice at the Art League for students age 15+. If the award is granted to a student aged 13-14 the hours can only be used in teen classes.***

All basic supplies will be provided for this program, however students who wish to diversify the mediums they work with may have to provide more specialized materials themselves.

Artists selected for the Teen Pride in the Arts Mentorship Program will be expected to take on a leadership role in community building at the Art League and integrate with our student body. Mentorship students will be required to:

- **Volunteer at the Art League for a minimum of 10 hours over 7 months** - Youth mentorship students are required to volunteer at the Art League for a minimum of 10 hours throughout the 7 month period to build art-related skills in

gallery planning, art business administration, social media management, and more.

- **Maintain a journal of your studies to be submitted every month** - Document your experience and growth as a Student Mentor here at the Art League - in class and beyond - through monthly journal submissions. Share about your work, your process, and what you've been learning and creating.
- **Attend Teen Pride in the Arts Orientation** - Orientation will be held at the Art League on Saturday 9/30 from 11am-12pm. This orientation seminar is mandatory for all selected students.
- **Participation in the planning of Pride Festival in June of 2024** - Students will play an active role in planning for the Art League's Pride Festival. More information on the scope of this role will adapt throughout the course of the mentorship as students' strengths and goals are determined.

*Artists who are not selected for this exclusive opportunity will receive a one-year student membership to the Art League of Long Island, valued at \$35. [Click here](#) to find out more about membership benefits.

**The Art League does not provide living accommodations or private studios for mentorship students. A small space for storing materials and projects will be provided.

***Supplies necessary for the additional class hours under the YPA scholarship will not be provided.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Stephanie Folk received her BFA from Syracuse University and her MS in art administration from Drexel University, graduating with honors. She has exhibited in shows throughout the east coast, and has commissioned work hanging in restaurants and private homes.

Stephanie spent many years working in the NYC gallery industry as a Director and working her way to Proprietor. In 2008 Stephanie made a career change to focus solely on creating and educating. Since then, she has taught all levels of art in various mediums focusing on portfolio development. Stephanie currently works at North Shore Hebrew Academy HS as the AP (Advanced Placement) and Studio Arts teacher. Prior to her position at North Shore, she was an

adjunct professor at the University of Tampa in the College of Arts and Design. Stephanie is active in the Huntington art community and organizes monthly figure drawing nights and offers private lessons to students creating a college art portfolio which includes support for their personal statements and making a digital portfolio. Stephanie is also the Summer Pre-college Portfolio Development Instructor at the Art League.

You can find her work hanging in Huntington as well as other creative spaces on Long Island and in Brooklyn. You can view a selection of her work on her Instagram at @slyartstudio.

APPLICATIONS:

Applications may only be submitted online through Smarter Entry at:

<https://client.smarterentry.com/alli>

You will be asked to provide the following for the application:

- **ONE PDF document containing an artist resume or C.V. and the answers to the following questions in 250-500 words per question:**
 - **Statement of Practice** A brief description of your work and process
 - **Statement of Purpose** What do you hope to accomplish during your Mentorship? What is the narrative you want to build?
 - **Statement of Identity** A brief summary of how this LGBTQ+ mentorship aligns with your personal life goals and/or identity. Allies and teens who have not yet identified are welcome.
- **Documentation of work (See guidelines below)**

Please label all files with your last name, first name, and work number

(ex: Smith, Joe_01, Smith, Joe_02, Etc...) Applicants can submit up to 10 works. Video works or video documentation of works have a maximum of 10 minutes, cumulatively. Vimeo or Youtube links to video works required.

If you would like to apply for the scholarship in addition to the mentorship program, the application will be available July 20,2023 at <https://artleagueli.org/lgbtqia-programs/>