



## **BLUE SKY PROJECT**

Montgomery County Summer Arts Community

### **What It Is**

Blue Sky Project is an experiential arts program in Montgomery County that links five professional artists from around the world with small teams of youth participants to undertake projects over the course of eight weeks in the summer. We believe that the perspectives and insights of young people have a tremendous amount to offer artists, especially when they collaborate.

Teams of eight youth participants will work with a professional artist to produce artwork that will be either exhibited or performed in public locations. Projects will include identifying and addressing a community need through art. There will also be a focus on developing and using leadership, critical thinking, creative problem solving and life-learning skills as part of the collaborative experience.

### **When It Is**

- June 14 – August 5, 2010 (8 weeks)  
Monday through Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:30 pm
- Orientation: Saturday, June 12, 2009
- Final Exhibition: Friday - Saturday, August 6-7, 2010

### **Where It Is**

University of Dayton

### **What It Costs**

There is no fee for youth participants. Program is underwritten through the generous support of our funders. Participants are responsible for transportation and lunch.

### **Program Requirements**

1. Participants must be 14 - 18 years old
  2. Participants must reside or attend school in Montgomery County
  3. Participants must have art experience and/or serious interest in creativity
- Blue Sky Project will be accepting 40 youth participants. A committee of artists and educators will make the determination of youth participants accepted in the program. Blue Sky Project is committed to selecting participants that reflect the economic, geographic and ethnic diversity of the community. Youth participants must be available for the entire eight weeks of the program.

### **To Apply**

Return the application, postmarked by Monday, April 12 to: Blue Sky Project  
P.O. Box 10506  
Dayton, Ohio 45402-7506

Call Peter Benkendorf at  
**937.732.5123** with any questions



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**YOUTH PARTICIPANT Application** *(Please Print Clearly)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State Ohio Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you attend school? \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your experiences and interest in the arts \_\_\_\_\_

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What kind of arts are you most interested in doing with Blue Sky Project? *(check all that apply)*

Painting \_\_\_\_\_ Drawing \_\_\_\_\_ Sculpture \_\_\_\_\_ Photography \_\_\_\_\_ Video \_\_\_\_\_ Music \_\_\_\_\_ Drama \_\_\_\_\_

Dance \_\_\_\_\_ Performance Art \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Blue Sky Project is very different than art class. At Blue Sky Project, we hire professional artists to design collaborative projects based on the ideas and materials they most frequently use to make art. As a Youth Participant, you would be part of a team of eight teenage collaborators working with one artist to help envision and undertake this project. Our projects are successful when each participant is hard working, cooperative and committed to the project. As a result, you may have only limited to time to work on your independent art. Most of your time will be spent helping the artist and your team in the development of your group project.

I. Do you feel that you are able to devote a large portion of your summer to working towards the goals of a group? If yes, please describe some of the specific things that interest you in working as part of a group to produce art.

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2. What do you anticipate might be difficult for you in working in this way?

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3. If you had the opportunity to ask two questions of a successful contemporary artist, what would they be?

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4. What are your specific creative skills? Creative skills may include any of the arts including drawing, music, acting, dance, writing, poetry, etc.. Please describe them below.

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5. Blue Sky Project will be in session from June 14 – August 5, Monday – Thursday, 10:00 am – 3:30 pm. Please list all days you *know* you will not be able to attend and the reason why. Include vacations, camps, medical appointments, etc. **Please check with parents or guardian about summer plans.**

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6. We anticipate having more applications for Blue Sky Project than we have positions available. What can you tell us about yourself that would help us in making our decision?

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Please ask two references (not family members) that know of your artistic interest, character, ability to work in a group to describe why you would be a good match for Blue Sky Project. (use back or separate sheet if necessary.)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Statements given in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian signature required if applicant is under 18)

**Please mail to:** Blue Sky Project, P.O. Box 10506, Dayton, Ohio 45402-7506  
**Deadline for completed applications is postmarked by Monday, April 12, 2010**