

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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MOCAD's Department of Education and Public Engagement (DEPE) develops adventurous, multidisciplinary programming in which the Museum and city of Detroit function as sites for investigation and experimentation.

MOCAD curators work with international and local communities to produce events and projects that are fun, rigorous, and innovative. The department aspires to support youth and adults in learning and growing as free thinkers, to be culturally inclusive, artistically forward-thinking, and intellectually ambitious. Within DEPE, youth programs provide enriching artistic opportunities for middle and high school students to advocate for themselves. These programs are designed to empower local youth, and to provide an innovative and well rounded introduction to creative careers.

MOCAD's youth programs are comprised of four main components: The MOCAD Teen Council, OPEN STUDIO, Junior Docent Program, and K-12 Teacher Advisory Board.



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The Teen Council is a select group of young creatives from metro Detroit that come together to empower local youth and to provide safe space for other teens to have fun and explore the arts. With the help of museum professionals, these teens come together to plan and produce programming for youth and adults.

The Council explores the proposition that teens can collaboratively contextualize the making, understanding, and valuing of art within larger cultural frameworks of community, identity, agency, and teamwork to build strong communities.

The democratic process develops skill sets that translate into meaningful careers later in life, whether that career is creative or not.



Avant-Garde Teen Lock-in

at MOCAD

• Teen Video Game Competition

Summer Backyard BBQ



OPEN STUDIO

In keeping with MOCAD's mission to present art at the forefront of contemporary culture, our OPEN STUDIO program is designed to expose teens to unique art experiences not typically accessible in most Detroit schools. These experiences can take the form of portfolio reviews, studio visits, artist talks, and professional level workshops.









OPEN STUDIO PORTFOLIO REVIEW

Each season, creative professionals from various disciplines are invited to discuss works in progress from high school students. Teens are encouraged to bring drawings, paintings, sculptures, music, designs, etc. that correspond with artists that best match their interests. There are snacks, giveaways, and the opportunity for teens to talk with a professional artist about their work.



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OPEN STUDIO TEEN WORKSHOPS

As part of Open Studio, Teen Art Workshops operate as free monthly workshops for teens looking to enhance their artistic skills in a variety of areas: drawing, painting, digital design, automotive design, fashion illustration, music production, creative writing, and many more. Each three-and-a-half hour workshop is conducted by a creative professional who teaches the history, context, and craft of the discipline. All supplies are provided by MOCAD.

For more information please visit: mocadetroit.org

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JUNIOR DOCENT PROGRAM

The Junior Docent Program exposes and immerses middle and high school students in age appropriate exhibitions at MOCAD. Each season students from Detroit and the surrounding area are invited to learn the vocabulary, history, and interpretation of the visual arts in relation to exhibitions at MOCAD. Students engage the public by serving as docents for special exhibitions at MOCAD. As part of the Junior Docent Program students create visual and written responses to their experience with the exhibitions.

This fun but intensive program helps students develop an awareness and understanding of visual arts in relation to history and culture, and builds public speaking skills.

- Visit MOCAD at least three times per season to observe, discuss, and become experts in age appropriate exhibitions.
- Write scripts that effectively communicate information about exhibitions at MOCAD to the public.
- Serve as docents for age appropriate exhibitions and use their scripts to engage museum visitors.

- Docents will improve public speaking skills; especially those associated with presenting artwork to the local community.
- Docents will have expert knowledge of select exhibitions at MOCAD that contributes to a broader range of knowledge about art
- Docents will research artists and exhibited work in order to select exhibitions.
- Docents will keep a journal of learning process and selected exhibitions

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K-12 TEACHER **ADVISORY BOARD**

The K-12 Teacher Advisory Board consists of enthusiastic educators from Detroit and the tri-county area, with a strong affinity for the arts. These educators serve as a think tank for innovative programs to engage youth within the arts.

The advisory board meets regularly to collaborate and assist in program implementation which aligns





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Museum Hours

Wednesday, Saturday + Sunday: 11am – 5pm Thursday + Friday: 11am – 8pm Monday + Tuesday: Closed

Mike Kelley's Mobile Homestead Hours Friday – Sunday: 11am – 5pm