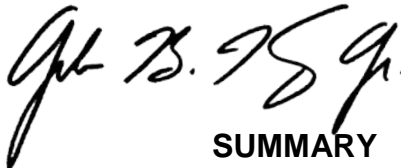




TO: Cultural Education
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SUBJECT: Report on New York State Summer School of the Arts 2012 Session
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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Staff of the New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) will present background information on the School as well as highlights of the 2012 Schools.

Reason(s) for Consideration

Article 7 of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law establishes the Summer School of the Arts within the Education Department. 2012 marks the 43rd year of the program.

Proposed Handling

For Information.

Background Information

NYSSSA is a program of the State Education Department and is now administered by the Office of Cultural Education. Founded in 1970, the program assists young artists in planning professional careers in the visual and performing arts. Currently the program operates seven schools in ballet, choral studies, dance, media arts, orchestral studies, theatre and visual arts. Four weeks of intensive work and interaction with artists and performing arts companies, such as the New York City Ballet and the Philadelphia Orchestra, give students a unique opportunity to experience the rigors of their chosen arts field.

The program year began on Sunday, June 24 with the opening of the School of Ballet and ended on Saturday, August 18 with a free concert of the School of Orchestral Studies at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center in Saratoga Springs, NY.

In 2012 the schools and host colleges were:

School of Ballet – Skidmore College

School of Choral Studies – SUNY Fredonia

School of Dance – Skidmore College

School of Media Arts – SUNY Oswego

School of Orchestral Studies – Skidmore College

School of Theater – Sarah Lawrence University

School of Visual Arts – SUNY Fredonia

Students are accepted into the schools through a competitive audition process held throughout the state each winter. It's NYSSSA's priority to provide all artistically eligible students with the opportunity to participate in the program regardless of economic status. As such, NYSSSA aims to maintain tuition rates at a modest level and provide tuition assistance for economically challenged students.

In 2012, 1115 students auditioned to participate in the program. 423 students were selected to participate.