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## **MEMBER REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER YOUTH AND TEEN WORKSHOPS AT THE WEX OPENS MARCH 1**

***PUBLIC REGISTRATION PERIOD OPENS MARCH 15***

Registration for the Wexner Center's popular summer workshops for youth and teens opens **March 1 for Wexner Center members** at the Household level and above, and **March 15 for the general public**.

These innovative half-day, weeklong courses are led by talented, practicing artists from The Ohio State University and community, including M.F.A. and Ph.D. graduates and candidates in art, art education, art history, dance, and theater, as well as other accomplished artists and educators. This year, the classes are inspired by the Wexner Center's summer exhibition featuring the interdisciplinary work of L.A.-based artist Mark Bradford, which is steeped in contemporary urban collage.

Notes Wexner Center's Jean Pitman, educator for youth programs, "Essential life skills can be readily gained through contemporary art practices. This year we're offering a diverse menu of classes—from digital photography and music video-making to painting and performance poetry—that teach children or teens to think for themselves, engage in community building, explore art/design career options, and step up to participate creatively in our rapidly changing world. We recommend acting quickly because some workshops fill up before member registration is closed."

Details for the Summer Kids workshops (divided into age-appropriate classes for youth entering grades 1–8 in the fall) are now available at [www.wexarts.org/summerkids](http://www.wexarts.org/summerkids), and Teen Arts Fusion workshops (for teens entering grades 9–12) at [www.wexarts.org/teenartsfusion](http://www.wexarts.org/teenartsfusion).

Classes are held in venues at The Ohio State University (main campus), including Sullivant Hall, outdoors at Chadwick Arboretum, and elsewhere on campus.

### **NOT YOUR TYPICAL ART CAMPS**

**Summer Kids workshops include** Make Video Games (grades 3–5), in which video mastermind Gordon Gavin shows kids how to build their own Mario Brothers-style video games; What a Relief! (grades 1–2), a "weeklong buffet" of printmaking, low-



Pictures from 2009 workshops. Photos by Nick Marshall and Allyson Benson.

relief mold-making, and mosaics; Take It to the Street (grades 6–8), with mural artist Keturah Bobo introducing students to the history and power of public murals; a series at Ohio State's Chadwick Arboretum called "Super Natural" (workshops dealing with mud, food, and bugs); and more. **Teen Arts Fusion workshops**, held in July and August, include Shout Out, an opportunity to work with national prizewinning poetry slam artist Barbara Fant; Graphic Novels and Comics; SingleShot Music Video, led by Ryan Schlagbaum who has worked with MTV; Mixed Media/Digital Photography Self-Portrait; and more.

**The registration fee** per workshop is \$95 for the general public and \$75 for Wexner Center members. The Wexner Center is offering a 10% savings on new or renewed memberships (\$67.50) at the Household level when registering for any summer workshop. More information about becoming a member can be found at [www.wexarts.org/get\\_involved/members/general](http://www.wexarts.org/get_involved/members/general).

A limited number of scholarships are available for families requiring financial assistance (application forms: [www.wexarts.org/ed/pdf/scholarship2010.pdf](http://www.wexarts.org/ed/pdf/scholarship2010.pdf)).

Many workshops fill up fast; **advanced registration is highly recommended.**

**The public can call (614) 292-6493 or e-mail [edweb@wexarts.org](mailto:edweb@wexarts.org) for questions about the workshops.**

## **SUPPORT**

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