



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mark R. Livingston
Communications Director
206-323-4243, ext. 11
mark@gageacademy.org

Gage Academy of Art Introduces Teen Art Studios at the Bellevue Arts Museum

Inspiring, free art program for teens begins in June, 2015.

SEATTLE, WA – April 13, 2015 – Gage Academy of Art is proud to announce the launch of its long-running free teen art program, Teen Art Studios, in June, 2015 at the Bellevue Arts Museum. The new partnership (TAS@BAM) will offer teens on Seattle’s eastside an opportunity to experience the transformative power of art through the free weekly drop-in program that introduces new mediums and skills, and inspires creativity through the guidance of professional teaching artists.

Taking place on Thursdays from 4pm-7pm at the Bellevue Arts Museum, TAS is open to teen artists ages 13-18, and includes free art materials, as well as light snacks and refreshments. Each month will present a new topic for artistic exploration, inspired by exhibitions at BAM. Teen-artists will experience hands-on learning in a casual and supportive environment, and will enjoy access to museum exhibitions, as well as opportunities to exhibit their own work at the annual Best of Gage show, and other exhibitions at Gage and BAM throughout the year.

“We are thrilled by the opportunity to introduce teen artists from Bellevue and across the eastside to this highly engaging and successful program,” said Eileen Herbert, Education Curator at the Bellevue Arts Museum. “In addition to teen artists enjoying access to the award-winning programs at Gage, this program offers a place for young artists to find inspiration, create community and have some fun making art!”

Gage Executive Director Sheila Hughes echoed that excitement, saying, “We’ve helped to inspire thousands of teen artists during the last 11 years of TAS on Capitol Hill, and we’re excited by our opportunity to engage with the eastside community through the Bellevue Arts Museum.”

TAS@BAM kicks off in June, 2015 with, “Metal Infinity: Jewelry and Sculpture,” featuring teaching artist and BAM exhibiting artist Jana Brevick. Students will explore a variety of cold-process metal working techniques to create their own stunning wearables and sculpture. Brevick is presenting, “This Infinity Fits in My Hand” at the Bellevue Arts Museum (April 17-August 16), which includes household objects or tools transformed into gems. The resulting work juxtaposes a high level of metal craftsmanship with a droll tongue-in-cheek delivery. With a nod to Man Ray, these wry, “chance meetings” are often accompanied by twists on scale and proportion that challenge conventions of wearability.

TAS@BAM is free and open to all students ages 13-18, and includes all art materials free of charge. Learn more at GageAcademy.org/tas.

2015 TAS@BAM SUMMER SCHEDULE - Thursdays, 4-7pm - FREE

JUNE

Jana Brevick: Metal Infinity: Jewelry and Sculpture

Join BAM Exhibiting Artist Jana Brevick to learn a variety of cold-process metal working techniques to create your own stunning wearables and sculptures. Practice forming, connections, and chain making using a variety of tools; transform foils using folding, embossing and more! Brevick will share her personal process and concept building, inspiring you to new artistic heights in 3D metal-work!

BAM Exhibit: This Infinity Fits in My Hand

JULY

Megan Hartwig: Juxtapose Illustration

Material combinations link symbols and ideas: discover new combinations in “Let’s Play War” with Teaching Artist Megan Hartwig. Create your own visionary artworks juxtaposing contrasting subjects like “soft” and “hard,” “fluid” and “permanent,” or “natural” and “man-made” with textiles, found images, graphite, and other mediums specific to the design world. Explore the power of contrast, and how to tell your own unique stories through art.

Bam Exhibit: Let’s Play War

AUGUST

Iole Alessandrini: Botanical Art Book

Taking inspiration from craftwork and art object on display, Teaching Artist Iole Allesandrini leads students into world of nature. Examine the physical forms of flora and fauna, capturing your interpretations through drawing, painting and modeling botanical specimens. Explore graphite, colored pencils, water-mediums, and more to create unique artworks, and finally compile the projects into stunning, personal artist books!

BAM Exhibit: In the Realm of Nature: Bob Stocksdale & Kay Sekimachi

ABOUT TEEN ART STUDIOS

Teen Art Studios (TAS) is a free, year-round, evening drop-in studio art program for young artists ages 13 to 18. TAS delivers quality art training to teens from all backgrounds, provides exhibition and portfolio building opportunities and encourages positive social engagement. Each month a different professional working artist teaches a specific art form, engaging teens in learning new skills, making art and developing new friendships in a supportive, safe environment.

Teen Art Studios receives major funding from Boeing, and is generously supported by the Mercer Island Rotary Club.

ABOUT BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM

Bellevue Arts Museum is a leading destination in the Pacific Northwest to experience art, craft and design. BAM engages the community through exhibitions, programs, and publications, featuring regional, national, and international artists. Learn more at BellevueArts.org.

ABOUT GAGE ACADEMY OF ART

Celebrating 25 years as a national center for classical training in the foundation principles of drawing, painting, and sculpture, Gage Academy of Art, a 501-C3 non-profit, features fine-art programs year-round that engage and inspire emerging and established artists of all ages and abilities through rigorous study and practice in the Realist tradition. For more information, connect with Gage on Facebook and Twitter, or visit GageAcademy.org.

###