

youth

# I belong.

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I would rather go without food for a week than miss a moment at PlatteForum.

## art lab

**ARTLAB** An intensive year-round internship and apprentice program for underserved high school youth. The youth are paid a stipend that helps to instill responsibility, reward achievement, inspire new confidence and encourage goals. This innovative long-term program utilizes the arts, mentorship and learning to encourage the development of academic, personal and workforce skills. ArtLab youth learn from the **CREATIVE RESIDENTS** and participate in workshops directed by visiting artists. They work with **LEARNING LAB** groups as helpers and mentors. This all happens in an atmosphere that fosters creativity, diversity, competence, asset development, trust and teamwork. The youth are recommended by various community groups and selected after personal interviews.

**THE NITTY GRITTY**

- For youth ages 14-19
- Year-long programming with an in-depth focus area, such as theatre or public art
- Creation of four to six bodies of work presented to the public
- 15-20 students, two to four days a week

**GREAT THINGS HAPPEN  
FOR THE YOUTH**

- Collaborate with peers and resident artists
- Exposure to a diversity of artists and ideas
- Improve academic and personal skills
- Enhance critical thinking, self-esteem and engagement in the community
- Dare to dream and realize their potential
- Fully participate in the creative process
- Transform challenges into opportunities for creative expression
- Recognition and feedback from the public
- Learn organization and time management skills

**FOR THE ARTIST**

- Mentor and collaborate with youth
- Inspired by youth
- Growth as an artist and a creative member of the community

**FOR THE COMMUNITY**

- A place for the community to participate
- Interact and learn from youth
- Youth make a positive impact on their community

