

Summer Seminar 2011
Professional Development for Educators

CREATIVE CLASSROOMS

a Journey of Imaginative Learning

Dates: Tuesday July 5th – Saturday July 9th, 2011

Hours: 9am – 4pm

Location: Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, CW Post Campus, Long Island University, Brookville, New York

Description: Summer Seminar provides an introduction to the philosophy and practice of aesthetic education as developed over a 35-year period at Lincoln Center Institute in New York. Aesthetic Education, the key component of Tilles Center's School Partnership Program, is a process-based approach that complements class curricula, bearing the hallmark of student-centered inquiry-based active learning. Utilizing a balance of philosophy and practice, activity and reflection, and personal and group inquiries, the seminar will model techniques adaptable to a wide range of educational settings and disciplines.

Creative Classrooms is open to educators of all levels and disciplines, as well as school and district administrators, curriculum specialists, artists, arts administrators, and higher education practitioners. Anyone interested in deepening their practice may participate regardless of prior skills, talent, or knowledge. For teachers joining the Tilles Center School Partnership, Summer Seminar is the required entry point for participation in the school year program.

Activities: During the seminar, participants engage in a series of workshops led by a team of Tilles Center teaching artists. These experiential workshops include activities which will utilize works of art as an organizing theme for learning. Each series of workshops relates to a professional performance or work of visual art that participants will view during the course of the seminar. Participants will learn practical applications for the classroom and will participate in lesson design, based on the content of the seminar.

Objectives: Participants will acquire a basic understanding of the teaching methodology of aesthetic education and how works of arts complement standard K-12 curriculum. Participants will develop skills of perception, descriptive expression, inquiry, critical thinking and reflection. Participants will learn new ways to approach diverse learning styles.

Requirements: Each participant is required to maintain a written journal and submit a response paper.

Cost: New teachers from Partnership schools: no direct charge (*districts will be billed in the upcoming year. District approval required.*)
\$250.00 for School Partnership educators \$350 for educators from non-Partner schools

Tuition includes performance ticket, museum admission, and one lunch. Light snacks provided daily.

For the purposes of in-service credit, this program is 30 hours of instructional time.
Teachers should check with their districts regarding *in-service credit requirements and reimbursement*.

Registration: Mail or fax the attached registration form or download at www.tillescenter.org.
(click on "Education", then "Professional Development for Educators" to download **Summer Seminar registration form**.)
Registration deadline is May 11, 2011. (Register early! Seminar fills up quickly.)