

New York State Media Arts Teachers Association

Our mission is to promote media literacy and encourage our young emerging media artists to be the creative, critical thinkers of the 21st Century. We foster collegiality among our members and actively support the New York State Summer School of Media Arts.

September 2008

WELCOME BACK

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As you assemble in auditoriums and classrooms for opening meetings, NYSMATA would like to remind you of important dates. Many of you will be asked to reserve field trip and conference dates as well as outline your “Professional Growth Plan” for the coming school year. Although the calendar for the 2009 youth media arts shows remains incomplete, we can provide you with some dates so that you can lock-in your trip request early.

NYS Summer School / Media Arts Auditions

Central NY	March 11
Lower Hudson Region	March 17
Capital Region	March 26

Dates for LI, NYC and WNY are yet to be announced, but you can assume these shows will be within a day or two of last year’s and ‘guesstimate’ the date if you are pressed to complete forms on opening day.

The statewide conference honoring “40 Years of Media Arts Education” will be hosted by NYSMATA and the University at Buffalo in conjunction with NYSED Summer School of the Arts. Mark your calendar and file your conference requests early, for May 15 - 17, 2009.

Expect to find the “Request for Proposal” for conference workshops, presentations and professional development opportunities in your e-mail soon. Please consider sharing your best practices and use of traditional and new technologies at the May conference. Many districts will accept conference presentations as PGPs; do take this into account and take advantage of this opportunity as you contribute your expertise.

Everyone at NYSMATA wishes you a smooth beginning for the 2008-09 school year; may all your students be creative and eager to learn.

MEDIA SHOW COORDINATORS

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YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING THIS EVENT.
YOUR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE IMPORTANT TO THE
PLANNING COMMITTEE. E-MAIL DOM: djlicata@buffalo.edu



Plans are under way to celebrate

40 YEARS OF MEDIA ARTS EDUCATION

MAY 15 - 17 2009

SAVE the DATE

EXHIBITS
WORKSHOPS
SEMINARS
VENDORS

@ SUNY BUFFALO

POST COMMENTS ON THE BLOG

http://nysmata.org/?page_id=5

JOIN THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER

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Teacher Forum

The NYSMATA online discussion forum is located at the following link. Copy and paste the URL into your browser.

<http://galileo.dcbooces.org/icampus/course/enrol.php?id=150>

It is easy to create your own account. Follow the online instructions and use MATA as the enrollment key.

To participate in a discussion group, select it and click on 'subscribe to this forum'. You control which discussions you are interested in joining. Postings are sent directly to your e-mail.

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New York State MEDIA ARTS TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

*Promoting Media Literacy, Critical
Thinking, and Creative Expression.*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Teacher's Name _____

School or Organization _____

School/Org. Address _____

School/Org. Email _____

School/Org. Telephone _____ ext. _____

Home Email (if preferred) _____

Home Telephone (if preferred) _____

I teach/work with photography video filmmaking computer art copier art
 creative sound holography (Other) _____

What I'd like from my MATA membership: newsletter exhibitions competitions
 instructional workshops networking _____

I can help MATA reach out to some colleagues in my district or geographical area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THESE ACTIVE MEMBERS:

- Michael J. Witsch (Mamaroneck HS, ret. - 914-698-0769)
- Margaret Mealia (John Jay HS, ret. - 845-223-5322)
- Thomas Gala (Westchester Community College - 914-785-6856)
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To join MATA, please enclose \$20 annual dues
(checks payable to MATA) and mail to:

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*Join now & membership
extended to March 2010.*