

# Young Audiences Arts for Learning National Arts in Education Conference

April 3 – 5, 2024 | theWit Chicago  
| Chicago, IL



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## CONFERENCE AGENDA (as of Feb. 1, 2024)

### APRIL 3 • WEDNESDAY

2:00pm – 5:00pm	Registrant Check-In Opens	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, theWit 201 N State St, Chicago, IL 60601
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Networking Happy Hour <i>Light refreshments &amp; performances from CAPE artists</i>	Gateway Room 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, theWit
Evening	<i>Social Dinner Outings</i>	Restaurants TBA

### APRIL 4 • THURSDAY

8:00am – 11:30am	Registrant Check-In	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, theWit
8:00am – 8:45am	Breakfast	ROOF 27 <sup>th</sup> Floor, theWit
8:45am – 9:00am	<b>Welcome / Start with the Art</b>	theWit
9:00am – 9:15am	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	theWit
9:15am – 10:00am	<b>Keynote Address:</b> Edra Soto	theWit
10:00am – 10:15am	<i>Break</i>	
10:15am – 11:15am	<b>Breakout Sessions A</b>	theWit
11:30am – 12:15pm	Lunch	theWit
12:15pm – 1:00pm	Coffee Chats (optional)	theWit

1:00pm – 1:15pm	<i>Mid-Day Break</i>	
1:15pm – 1:30pm	<i>Gather in Lobby for Site Visits</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, theWit
		Chicago Cultural Center 78 E Washington St, Chicago, IL 60602
		Hyde Park Art Center 5020 S Cornell Ave, Chicago, IL 60615
1:30pm – 4:30pm	<b>Chicago Site Visits*</b>	New Sullivan Elem. School 8331 S Mackinaw Ave, Chicago, IL 60617
		Southside Community Art Center 3831 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60653
5:00pm – 8:00pm	<b>Host Event**</b>	CAPE Gallery 1010 W. 35 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 697 Chicago, IL 60609
8:30pm	<i>Transport back to theWit</i>	

## April 5 • FRIDAY

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast	theWit
9:00am – 9:45am	<b>Plenary Session: Jim Duignan</b>	theWit
9:45pm – 10:00am	<i>Break</i>	
10:00am – 11:00am	<b>Breakout Sessions B</b>	theWit
11:00am – 11:15am	<i>Break</i>	
11:15am – 12:15pm	<b>Breakout Sessions C</b>	theWit
12:15pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	theWit
1:00pm – 1:45pm	Coffee Chats (optional)	theWit
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Networking Meetings	theWit

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Agenda subject to change. Learn more and register: [conference.youngaudiences.org](https://conference.youngaudiences.org).

## About

**Young Audiences Arts for Learning's National Arts in Education Conference brings together arts education leaders, administrators, teachers, artists, and organizations from around the country.** Presented annually by Young Audiences Arts for Learning (YA) in partnership with a local YA affiliate, each conference explores a theme related to arts in education through keynote speeches, site visits, and workshop sessions.

Held in partnership with local affiliate **Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education (CAPE)**, YA's 2024 National Conference explores the essential collaborative relationships between teaching artists, community arts groups, teachers, and schools in service of engaging the community and educating students and families. Often extending beyond the classroom walls, this work is tied to the needs, challenges, and ideas of the community, while also being grounded in building and enhancing students' academic and artistic skills. Practitioners from across the YA network and beyond are invited to share, create, discover, and engage in the innovative work supporting these collaborations.

## \*Chicago Site Visits

Conference registrants, upon checking in, will be asked to indicate which one of the four Chicago sites they wish to visit as part of the conference. Please note that space is limited. Visiting the Chicago Cultural Center will require walking .3 miles (approx. 8 minutes) from and back to conference hotel. Visitors to all other sites will be provided bus transportation.

### **Chicago Cultural Center** 78 E Washington St Chicago, IL 60602

Visitors to the Chicago Cultural Center will meet with staff members to learn about the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events' work on developing new public art projects throughout the city. Visitors will be treated to a short tour of the Chicago Cultural Center and (weather permitting) will view outdoor public art works recently commissioned by the city. *This site visit involves walking from and back to the conference site (.3 miles each way) as well as an outdoor walking tour (weather permitting).*

### **Hyde Park Art Center** 5020 S Cornell Ave Chicago, IL 60615

Founded in 1939 by a collective of local artists, the Hyde Park Art Center (HPAC) has grown to be a hub for the Chicago arts community with exhibitions, gatherings, and experiments in studio practice. Visitors will meet with HPAC staff to learn about current exhibitions, the center's multifaceted education programs, and professional learning programs that support artists' progress in their artistic development and careers. *25-seater bus leaves the Wit at 1:30pm.*

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**New Sullivan Elementary School** 3831 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60653

Visit a veteran CAPE school partner that serves arts -integrated programs to students and families. New Sullivan will welcome visitors to observe an in-school program, meet with families taking part in the community program, and see after school programs in action. 25-seater bus leaves theWit at 1:30pm.

**South Side Community Arts Center**

Discover the oldest African American art center in the nation. Visitors will meet with staff and learn about their archival work, exhibitions, and programs that support local artists. 25-seater bus leaves theWit at 1:30pm.

**\*\*Host Event**

The 2024 Host Event will be held at CAPE Gallery, CAPE. Guests will be treated to Chicago delicacies, cocktails, and performances from CAPE artists. Dinner is provided, as is transportation between the site visits, event venue, and conference hotel. Host Event attendance is included for all conference registrants. For more information, please visit the [Host Event section](#) of our conference website.

**\*\*\*Optional Group Outing**

Details coming soon.

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