



EMPOWER THE YOUTH

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BENEFITING MIAMI'S AT RISK-YOUTH & CHILDREN IN FOSTER

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A PARTNERSHIP WITH ARTOCONNECTO AND ART STUDIO MIAMI

## EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS PROGRAM



### REQUESTING ARTIST PROPOSALS FOR ART CAMPS BENEFITING MIAMI'S AT RISK-YOUTH & CHILDREN IN FOSTER.

The local arts advocacy organization Artoconecto, Inc, in conjunction with Art Studio Miami, **Empowering Young Minds**, are seeking local emerging visual artists, who have bold and exciting artistic ideas ready to be implemented at a series of arts camps for at-risk youth and children in foster care, at Art Studio's location in Little Haiti. The camps are scheduled to start March 2011 and will run consecutively through May. Artists in all mediums are invited to participate. The goal is to select two emerging artists who are ready and enthusiastic about implementing their dream project and work with a group of children in need, on a volunteer basis in exchange for valuable Teaching Artist experience and training. In addition the chosen artist's will have the opportunity to be eligible for a paid summer teaching artist position with Artoconecto's KIDSART program and a possible artist-in-residency at Art Studio.

Artoconecto's KIDSART program, in partnership with Art Studio, will provide selected artists with the tools, materials, population of at-risk youth, space, technical support and guidance necessary to successfully complete their art projects, therefore training them as teaching artists and adding a valuable set of skills to their

CV/Resumes. Once selected for the volunteer Teaching Artist training, these artists will be recognized and participate with an honorarium in a paid position at the summer art camp of Artoconecto's KIDSART program, making it a sustainable and rewarding experience for the artist who in the process becomes an agent of change. In addition, the artists will be eligible to become an artist-in-residence within Art Studio.

Artoconecto is expanding the KIDSART project within Art Studio's premises, where during two months and under the tutelage of one artist per month, a population of children in need in the area of Little Haiti, will receive an afterschool arts program (2pm-6pm weekdays) that will serve as a compliment to their primary education.

## SHORT MISSION



**ARTOCONECTO** is a non-profit arts advocacy organization based in Miami, FL, dedicated to creating and promoting unique artistic projects. Artoconecto pioneered the concept of the pop-up gallery, creating enormous roving art 'galleries' in non-traditional venues. We strive to present the most dynamic artists we can find, and provide them the platform and the tools to both engage the public, and to take bold new risks.

The mission of **ART STUDIO INC**, a 501c3 non-profit organization, is to empower young minds by providing a safe location where youth are inspired and guided by artists, teachers and professional mentors who support the student's education and career development through the integration of creative holistic arts.

## AT A GLANCE



### SELECTED ARTISTS WILL RECEIVE:

- Materials and tools (artists will need to submit a complete budget and supply list).
- Teaching Artist training with guidance from arts professionals.
- Space to work with the youth at the Art Studio location.
- Participation in Artoconecto's KIDSART program, summer camp with an honorarium.
- Eligibility for a paid position in Artoconecto's KIDSART program.
- Eligibility to become an artist-in-residence at Art Studio.
- Publicity on websites, press releases and local media.
- The opportunity to make a difference in a child's life.

## GUIDELINES



### 2 PROJECTS WILL BE SELECTED THAT MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Artistic Merit
- Relevancy
- Feasibility
- Time frame of one month (two days per week, four hours per day in the afternoons from 2-6pm)

## QUESTIONS



### PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- How does this project relate to your personal artistic vision and your creative or professional goals? (Limit 250 words)**
- What is your current knowledge about issues of at-risk youth? Please note that no teaching experience is necessary to be selected. (Limit 250 words)
- Are you currently attending an arts school in the area? If yes, please discuss your goals.**
- What materials, tools and budget are necessary to successfully execute your project?
- Please include a sample outline of your project idea w/ a sample lesson plan(s)**

**Submit via email your resume/cv, bio, a project narrative (Limit 500 words) and 6-9 images of artwork created in the past two years.** If your medium is performance art or film, please send a DVD with a sample of your work.

**SEND WORK BY EMAIL TO:**

artoconecto@gmail.com and  
Cc: rachel@artstudiomiami.org

**OR SEND DVD/CD TO:**

Artoconecto, Inc 941 NE 84th Street,  
Miami, FL 33138

**DEADLINE IS MARCH 31ST, 2011**