

# NO BOUNDARIES

## KEMPER MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART TEEN ART INITIATIVE PROGRAM

### 2017 SESSION OVERVIEW AND STUDENTS

The Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art's No Boundaries Teen Art Initiative brings together elite, motivated students from the Kansas City community to EXPLORE, CREATE, and COLLABORATE. Participants will have the opportunity to:

- ✦ Explore multiple art genres and mediums (all supplies provided).
- ✦ Expand creative concepts
- ✦ Practice the art of presentation and constructive critiques.
- ✦ Learn from and work with visiting artists from the Kemper Museum exhibitions.
- ✦ Be mentored by three distinguished artist-educators.

The select group of 24 students will enjoy *full* scholarships to the Program, which have been generously sponsored by Stan Bushman and Ann Canfield, and Charles Helzberg and Sandra Baer. While 20 of these students will be new to the program, 4 students will be returning from the previous session as Teen Mentors.

Program participants should be age 13-15 and must be nominated through their school administrative staff or teachers. Chosen students must be able to be present at each of the nine sessions with a willingness to participate and collaborate.

### PROGRAM STAFF AND ARTIST FACILITATORS

The No Boundaries Art students are supported by the following staff and artist mentor educators:

- ✦ **Barbara O'Brien, Program Director** – As executive director, Barbara leads the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. Prior to the Museum, she held faculty and administrative positions at the college and university levels in the Boston area. A native Midwesterner, she is committed to the youth of Kansas City.
- ✦ **José Faus, Lead Artist Educator** – José is a visual and spoken-word artist. He has exhibited extensively throughout Kansas City and worked on a variety of mural projects both regionally, as well as in Mexico and Bolivia. He is a recent winner of Poets & Writers Maureen Egen Writers Exchange award and recipient of a 2012 Rocket Grant
- ✦ **Megan Gallant, Artist Educator** – Megan graduated from the Kansas City Art Institute with a B.F.A. in Sculpture. She is a believer in the power of art practice to transform individuals and community. In addition to exhibiting her work in shows throughout the Kansas City area, she has hosted and organized drawing workshops and is a co-founder of *Spark Farm Park*, a sculpture park and urban farming experience in St. Joseph, MO.
- ✦ **Json Myers, Artist Educator** – Json also holds a B.F.A. in Sculpture from the Kansas City Art Institute, and is a co-founder of *Spark Farm Park*. He has been a regular contributor to the art community, and has works of art included in museums, including the Kemper Museum, and private collections.
- ✦ **Jessica Thompson-Lee, Program Administrator** - Jessica is the Museum Educator of Children and Family Programming at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. She has a B.F.A. in Ceramics and Art history and a M.A. in Education. Jessica has worked with kids of all ages both in the classroom and museum setting.

## PROGRAM DETAILS AND LOCATION

The No Boundaries Teen Art Initiative will run for eight sessions on consecutive Wednesdays beginning January 18 through March 8 (session dates are listed below). Each session will begin after school, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

In addition to the eight scheduled sessions, the Program will be kicked off by a special event at the Kemper Museum. Students, their parents, and nominating teachers can familiarize themselves with the staff, curriculum, and plans. A public exhibition featuring the students' artwork created during the Program will be unveiled on April 7, 2017.

### Winter 2017 Session Dates:

+ January 18  
+ January 25  
+ February 1  
+ February 8

+ February 15  
+ February 22  
+ March 1  
+ March 8

Sessions will begin with a delicious, nutritious boxed lunch and juice to get the creative juices flowing! All art supplies and materials will be supplied by the Program.

The Program will be hosted at the **Kemper at the Crossroads, 33 West 19<sup>th</sup> Street, in Kansas City, Missouri**. In addition to the Program space, this building also houses one of the Museum's galleries, which is open to the public for viewing on bustling First Fridays.

If transportation proves to be a challenge, arrangements will be made by the Museum to accommodate transportation needs.

## PROGRAM NOMINATION

To apply to the No Boundaries Teen Art Initiative, you must be nominated by a teacher or school administrative staff member. Once nominated, please complete the included application and mail or drop off your application to the following address by **November 1, 2016**.

Jessica Thompson-Lee, Program Administrator  
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art  
4420 Warwick Boulevard  
Kansas City, MO 64111

Contact Jessica Thompson-Lee at [jthompson@kemperart.org](mailto:jthompson@kemperart.org) or 816-457-6136 with any questions or for further information.



*No Boundaries Teen Art Initiative 2016 Participants*

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**Teen Art Initiative Program Application**

**WINTER TERM 2017**

Application Deadline: **November 1, 2015**

Winter/Spring classes: January 18, 2017 – March 8, 2017 (4:30pm – 6:30pm)

**Student Information:**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Information:**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

### Art Teacher/Administrative Staff Member Information:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Questionnaire

On a separate piece of paper, please answer the following questions, limiting your answers to two to three paragraphs per question.

1. Why would you like to be a part of the No Boundaries Teen Art Initiative?
2. What is your favorite way of expressing yourself and why? (Examples: drawing comics, painting landscapes, writing poetry, music, etc.)
3. Please feel free to tell us something about yourself. *(optional)*

### Portfolio

Please send two color samples of your artwork. *Do not send the original.* JPEG files can be sent via email to: [jthompson@kemperart.org](mailto:jthompson@kemperart.org)

### Letter of Recommendation

We request a one-page letter of support from a teacher or adult who can speak to your ability to be successfully involved in the No Boundaries Teen Art Initiative. Letters of recommendation may be sent separately or included with your application.

### Permission and Signatures

Please consider \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) for the No Boundaries Teen Art Initiative. I understand that the student, if accepted, will be expected to make a serious commitment to attend the program on nine consecutive Wednesdays from 4:30-6:30pm.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Submission Information

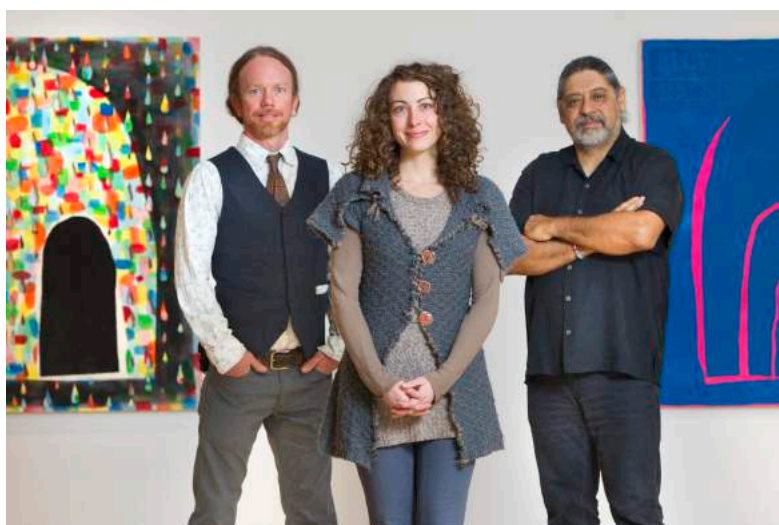
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**A look at our 2016 program**



No Boundaries 2016 Teen Participants



*Artist Educators (left to right)  
Json Myers, Megan Gallant, and  
José Faus bring their talents as  
artists, as well as their flair with  
kids to the No Boundaries  
program.*





*Teens used the theme of mapping to explore their surroundings and themselves—mapping their neighborhoods and their inner life through both individual and group projects. A wide range of art supplies were made available to students as they explored their self-expression. Here Artist Educator, José Faus, talks to the group about concepts related to a student's work. (Note: curriculum and projects are apt to change from year to year)*

*Students were divided up into small groups and lead by a Teen Mentor to design and create a large-scale collaborative project. Teen Mentors are a select group of 3-4 students who are invited back to develop leadership and mentor skills within the new group of teen participants*



*During a one-class session with Visiting Artist Mark Cooper, students created a collaborative wall collage using the theme of puzzle pieces. Pieces were created from a variety of materials, including drawings from sketchbooks.*