

ABOUT THE RURAL ARTS® COLLABORATIVE

The Rural Arts® Collaborative (RAC) was founded in 2012 as an arts education project to provide rural students with a “new way of thinking, seeing, being and doing” through their experiences with innovative projects, working in residencies with professional teaching artists. Funded primarily by the Benedum Foundation and EQT Foundation as an initiative of the Fayette County Cultural Trust, the project is designed to support arts education curriculum and activities during in-school time, focusing on lesson planning, core standards integration, documentation, and outcomes. These outcomes range from visual, installation or performance arts, often taking place within the school itself, or in public spaces throughout the local communities. To date, RAC has served over 75 schools in PA, WV and OH, and approximately 30,000 rural students.

Areas Served

Counties served in Pennsylvania

Fayette, Greene, Washington,
Westmoreland and Cambria

Counties served in West Virginia Northern Panhandle:

Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio and Wetzel
Belmont County in Ohio

WV Counties in partnership with:

-WV Dept of Arts, Culture & History
-Contemporary American Theatre Festival
-Beckley Art Center

Beckley, Berkeley, Davis, Jefferson,
Kanawha, Marion, Monongalia, Morgan,
Randolph and Tucker



Carm Nickens
RAC Founder
& Manager

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Oglebay Institute



Fayette County
Cultural Trust
www.fayettetrust.org

RAC Institute
September 14, 2023

IU-1 McMurray Campus
McMurray Campus
625 East McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317



Inspiring the Imagination

Thank you to all of our Funders!

Benedum Foundation
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EQT Foundation
Grable Foundation
Hillman Foundation
Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation
National Endowment for the Arts
Community Foundation of the Alleghenies
Community Foundation of Fayette County
Intermediate Unit #1 (IU1) - SWPA

Registration 10:00 am - 11:00 am

WELCOME & WARMUP 11:05 am -11:10 am (Outside)
Michele de la Reza & Calvin Stemley

11:10 am -11:20 am
MOVE TO GYMNASIUM & CLASSROOMS

11:20 am - 12:30 pm
ALL WORKSHOPS (GYM & CLASSROOMS)

12:35 pm -1:05 pm
LUNCH IN GYMNASIUM

1:10 pm - 1:20 pm
GYMNASIUM to AUDITORIUM for BRICOLAGE VIDEO

1:20 pm - 2:00 pm
Remarks
Jeffrey Carpenter/Tami Dixon
Melanie Claxton
Danielle McCracken
Michael Edwards

Michele de la Reza/Calvin Stemley (Musician Movement Celebration)

Jim Denova
Carm Nickens

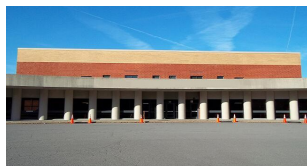
FINAL SOLO 2:00 pm - 2:05 pm
Calvin Stemley

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for catering this event!

Please check out our web site at
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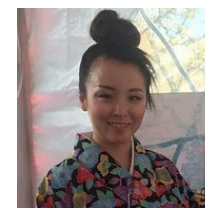
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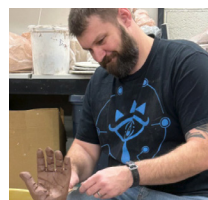
Meet the Teaching Artists



Diane Adams
Mural
painting



Hiromi Katayama
Japanese
Watercolor



Aaron Anslow
Pottery



Lisa Rassmussen
Illustration



Kevin Clancy
Papermaking



Calvin Stemley
Jazz



Attack Theatre
Dance
Michele de la Reza



Manchester Craftman's Guild
Guild on the Go
Multi Dimensional Arts



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Production
Company
Jeff Carpenter



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Tami Dixon



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Sam Turich