Exciting Arts Engagement Opportunity for Portland Youth

My Story and the City of Portland invite you to be a part of "We are Portland," an exciting youth arts and community engagement program. Through a 2012 National Endowment of the Arts *Our Town* grant, we will be selecting 5 project partners in the Portland area to receive free arts programming from My Story.

What is "We are Portland?"

"We are Portland" is a mobile portrait studio that gives local youth an opportunity to photograph their families, friends and neighbors. Through provided youth photography workshops, festive Family Portrait Days, and citywide art exhibits, "We are Portland" empowers youth and builds community through the arts.

"We are Portland" project activities and deliverables include:

- Free photography workshops for youth that provide fun, creative class activities and prepare youth to manage all aspects of the portrait studio
- Family Portrait Days where community members gather at festive, outdoor events to have professional-quality portraits taken by youth
- Delivery of free portraits to all community members who are photographed
- A series of citywide exhibits that broaden understanding of the city's demographics and capture the faces and stories of a changing Portland

Is "We are Portland" for you?

Are you a housing or community organization in the Portland area that serves, represents, and/or has programs for youth?

Do you have a community room that can host My Story workshops? Is this community room easily accessible to the youth you serve? Is it near an open area (courtyard, playground, or park) where youth can take pictures?

Is there an open area (courtyard or park) where Family Portrait Days can be hosted? Is this open area easily accessible to the families you serve?

Do you have staff that can support the project by assisting with recruiting youth for the workshops, and helping to coordinate Family Portrait Days?

If you answered YES to the above questions, "We are Portland" is for YOU!

How to bring "We are Portland" to your community

To apply, send a one-page letter of interest to My Story. This letter should describe your organization, the population you serve, and the ways in which "We are Portland" will benefit your community. If your letter of intent is selected, your organization will be asked to submit a formal application.

Feel free to call or email Alex Ney with any questions:

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Please send letters of Interest by February 28th to:

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Sample portraits taken by local youth as part of "We are Portland"



For more information about My Story, visit us at: www.mystoryworkshops.org