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Art21 Announces Year 8 of the Art21 Educators program

**Select Group of 11 Educators from United States and Canada Participate in Week-long Intensive in New York and Begin Year-long Innovative Contemporary Art and Education Initiative**

**Rigorous Application Process Includes Short Videos Made by Applicant Teachers. Guest Artists include Liz Magic Laser and Fred Wilson.**

New York, NY — Art21, the contemporary art organization best known for its Peabody Award-winning PBS series “Art in the Twenty-First Century” (2001-present), announces the selection of eleven exceptional teachers who in July 2018 will join its innovative educational program, Art21 Educators.

The Art21 Educators program brings educators from across the U.S., Canada and Mexico together to engage with leading contemporary artists who in past years have included numerous artists such as Leonardo Drew, David Brooks, Aki Sasamoto, Diana Al-Hadid, Laylah Ali, Arlene Shechet, Mark Dion, Janine Antoni, Oliver Herring, and Shahzia Sikander. The 2018-19 Art21 Educators program begins with an intensive week-long series of workshops, lectures, museum and gallery visits, followed by a year of distance learning and meetings through May 2019. This year’s institute is graciously being hosted by the New York Public Library.

Led by Art21’s Senior Education Advisor, Joe Fusaro, this is a transformative force within the field of education. Through the Art21 Educators program, participants learn to bring the art, ideas, and methods of contemporary artists into diverse subject areas and disciplines. Recognizing teachers as creative practitioners in their own right who bring a world of ideas into their classrooms, Art21 supports new ways of teaching and learning inspired by contemporary visual artists.

These outstanding artists and exceptional teachers will engage with timely questions, timeless concerns, and urgent issues about today’s world. Art21 Educators connects these practices to transform the possibilities for education. By working with teachers across subject areas, artists are introduced as creative and conceptual thinkers, who pose questions, solve problems, introduce new ideas, and help rethink the world around us. Since the program’s inception, visual arts, language and language arts, humanities, social studies, science, and media arts teachers have developed their knowledge of contemporary art, and continue to use that knowledge to pioneer innovative interdisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning both inside and outside the classroom, impacting over 12,000 students each year.

# art21 educators

Consisting of three consecutive phases, the Art21 Educators program kicks off with a Summer Institute in New York City from July 6-11. The eleven newly selected educators will convene with twenty-five alumni to participate in workshops with artists, seminars with educators, and visits to galleries and museums. The program continues through May 2019, as educators experiment with new resources and strategies in the classroom.

In monthly webinars and a private online social networking space, educators utilize online learning to share classroom documentation (through writing, photos, and videos), provide feedback, and continue conversations about contemporary art. Participation in an extended online network of alumni from previous years keeps new educators engaged after the immersion year is complete. This growing community now has over 90 members who continue to explore and develop new models for teaching with contemporary art and artists across disciplines and grade levels. The Alumni Network empowers teachers by creating a space to share how Art21 and contemporary art continually inspires their teaching practice, connecting them with like-minded colleagues who share their curiosity and passion for contemporary art in the classroom.

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## About Art21

Art21 is a celebrated global leader in presenting thought-provoking and sophisticated content about contemporary art, and the go-to place to learn first-hand from the artists of our time. A nonprofit organization, Art21's mission is to inspire a more creative world through the works and words of contemporary artists. For nearly two decades, Art21 has changed the paradigm for teaching and learning about the creative process.

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