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CAM awarded \$25,000 for education programs from The Bellwether Foundation.



CAM teaching artist Meghan Grubb works with LEAP Middle School Initiative students. Photo: Abby Gillardi.

January 6, 2020 (St. Louis, MO) - The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM) announces an award of \$25,000 for its pre-teen and teen education programs from The Bellwether Foundation, Inc. CAM is dedicated to increasing exposure to the arts for young people in St. Louis, with a special focus on those who attend Saint Louis Public Schools (SLPS). The Bellwether Foundation grant supports CAM's commitment to provide art education opportunities onsite at the museum and offsite with school districts and community partners.

"We are thrilled that The Bellwether Foundation has selected us for this grant," says Lisa Melandri, CAM Executive Director. "We greatly appreciate the recognition this gives our Learning and Engagement program, which serves as many as 5,000 young people each year, approximately 3,000 of those in our pre-teen and teen education programs. All CAM education programs are free, and The Bellwether Foundation grant helps us allow them to remain so."

CAM programs that will benefit from The Bellwether Foundation grant include:

- **Vashon High School Partnership**, now in its third year, with CAM teaching artists collaborating with Vashon faculty to teach introductory and elective art courses through a project-based curricula
- **ArtReach Drop-in Workshops** with middle and high-school students in St. Louis Public Schools
- **ArtReach Intensives**, long-term workshops designed for specific student populations
- **Field Trips/Tour Programs**, in which students travel to the museum for guided tours led by CAM staff; such tours bridge the gap for students with limited access to experiences with contemporary visual culture

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- **AP Portfolio Day**, where professors and art professionals review the work of Advanced Placement students, assisting students in preparing portfolios for college and employment applications
- **New Art in the Neighborhood/Teen Museum Studies/LEAP Middle School Initiative** offer intensive onsite instruction into contemporary art practice and the museum profession, offering young artists with mentorship and a collaborative environment



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For more information about CAM's pre-teen and teen programs visit camstl.org/programs/teens.

About The Bellwether Foundation

The mission of The Bellwether Foundation is to improve the quality of life for all people in St. Louis by supporting innovative programs that make a positive impact for present and future generations. Our founders wanted to promote their ideals and aspirations for a better St. Louis region through The Bellwether Foundation, an idea we embrace today.

About the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis

The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis works to enrich lives and inspire curiosity, creativity, and learning through experiences with contemporary art. Focused on a dynamic array of changing exhibitions, the Museum reflects and contributes to the global cultural landscape while engaging thousands of visitors through a wide array of public programs. CAM nurtures the creative minds of our city's youth through free, in-depth art education, making a long-lasting impact on the community. We are a site for discovery, a welcoming space, free and open to all.

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