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NYC Arts in Education Roundtable Face to Face 2014 Conference
Wednesday, April 16, 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM & Thursday, April 17, 8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
The City College of New York (CCNY), Shepard Hall
West 138th and Convent Avenues, NYC

Keynote from Carmen Fariña, NYC Schools Chancellor
Introduced by Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President

New York State's largest exploration of arts in education is happening in Manhattan on April 16 & 17. More than 500 arts professionals, educators and experts from the field will convene for two days of panels, workshops and presentations in. **Face to Face 2014** gives participants an opportunity to delve deeply into the many aspects of arts in education through the lens of multiple arts disciplines, approaches, and perspectives.

NYC Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña will deliver the Keynote, on April 16th at 3:00 PM, introduced by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer. Chancellor Fariña has spoken movingly about the powerful effect that the arts have had on her own life. Throughout her vast experience as an educator, Chancellor Fariña has advocated for the arts as a means of engaging all kinds of learners. The arts in education community is eager to hear more about her plans to ensure that the children in New York City's public schools receive a comprehensive arts education.

Our plenary session on April 17th at 11:15 AM, moderated by WNYC's Beth Fertig, will focus on the arts in early childhood education with a panel of advocates, researchers, and practitioners. *"With pre-K soon to become a reality for tens of thousands of New York City children, there are questions looming around content and quality. Compelling research shows that a quality early childhood education includes a rich array of arts experiences. The Roundtable looks forward to embracing this policy imperative and thinking about its implications"* said Kati Koerner, Co-Chair of the Roundtable and Director of Education at Lincoln Center Theater.

In addition, the two-day conference includes 36 breakouts, panels and workshops by arts in education practitioners from New York's leading cultural institutions and experts from the field. Highlights include a panel exploring current trends in arts education policy, with representatives from the Center for Arts Education, the League of American Orchestras, Americans for the Arts, and Lincoln Center Education, and a session entitled Unpacking and Communicating Arts Values for Special Needs Students.

Established in 1992, The NYC Arts in Education Roundtable is a service organization and a community of arts education practitioners sharing information, providing professional development, and communicating with the public to promote our work in schools and beyond. The Roundtable currently has over 140 member organizations, representing all five boroughs of New York City. Member organizations include Lincoln Center Theater, Manhattan Theatre Club, Roundabout Theater, New York Philharmonic, Brooklyn Arts Council, The New Victory, The Queens Museum, and many more.