

# ARTWorks for Kids

A Program of Hunt Alternatives Fund



Provoking Change... for Good

## PROGRAM MISSION

Significant work needs significant support. ARTWorks for Kids garners sustained private and public support of arts organizations that transform the lives of kids in Eastern Massachusetts. We promote the arts in classrooms, after-school programs, and the larger community to encourage young people to stay on track.

We help organizations through:

<b>ADVOCACY</b>	Educating policymakers to increase public funding
<b>OUTREACH</b>	Forging partnerships to identify new donors
<b>CONVENING</b>	Building a coalition to strengthen youth arts
<b>GRANTMAKING</b>	Funding arts organizations directly

Our goal is to create a model that can be replicated by other communities.

## COALITION IMPACT

Serving over 275,000 youth, ARTWorks for Kids' coalition members are providing kids with crucial access and support to arts of all kinds. From dance to drama to music to writing, these organizations pride themselves on the important role they each play in improving the lives of the children they serve:

- 81% of organizations serve a majority of low-income youth; all organizations have programs directed toward low-income youth.
- About 40% of organizations work with targeted underserved populations, including: incarcerated youth, kids with mental illness and special needs, victims of domestic violence, and English Language Learners.
- 80% of organizations are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the state's art agency, attesting to the quality of the programs.
- 90% of graduating seniors from coalition programs enrolled in college in 2006.

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## Current Grantees

Actors' Shakespeare Project  
Artists for Humanity  
BalletRox  
Books of Hope  
Boston Arts Academy  
Boston Children's Chorus  
Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras  
City of Boston, Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism, and Special Events  
City Stage Company  
Community Art Center  
Community Music Center of Boston\*  
Conservatory Lab Charter School  
Dorchester Community Center for the Visual Arts  
Express Yourself  
From the Top  
Hyde Square Task Force  
Making Music Matters\*  
The Max Warburg Courage Curriculum  
OriginNation  
Raw Art Works  
The Revolving Museum  
The Theater Offensive  
Troubadour\*  
United South End Settlements  
The University of Massachusetts Lowell String Project  
Urban Improv  
Young Audiences of Massachusetts  
ZUMIX

Boston Landmarks Orchestra  
(affiliated non-grantee)

\* Through EdVestors

## ARTWorks for Kids Subcommittee

**Charles Ansbacher**, *Conductor, Boston Landmarks Orchestra*

**Swanee Hunt**, *Author & Composer, Co-Chair, ARTWorks Subcommittee*

**Lillian Hunt Meeks**, *Poet; Co-Chair, ARTWorks Subcommittee*

**John Miller**, *Research Professor, The Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University*

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