



"In the alphabet you have to have all the letters to make it work. It's the same with community."
—Christa Cochran, age 12

About Alphabet Arts

Alphabet Arts is a non-profit, volunteer-run artist collective established in 2009. Founded by professional artists and educators, Alphabet Arts blends poetry, puppetry, music and other art forms to create innovative performances and programs for youth and adult audiences. As the Bread & Puppet Theater explained in their Cheap Art Manifesto, "Art is food. You can't eat it but it feeds you. It has to be cheap and available to everybody." Alphabet Arts feeds NYC by providing free and low-cost performances, educational programs and curriculum, making the arts accessible to all. By doing so we educate, challenge and inspire individuals to become engaged thinkers and agents of change in their communities. Alphabet Arts is a sponsored project of Fractured Atlas, a 501c3 non-profit arts service organization, and is supported by grants from the Brooklyn Arts Council, and a small army of generous donors and volunteers.

Current Projects



City of Hamburgers Brooklyn Public Library Tour

Alphabet Arts created this quirky puppet play based on the children's book by Mike Reiss (*The Simpsons, Rio*). Our performances and post-show workshops make timely social issues, such as acceptance of differences, immigration, and "becoming American," accessible to young audiences while also modeling the importance of intergenerational storytelling. We are currently raising funds to provide free performances at library branches throughout Brooklyn in 2011.



Puppets & Poets

This fall Alphabet Arts will offer a series of public workshops open to puppeteers, poets, other artists and community members interested in collaboratively exploring the relationship between puppetry and poetry, two of the world's oldest and most diversely practiced art forms. The workshops will culminate in an original work to debut in NYC in December 2011. We are currently raising funds to make these workshops accessible to low-income youth and artists.



Found Object Adventures at the Hawthorne Street Block Party

For the third year in a row Alphabet Arts will debut an original puppet show on September 10, 2011 at the Hawthorne Street Block Party in Flatbush/Lefferts Gardens, Brooklyn. The show will use found object puppetry and interactive performance to teach children the importance of imagination, creativity and collaboration as keys to success. Funds are needed to build the show, and to allow us to provide free performances throughout the day to diverse family audiences.

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"Only through art can we emerge from ourselves and know what another person sees."
—Marcel Proust