## WE ARE TEACHING ARTISTS

WELLNESS CENTERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES FAMILIES BUSINESSES (AND MANY OTHER PARTNERS)

TO MAKE THE ARTS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES OR "TALENT."

TO PROVIDE OUR COMMUNITIES WITH QUALITY ART-MAKING EXPERIENCES THAT STIMULATE INNOVATION, CRITICAL THINKING, CURIOSITY, JOY, UNDERSTANDING, SELF-EXPRESSION, EMPATHY, AND AWARENESS

TO EMPLOY THE ARTS AS A MEANS OF BRINGING COMMUNITIES TO-GETHER, CELEBRATING THAT WHICH MAKE US JOYFUL, CALLING OUT THAT WHICH WE WANT TO CHANGE.

WE ARE STORYTELLERS. WE ARE OBSERVERS. WE ARE PERFORMERS. WE ARE WRITERS. WE ARE CREATORS. WE ARE DESIGNERS. WE ARE MAKERS. WE REPRESENT ALL ART FORMS.

## AND WE ARE STRONGEST WHEN WE ALL WORK TOGETHER.

## THUS, WE PLEDGE OUR COMMITMENT TO:

**1.** Building *strong, passionate, and engaged* networks of teaching artists who are ready and willing to both *contribute* to and benefit from the power of our *collective work*.

**2.** Promoting *fair* and *high quality standards* in the field.

**3.** Advocating for wages that ensure teaching artists can *make a living* while doing their work.

**4.** MOBILIZING AND SUPPORTING THE *LEADERSHIP* OF TEACHING ARTISTS AT THE LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL LEVELS TO MAKE *CHANGE* IN THE *COMMUNITIES WE SERVE*.

**5.** *Sharing* resources, research, News, Opportunities, Projects, Curriculum, AND Stories from the field.

**6.** *PRODUCING AND SUPPORTING* NATIONAL EVENTS, CONVERSATIONS, AND CONVENINGS THAT ALLOW TEACHING ARTISTS TO LEARN, CREATE, PLAY, AND WORK **TOGETHER** TOWARDS **COLLECTIVE ACTION**.

JOIN US. HELP US MAKE THESE GOALS REAL.