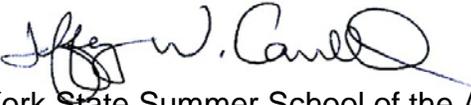
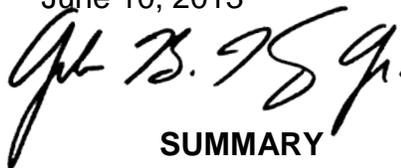




**TO:** Cultural Education  
**FROM:** Jeffrey Cannell   
**SUBJECT:** Report on New York State Summer School of the Arts  
2013 session

**DATE:** June 10, 2013

**AUTHORIZATION(S):**

  
**SUMMARY**

### **Issue for Discussion**

Staff of the New York State Summer School of the Arts (NYSSSA) will present information and highlights of the 2013 program, opening on June 23, 2013.

### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

Article 7 of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law establishes the Summer School of the Arts within the Education Department. 2013 marks the 44th year of the program.

### **Proposed Handling**

For Information.

### **Background Information**

NYSSSA is a program of the State Education Department and is now administered by the Office of Cultural Education. Founded in 1970, the program assists young artists in planning professional careers in the visual and performing arts. Currently the program operates seven schools in ballet, choral studies, dance, media arts, orchestral studies, theatre and visual arts. Four weeks of intensive work and interaction with artists and performing arts companies, such as the New York City Ballet and the Philadelphia Orchestra, give students a unique opportunity to experience the rigors of their chosen arts field. Each program culminates in a final performance or demonstration which is free and open to the general public.

The program will begin on Sunday, June 23 with the opening of the School of Ballet and end on Saturday, August 24 with a free concert of the School of Orchestral Studies at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center in Saratoga Springs, NY.

In 2013 the following schools will operate:

School of Choral Studies – SUNY Fredonia  
School of Dance – Skidmore College  
School of Media Arts – SUNY Oswego  
School of Ballet – Skidmore College  
School of Visual Arts – SUNY Fredonia  
School of Theater – SUNY Delhi  
School of Orchestral Studies – Skidmore College

Students are accepted into the schools through a competitive audition process held throughout the state each winter. Tuition rates are maintained at a modest level and economically challenged students are eligible for reduced tuition to provide all students the opportunity to participate in the program.