We believe the arts are an indispensable means of discovery and innovation that enriches learning and contributes to the vitality of communities everywhere.

Since 1977, The Studio in a School Association (SIAS) has provided artist-taught visual arts programs in New York City, reaching more than one million students.

Providing programs solely in the visual arts has enabled us to develop a unique expertise in the field of arts in education, including visual arts curriculums, classroom program models, research, and tested innovations and assessment methods.

Building on that success, Studio Institute (Studio) was formed in 2016 to share this experience and to create new partnerships with schools, communities, and arts and cultural organizations nationwide.

Studio programs focus on improving opportunities for children, youth, and young adults through collaborative visual arts education and internships, making arts careers accessible.

We currently work with communities, schools, and cultural organizations in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Memphis, New York City, Philadelphia, Providence, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

From partnerships that include Head Start and Early Childhood programs and artist residencies at schools and community organizations to internship-based learning and college readiness programs, professional learning, and family workshops, we envision a world of possibility through the arts.
AWARDS and GRANTS

The content, quality, and success of the work of the Studio in a School Association has been recognized by numerous distinguished awards and federal grants received over many years, including:

• National Arts Education Award—Americans for the Arts
• New York State Governor’s Arts Award
• Doris C. Freedman Award, New York City Mayor’s Office
• The Arts and Business Council Encore Award
• New York City Schools and Culture Award
• Hope for New York Award, City University of New York Graduate School
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