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**SECOND VERMONT TEACHING ARTIST ACADEMY OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT**

MONTPELIER, VT.—The [Community Engagement Lab](http://communityengagementlab.org)—a Montpelier-based non-profit dedicated to growing creativity in schools and communities—is accepting applications for its second iteration of its [Teaching Artist Academy](http://communityengagementlab.org/teaching-artist-academy), which will take place during two weekends in the fall.

Teaching artists are practicing artists who work in schools and communities, who have expanded their artmaking beyond the studio or stage into participatory engagement with many different people, in many settings for many purposes, according to Paul Gambill, executive Director of the Community Engagement Lab.

“The Teaching Artist Academy explores the best practices that ensure that classroom teacher/teaching artist partnerships thrive in real-world situations,” Gambill said. The workshops are funded by the Vermont-focused Canaday Family Charitable Trust.

The first of the coming sessions is September 13–15; the second is October 11–13. Both will take place at the Galusha Hill Farm Lodge in East Topsham.

The Academy’s demonstrations, hands-on experimentation and individual coaching from leading experts in the field—including [Eric Booth](http://ericbooth.com), who is widely described as the father of the teaching artist profession, and [Judith Bose](http://judithbose.com), who was the first full-time teaching artist hired by Lincoln Center—will prepare participants to take the next step in fulfilling their potential, Gambill said.

The first Teaching Artist Academy took place over two weekends in January and March, and drew an overflow roster of participants, including dancers, visual artists, theater artists, musicians, glass and ceramic artists, writers and more.

For more information, visit [www.communityengagementlab.org/teaching-artist-academy](http://www.communityengagementlab.org/teaching-artist-academy).

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*The Vermont-based [Community Engagement Lab](http://communityengagementlab.org) (CEL) provides leadership to design bold school-based projects that activate students' creativity while deepening their engagement with their community. CEL supports creative school/community*

partnerships across the state through programs such as the [Vermont Creative Schools Initiative](#) and the [Vermont Creative Teaching Forum](#).

The primary purpose of the [Canaday Family Charitable Trust](#) is to encourage and support not-for-profit organizations that work in Vermont to improve the lives of children and families, promote environmental education and conservation, and preserve the environment. The foundation seeks to fund innovative programs with clear, measurable goals for creating unique and significant improvements in the lives of children and in the environment.