



SMARTS Contemporaries

Creative Collaborations for SMARTS Community Teaching Artists

| Visual Art | Music | Dance | Theater | Creative Writing |
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| TBD | SMARTS Band Leader: Simon Kenneally | TBD | TBD | TBD |

Goal

To create an intentional environment where SMARTS Teachers can collaborate as artists to foster wellness and inspiration among employees and staff.

Participation

Any SMARTS Teacher may participate in any SMARTS Contemporaries group, regardless of the discipline they teach. The only requirement is that they be a current and/or recent past employee of SMARTS and maybe friends, or proficient students in the future.

Commission

Participation in SMARTS Contemporaries is an unpaid position and is a value-added as a SMARTS employee. SMARTS Contemporaries may be commissioned for their work at SMARTS events or through community partnerships in the future as these programs develop.

SMARTS Band

Leader: Simon Kenneally

We would like to form a SMARTS music ensemble and all SMARTS staff and teachers are invited! The focus would be to build camaraderie throughout the SMARTS Music Department and other SMARTS teachers through the rehearsal and demonstration of our individual specialties and talents. This is in an infancy stage, but with the input and help from all involved this could be rewarding to us as teachers and musicians, beneficial to SMARTS public reputation, and could also be extremely inspiring to the student body. We could utilize all of our strengths to create an ensemble capable of performing multiple genres, such as, classical, jazz, blues, rock, folk, etc. We could also expand into original compositions and improvisation. After we work through everyone's schedules, rehearsals could take place on site at SMARTS outside of programming and administration times. We hope to perform at SMARTS functions, fundraisers and promotions for SMARTS out in the community. We hope this piques the interest of SMARTS teachers, especially music teachers, and I look forward to getting to know each other on a truly creative level, which could only make our music programs at SMARTS that much more influential for the students!

- Simon Kenneally