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## **WANTED!!! TEACHING ARTISTS**

VSA Florida (VSAFL) is the state organization on arts and disability, whose mission is to *“create a society where people with disabilities can learn through, participate in and enjoy the arts.”*

VSA Florida – has a Teaching Artist Residency Program entitled *My Art My Way*. The program provides residencies for 8 **one** hour sessions in one or more ESE or inclusive classroom in every Florida County. The teaching artist is paid \$50.00 per hour. Teaching Artists must participate in VSAFL professional development on best practices to work successfully with students with disabilities.

The hands-on residencies offer arts experiences that result in enhancing art skills and providing a means of expression for all participants. It is a mentorship for the classroom teacher, staff and site administrator for integrating the arts into the curriculum. Many of the recipients may never have had an arts experience before and thus the residency provides them with new opportunities on many different levels.

Young Performing Artists (YPAs), Inc. is a local collaborator with VSA- FL and is immediately seeking two teaching music artists for opportunities in the Astatula area for music with hearing impaired students, and movement in Sumter County. The music artists should be either vocal or percussion. Also, YPAs, Inc. is seeking teaching artists, in all art forms, to develop a resource listing for future Lake & Sumter VSA opportunities.

Please visit our website for further information about our organization and its services and **complete a teaching artist application** at [www.youngperformingartists.org](http://www.youngperformingartists.org).

For additional information, call 352-748-2008 or Email: [youngartists@aol.com](mailto:youngartists@aol.com).

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