

Youth art program available

High school students with an eye to design can develop their talent through an after-school program in the Valley Arts District.

ORNG Ink is the youth-oriented interdisciplinary art and design studio of Valley Arts. ORNG was created by high school students from Orange in 2008.

Valley Arts officials said ORNG Ink's mission is to engage young people in the development and maintenance of a commerce-based enterprise driven by self-expression and exploration in visual, performing and literary arts, and digital media.

Studio, retail, exhibition space, and mentoring for young artists is available through free, yearlong out-of-school programs that emphasize self-initiated education, motivation and evaluation.

With a primary focus on the intersection of art and culture relevant to urban youth, officials said, students are equipped with necessary knowledge in creative fields that interest them.

Contact Valley Arts at 973-674-0183 for additional information.