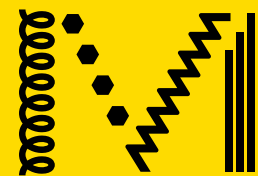


Materials for the Arts

MISSION

Materials for the Arts (MFTA) provides NYC arts nonprofits, public schools and city agencies with access to free materials. We strive to keep valuable materials from entering the landfill and put these materials into the hands of arts professionals, educators and students across the five boroughs. We give unwanted items the opportunity to become something new through Creative Reuse, inspired education and unlimited imagination. Better than new; it's **renewed.**



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Every Tuesday and Thursday, MFTA opens its warehouse doors for members to shop from our 35,000-square-foot warehouse — all for FREE!



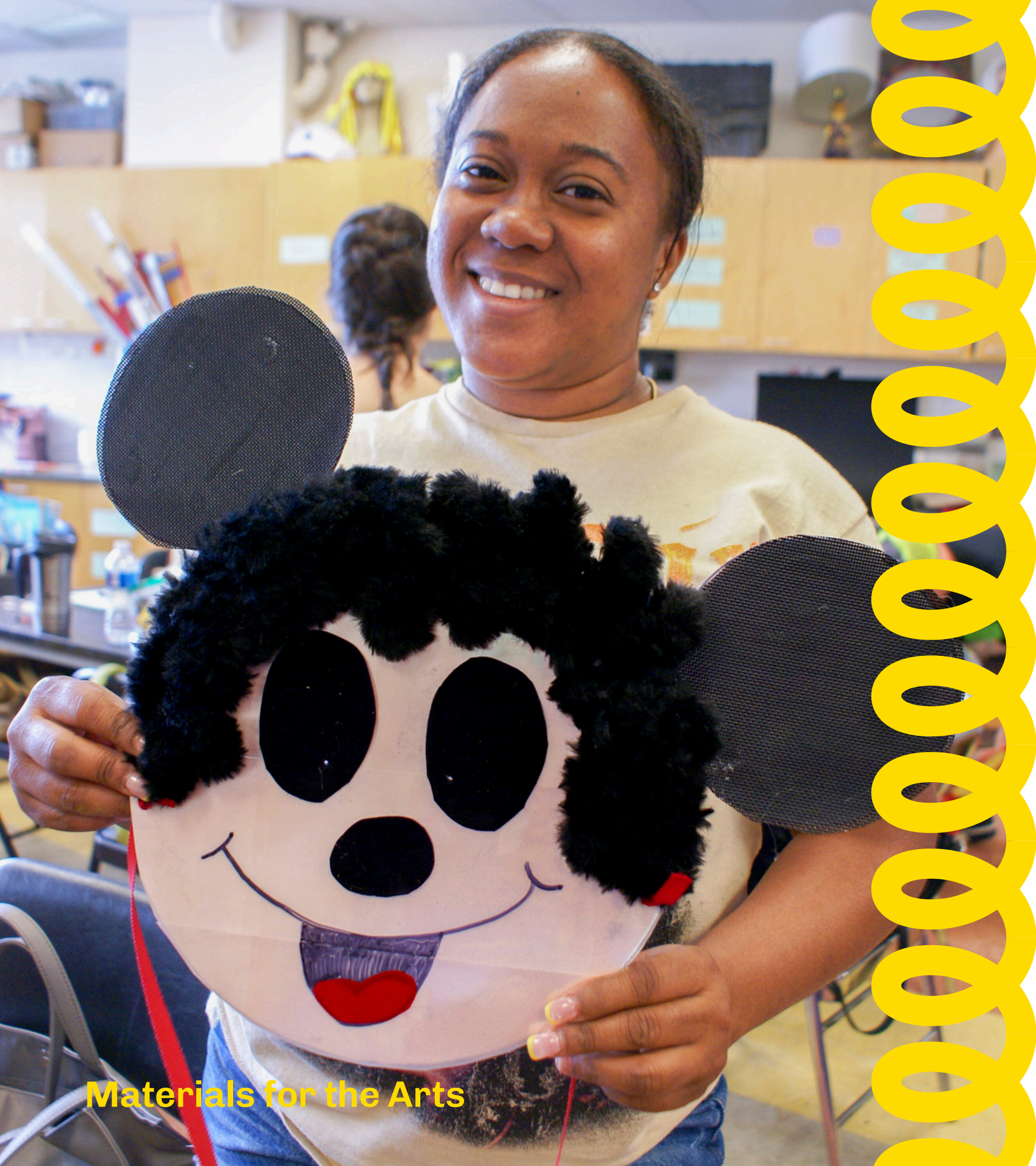
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MFTA's membership base of almost 5,000 organizations serves city agencies, DOE schools, arts organizations, and much more.

IN 2024:

- ◆ MFTA collected **6,180,373 lbs.** worth of materials valued at **\$24,826,384.**
- ◆ **2,028** member organizations visited the warehouse to pick up supplies.
- ◆ We organized **15** offsite shopping events for Film and TV liquidation events, totaling in **132** appointments where member organizations shopped from productions **FREE** of charge.
- ◆ **5,560** students received education through MFTA's fieldtrip program.
- ◆ **2,216** teachers and community-based educators received instruction from MFTA Teaching Artists.
- ◆ We taught **11** professional development courses reaching **344** teachers.



Education

The **MFTA Education Center** offers field trips, in-school residencies, professional development classes, and community workshops including our free monthly Third Thursday programming with an emphasis on creative reuse for students, teachers, and the general public.

In addition to this programming, the Education Center also features the Artist and Designer-in-Residence programs, the Young Designers program, and the Repair program.











Artists & Designers-in-Residence

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Repair Program

In the spring of 2024, MFTA piloted a Repair Program in collaboration with City-As School. Working with reusable materials found within the MFTA warehouse, students learn how to repair, mend, and fix clothing, furniture, bikes, and much more, allowing them to envision a future in sustainability through career exploration.







Volunteers

MFTA relies upon volunteers to keep our 35,000-square-foot warehouse organized. Join our roster of volunteers ranging from corporate groups and retirees to college students and nonprofit community organizations in making a difference in our warehouse and across New York City.

In 2024, **4,953** volunteers and interns completed a total of **12,711** hours at the warehouse. Their annual hours of service add up to the equivalent of about **five full-time staff members annual hours!**

