



# The Young Critics Workshop

2010 – 2011

“...starting out a defiant know-it-all, I was transformed into a confident and unashamed inquirer. Despite AP and Honors English classes for four years at my high school, **this has been the best writing course I’ve ever had the privilege of taking.**”

The Young Critics Workshop gives young writers the opportunity to explore arts journalism and criticism, meet and learn from professional critics and artists, and hone their critical writing skills in the company of peers. YCW is a challenging and rigorous writing course. Students learn:



- How to look at art critically
  - How to articulate opinions persuasively
  - How to disagree civilly
  - How to craft writing that people will actually want to read
  - How to give and receive criticism constructively
  - How to find your voice as a writer (or at least how to start looking for it)
- And SO. MUCH. MORE.

“**Not only did this workshop improve my writing and my confidence in it, YCW led me to explore Seattle’s rich culture; I saw plays and exhibits I never would have on my own.**”

- The Young Critics Workshop is **free** of charge and open to all **11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders.**
- All classes are held at the **Center House at Seattle Center.**
- Classes are held weekly for four months. All classes are held from 5 – 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The 2010 – 2011 class schedule is as follows:

**Nov 4, 11, 18, one-week break | Dec 2, 9, 16, two week break | Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 | Feb 3, two-week break, Feb 24**



YCW students meet with *Stranger* staffers during YCW 09-10

Students who are interested in applying for the Young Critics Workshop should complete and return the application. **All applications must be postmarked by Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> in order to be considered.** Applicants will be notified by October 22<sup>nd</sup> as to whether or not they have been accepted. The first class is November 4<sup>th</sup>. **The application can also be downloaded at [seattlecenter.com/teentix](http://seattlecenter.com/teentix)**

Mail applications to:  
Teen Tix  
Young Critics Workshop  
305 Harrison St.  
Seattle, WA 98107

Or email electronic documents to:  
[holly.arsenault@seattle.gov](mailto:holly.arsenault@seattle.gov) with “YCW Application” in the subject line

**About Teen Tix** Seattle Center’s Teen Tix is a revolutionary arts access program for teenagers. Teen Tix partners with arts-presenting organizations to make the arts accessible and affordable for teenagers. Teen Tix’s participating venues include many of the Puget Sound region’s preeminent arts venues, and represent a wide range of art forms, including theatre, dance, music, opera, and film. More than 20,000 teenagers from throughout the region are Teen Tix members. Teen Tix registration is free, and anyone who is 13 to 19 years old can sign up. Visit us at:

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