



A LETTER FROM DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AVA KINSEY

Greetings Beloved Community,

Welcome!

BAM Education provides a space for young people to embrace their Vision, Voice, and Power to actualize creative agency in all aspects of art-making. Youth develop their artistry through thought-provoking in- and after-school programs, assemblies, festivals, workshops, performances, and screenings that empower them to express themselves and engage with their community.

Vision, Voice, and Power (VVP) is BAM Education's mission framework, and it encapsulates the way that we want young people to work together, with BAM, and with the surrounding community.

VVP is also our department's cultural lens. It is how our administrators seek to engage with one another, participants, school partners, and community members. We define VVP from a youth-centered perspective.

Vision is how young people use their imagination to create and engage with art and each other.

Voice is the way in which young people express and represent themselves to the world.

Power, then, is young people's agency to create and engage with art that is meaningful to their lives.

Whether this is your first time engaging with BAM Education, or you are a returning community member, we invite you to bring your full selves into our spaces to cultivate an artistic circle that mirrors the diversity of our beloved borough of Brooklyn, and our world.

We hope that you see yourselves in the work that we do and in the worlds we fashion.

Educators, please apply for our DanceAfrica in the Classroom, Word. Sound. Power. in the Classroom, or (Re)Centering Theater general education or inclusive residencies, or our virtual education sessions, as early as Fall 2026. Also, please join us in-person for our school-time matinee offerings, which will be available in Winter/Spring 2027.

Young people in high school and parents/caregivers/guardians, please engage with us in our after-school programs Arts & Justice (A&J) and Brooklyn Interns for Arts and Culture (BIAC). Gain access to BAM resources and the talented skill of our Teaching Artists through the use of our ELA-aligned study guides for *Hamlet* and *Antigone*, which will be available for purchase in January 2027.

BAM already has nearly 500 study guides from the 1960s to the early 2010s available for school use, free of charge at [levyarchive.BAM.org](https://levyarchive.bam.org). Search for “study guides” in the search bar.

For our BAM Education alumni ages 18—26, please reconnect with us during our alumni events and in our Creative Career Collective program, a pre-professional program exclusively for alumni participants who are seeking careers or study in the creative, performing, visual, technical, or liberal arts.

We are grateful for your interest in BAM Education and we look forward to working with you and becoming a member of your artistic community.

We hope to work with you all soon.

With gratitude,

Ava Kinsey

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