Arts Benefits All Coalition Alternative (ABACA), Inc. is a non-profit organization established in 1992 to support the infusion of the arts into Satellite Academy High School's Forsyth Street campus. ABACA works directly with the young adults of Satellite Academy, exposing them to the art world, something previously unknown. These students often find art and its culture both intimidating and irrelevant to their own lives. ABACA provides an irresistible introduction to this alien universe by bringing in young, professional artist and partnering with well-known galleries.

Satellite Academy, Forsyth Street, is an alternative high school founded in 1979. It is a school founded with the intention of catching young people who have fallen through the cracks at other schools, have chosen to leave or have been asked to leave other educational settings for any number of reasons. We are a vital and diverse community of learners devoted to transforming young minds and lives through education. We believe in the power of knowledge, of words, of arts, of relationship and of the power on non-violence. We nurture self-determination, hope and confidence. Our 200 students enroll on classes that are designed to re-awaken their love of learning and to foster a sense of community. Our curriculum encourages students to make connections between what they encounter in their academic pursuits and what they experience in the world. At Satellite Academy, education is liberation.

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