

OFFICE of **ARTS** EDUCATION



DANCE **MUSIC** **VISUAL ARTS** **THEATER/LITERARY ARTS**

Dear ,
Happy March! Thank you for your continued support and interest in the arts at CPS. We are eagerly preparing for our second annual *Arts on the Agenda* Principals' event, scheduled for Tuesday, April 28. Last year was a huge success with over 150 principals and administrators in attendance and we are gearing up for another exciting year! We hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and look forward to serving you.

Best wishes,
OAE Staff

DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

DANCE

Belmont-Cragin Area New School, a CPS school opening in the fall of 2009, is looking to fill an arts position and is considering dance teachers. For more information access the February 25 edition of the [CPS Job E-Bulletin](#).

MUSIC

The Vocal Solo and Ensemble Contest will be held on Saturday, March 28 at Whitney Young Magnet High School Fine Arts Center.

The deadline for registration for the 84th Annual High School Band, Chorus and Orchestra Contest is Thursday, March 5. Fee is \$100.00 per group. No personal checks!

High School Choral Dates: Tuesday, April 14 at Lane Tech College Prep HS
Thursday, April 16 at Curie Metro HS Friday, April 17 at Kenwood Academy

High School Band & Orchestra Dates: Saturday, April 18 at Schurz HS, Curie Metro HS and Kenwood Academy

Congratulations to Barry Elmore (Poe Classical Maestro and All-City Elementary Youth Chorus Principal Conductor) on the February 13 Chicago Tribune article showcasing his many talents and accomplishments.

Congratulations to Whitney Young Magnet HS Orchestra Director Michael Mascari who has been invited to conduct the Illinois Music Educators Association District 5 Orchestra.

William B. McClellan, Music Curriculum Supervisor, will return to his alma mater, Northeastern Illinois University, to narrate Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait" with the Northeastern Wind Ensemble, conducted by Dr. R. Shayne

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Cofer, on Thursday March 5 at the University Auditorium.

For more information regarding any of these upcoming music events please [email us](#) or call 773-553-2170.

VISUAL ARTS

The All-City Art Competition for district-wide high school student artwork is now completed. This year we saw a 30% increase in senior portfolios submittals along with participation from many more CPS high schools. The All-City Art Exhibition will be installed at two separate venues starting Friday, April 3 including the Illinois Institute of Technology and the MCA. Mark your calendars: the All-City Art Exhibition Opening Reception and Awards Ceremony will take place on Monday, April 13 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

School participation guidelines for World Art Chicago have now been distributed to all CPS elementary schools. The Office of Arts Education (OAE) is extending the deadline if your school would still like to participate and submit artwork to the exhibition. Please fax your World Art Chicago – School Participation Form to "attention Candice Jennings" at fax number 773-553-1973 or call 773-553-2170 for more details.

Spots are still available for both high school and elementary art teachers to attend the OAE Mixed-Media Workshop on Friday, March 27. Please send an [email us](#) if you are interested in participating in this upcoming professional development experience.

THEATER/LITERARY ARTS

Do you have some students who are talented actors, poets or performers? The Elementary Poetry Festival and the High School Theater Competition are wonderful opportunities for students to showcase their talents and learn from their peers.

Word is Rhythm: The Chicago Public Schools Elementary Poetry Festival is being produced in partnership with The Gwendolyn Brooks Center for Black Literature and Creative Writing at Chicago State University and Young Chicago Authors. The event will be held at The Old Town School of Folk Music. Grades K-3 will present poetic performances on April 3 and Grades 4-8 will present on April 17. Performance slots are limited and will be selected on a first come, first serve basis. Click here for the [online registration](#) or for more information. The registration deadline is March 17.

The High School Theater Competition will take place on two separate dates. High School Teachers may select either Saturday April 25 at Victory Gardens Theater or Wednesday April 13 at Roberto Clemente High School. Student performances will be evaluated by judges from representing the diversity of the Chicago theater community including Goodman Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre and Victory Gardens Theater. Performance slots are limited and will be selected on a first come, first serve basis. Click here to [register](#). The registration deadline is March 17.

OAE will be presenting a professional development day for theater teachers and teachers who incorporate theater into their curriculum. The event will be held on March 27. The day will include opportunities to discuss and collaborate on drama/theater curriculum as well as an intensive hands on workshop on

improvisation. Location TBA. For more information [email us](#).

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ARTS LESSON PLANS

Celebrate Women's History month by exploring innovative female artists or the influences of women on art. Here are a few lesson plan ideas to get you started, courtesy of ArtsEdge, the Getty, the Latino American Experience and PBS:

[Latina American Artists](#) (adaptable; 4-12)

[Men, Women and the Blues](#) (adaptable; 5-12)

[Ambitious Women Artists at Work](#) (3-5)

[A Suitable Job for a Woman](#) (5-8)

[Steps of a Giant: Martha Graham](#) (9-12)

[Louisa May Alcott Unit](#) (9-12)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

For more events and opportunities please visit our [online calendar](#).

Join Luna Negra Dance Theater for their family matinee performance, *Mi Familia, My Dance* on Saturday, March 28 at 3:00 p.m. at the Harris Theater! Tickets are only \$10 with discounts for families of four or more. For more information call 312-334-7777.

The Jordan Fundamentals Grant Program is accepting applications through March 30. If you have a classroom project that requires additional funding, Jordan Fundamentals can provide the resources necessary to reach your students and keep them engaged in learning. For more information [click here](#).

The Auditorium Theatre at Roosevelt University is pleased to offer special teacher discounts for select performances of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in April and Nederlands Dans Theater in June. Use discount code "teacher" when ordering. For more information visit the [website](#).

Celebrate spring with field trip to the Old Town School of Folk Music for storytelling, dance or world music performances. A special discount offer is available to CPS students and teachers.

Looking for something new this spring? Try a Walking Tour of the Chicago Theater District! [Click here](#) for more.

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