



Dear David,

November is here, and though Thanksgiving is still weeks away, now is a wonderful time to give thanks, not only for our family and friends, but also for the myriad ways in which the arts enrich our lives. The Office of Arts Education is thankful that the *Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts* is finally in the hands of many arts educators citywide! We hope you enjoy this brief edition of the November newsletter, with info about upcoming opportunities to receive the *Chicago Guide*. Please stay tuned to cpsarts.org for more information!

Best wishes,
OAE Staff

THE CHICAGO GUIDE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING IN THE ARTS

With the collaboration of teachers, school administrators, artists, organizations and arts supporters, OAE is pleased to have developed *The Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts*. This PreK-12 curriculum framework in music, dance, theater, and visual arts made its debut last month at events designed to introduce the resource to the community.

**** For Teachers, Principals, and Administrators ****

Over 400 CPS teachers attended the launch for the *Chicago Guide* at Saucedo Scholastic Academy on October 23rd! The day included an overview of the resource's features; student performances; opportunities to network and share with colleagues in dance, music, visual arts and theater/literary arts; and interactive workshops.

CPS teachers who were unable to attend the October event can receive a copy of the *Chicago Guide* at a *Chicago Guide* Orientation Session on **Tuesday, December 1 from 4:00pm - 6:00 pm at Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy Auditorium, 2850 W. 24th Blvd.** To RSVP, please send an e-mail with your name, school, and arts discipline to artseducation@cps.k12.il.us or contact the Office of Arts Education at 773-553-2170.

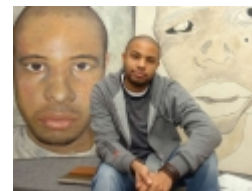
Plus: Please save these dates on your new 2010 calendars. Professional development sessions for CPS teachers on using the *Chicago Guide for*

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"The Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts" is now available!

Teaching and Learning in the Arts will take place on January 29, 2010 and April 9, 2010.

**** For Arts Organizations ****

Over 100 arts partner organizations attended a series of meetings during the week of October 26th to learn about the *Guide* and to receive a copy. If your organization was not able to receive a copy of the Guide at one of these sessions, you are invited to attend a *Chicago Guide* Orientation Session for Arts Partners on **Tuesday, November 17 from 10 am-12 pm at Gallery 37 Center for the Arts, 66 E. Randolph St., 5th Floor**. To RSVP, please send an e-mail with your name, organization, and arts discipline to artseducation@cps.k12.il.us or contact the Office of Arts Education at 773-553-2170.

DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

THEATER/LITERARY ARTS

Spring Festival Showcases Teen Stand-Ups, Improvisors, and Sketch Comedians!

The 5th annual Teen Comedy Fest (the High School Level of the world-famous Chicago Improv Festival) is now accepting submissions for the 2010 festival to be held on March 15 at the Chicago High School for the Arts. This full-day festival features performances by teen comedians and actors from across the country. In addition to performing and meeting fellow teen comedians from far-away places, participants take part in workshops on subjects ranging from Writing for Television to Musical Improv and more. The festival accepts submissions from independent teen groups and individuals as well as school-sponsored groups. Accepted teens pay a participation fee which includes the cost of all workshops, admission to all performances, and a catered lunch.

Teachers! Don't have a teen group, or want to learn ways to expand what your young comedians can do? We offer workshops for teachers, too!

For more information and an application form, contact Festival Director Emily Dugan at edugan@chicagoimprovfestival.org.

Congratulations, CPS Shakespeare!

CPS Shakespeare! is Chicago Shakespeare Theater's annual Chicago public high school production, fully staged in CST's Courtyard Theater. This year, a 32-person ensemble of teachers and students—representing ten high schools from across the city—performed a 60-minute adaptation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The production has received many accolades including a feature on the NBC Nightly News! Please visit their website for more information <http://www.chicagoshakes.com/main.taf>

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