

OFFICE of **ARTS** EDUCATION



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Dear David,

December is always one of the busiest months of the year for students and arts educators. Holiday performances abound this month, with CPS students performing at schools across the city and at venues like the Art Institute of Chicago, Navy Pier, and City Hall! We hope you will have a chance to attend some of these performances. Please take a moment to catch up on news and upcoming opportunities in this month's OAE Newsletter.

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 curricular arts education framework made its debut this fall at events designed to introduce the resource to the community.

Chicago Guide orientation sessions for arts educators continued this past month, with arts partners attending a session led by OAE staff at Gallery 37/Advanced Arts Education Program (AAEP) on November 17, and CPS teachers gathering with OAE staff at Saucedo Academy on December 1. More than 500 arts educators have attended orientation sessions and received copies of the *Chicago Guide* thus far! Stay tuned for more opportunities to learn about the *Chicago Guide*.

CPS teachers: Please save these dates on your new 2010 calendars. Professional development sessions for CPS teachers on using the *Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts* will take place on January 29, 2010 and April 9, 2010.

DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC

Congratulations to the **Hubbard High School Chorus**, who performed at the Art Institute of Chicago's Modern Wing on December 1. They will present their annual Winter Festival of Song and Dance at the Hubbard High School

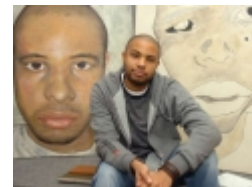
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"The Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts" is here!

Auditorium, 6200 S. Hamlin Ave., on Thursday, December 17 at 6:30pm and 8:00pm; and at 10:00am on December 16 & 17 for area elementary schools.

On Friday, December 11, join the **Franklin Fine Arts Center Arts** for their Collaborative Performance featuring music, dance, drama and piano students at 1:00pm, Franklin Auditorium, 225 W. Evergreen @ Wells.

Saturday, December 12 is CPS Day at Navy Pier's Winter Wonder Fest (600 E. Grand), featuring all nine **All-City Performing Groups** from 10:00am – 4:00pm.

Thursday, December 17 is the registration deadline for the **Elementary and High School Piano Solo Performance Festival** (Saturday, February 6, 2010 at Whitney Young HS) and the **Elementary and High School Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Performance Festival** (Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Kelly HS).

Tuesday through Saturday, December 15 – 19, the 63rd Annual **Midwest International Clinic for Band and Orchestra** will take place at McCormick Place West (2301 S. Indiana Ave.).

The **All-City Jazz Ensemble** will perform a variety of music, including standards from the libraries of Basie and Ellington, and modern arrangements of Afro-Cuban and world music. The concert highlights talented Chicago Public School students performing a diverse repertoire that is both challenging and fun. The concert is free and will take place on Saturday, December 19 at 12:15pm at the Chicago Cultural Center's Randolph Cafe, 78 E. Washington St., Chicago.

VISUAL ARTS

The **All-City High School Art Competition** is all geared up for the 2009-10 school year. The All-City Art Exhibition Kick-off will take place on Tuesday, December 15th from 4-6pm at the Chicago Cultural Center, first floor. Artwork and portfolio submittals will be due from participating schools on Thursday, January 28th, 2010 at Colman Elementary. New forms for teachers and for submittals of fragile 3-D artwork will be included in this year's All-City Handbook Guidelines, which will be sent to high schools district-wide. The All-City Art Exhibition and Awards Ceremony will take place once again at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Also, for the first time ever, the Teen Portfolio Exhibit will occur at the Art Institute of Chicago's Ryan Education Center.

This week, elementary art teachers and schools will be receiving Participation Guidelines for **World Art Chicago 2010**. This year's theme "One People, One Earth – Our Home" encourages students to consider how people can positively impact the environment in Chicago and around the world. This annual program showcases the creative work of CPS students along with artwork from up to 28 Chicago "Sister Cities" around the world. CPS artwork submitted will be part of a physical exhibition at the Daley Center and in the pedway between City Hall and the County Building next Spring, and will be part of a web-based art gallery at www.worldartchicago.org along with artwork from students from participating "Sister Cities."

THEATER/LITERARY ARTS

Looking for a way to celebrate Kwanzaa? **RAVEN: A KWANZAA TALE!** will be presented by The People's Jazz Theater. Told in classic storytelling style, this lively tale weaves the culturally rich story of The Great Migration of southern African Americans to the Midwest in the early part of the last century with familiar fairy tale themes and Kwanzaa principles. Take a journey with ten-year-old Raven, whose story teaches us about family, perseverance, and love with music, movement, rhythm, and song. Performances take place December 15, 16, and 17 at 10:30 AM at the DuSable Museum, Cottage Grove & 57th Street. Tickets are \$5.

Deck the Halls! Get into the holiday spirit while listening to the classics sung by children's choirs from throughout the city. The **City Hall Holiday Concert Series** begins December 1 and runs until December 18 with concerts every weekday from Noon to 1 p.m. The concerts will take place in the west end of the City Hall lobby (121 N. LaSalle) near the LaSalle Street entrance. The concert series exhibits the talents of children from all over Chicago and warms the hearts of the audience. Admission: FREE; Accessibility: Yes. Below is the schedule (Please note schedule is subject to change):

- Tues. Dec. 1 James E. McDade Classical School
- Mon. Dec. 7 Taylor Elementary School Children's Choir
- Tues. Dec. 8 Mary E. McDowell School of International Studies Choir
- Wed. Dec. 9 Mark T. Skinner Classical & Fine Arts School
- Fri. Dec. 11 Edgar Allan Poe Classical School
- Wed. Dec. 16 The Ensemble of Robert Healy Elementary School

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

The Office of Arts Education is again partnering with **Marwen** to offer workshops for CPS Elementary and High School art teachers on January 29th and April 9th, 2010. Both workshops will focus on Book Arts and will be taught by Shawn Sheehy and Jen Thomas. A total of 7 CPDUs will be offered along with all workshop materials. To register for these professional development opportunities, call Nancy A. Cortés at 773-553-1952 or send an email to nacortes@cps.k12.il.us.

The **Chicago High School for the Arts** (ChiArts) is currently accepting applications for the 2010-11 school year. A new public high school for the arts, ChiArts combines college-preparatory academics with pre-professional arts training. 8th-graders who are gifted in instrumental or vocal music, dance, theatre, or visual arts are encouraged to apply. The completed application form, 7th grade report card, and ISAT scores must be postmarked (USPS) or received by Friday, December 18 in order to be considered for Fall 2010 admission. The Application and the Admission Guide may be downloaded at www.chiarts.org/apply. Questions? Contact ChiArts at admissions@chiarts.org or 773.534.9710.

Coming in Spring 2010: The Elementary Poetry Festival and the High School Theater Competition. Please visit our website for registration information in January 2010. Teachers who are looking for scripts may want to

consider the following resource as a helpful option:

www.TYAscripts.com is an on-line publishing house specializing in scripts for young audiences and young performers. Photos, reviews, script samples and music samples are all available on-line. In addition, complimentary perusal scripts are available to teachers in PDF format. This can significantly help any school's budget! If a teacher elects to produce a script, a market rate royalty is offered. Visit the TYAscripts website for more information!

Along the Silk Road is a curriculum that enables teachers and students in grades 6 through 10 to explore the ancient network of cultural, economic, and technological exchange that connected East Asia to the Mediterranean. With a multidisciplinary approach, *Along the Silk Road* consists of detailed materials and activities for social studies, geography, art and music classes. Along the Silk Road will be presented to Chicago teachers at a free workshop on December 9, 2009. Participating teachers will receive a complimentary teacher's guide, large laminated Silk Road wall map, and DVD with images, video and other colorful enrichment material. For more details about the unit, visit http://spice.stanford.edu/catalog/along_the_silk_road/.

Silk Road Ensemble member and renowned pipa player Yang Wei will join the December 9 workshop to perform for and have a conversation with the participating teachers.

When: Wednesday, December 9, 2009, from 4 to 6 PM

Where: Buntrock Hall at Symphony Center (2nd Floor)

67 East Adams Street, Chicago, IL

To Register: www.tinyurl.com/chicagoworkshop

Register soon. Space is limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis!

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