

OFFICE of **ARTS** EDUCATION



Dear David,

Happy Holidays (and there are several this month: Lincoln's Birthday, Valentine's Day, Washington's Birthday, President's Day, Flag Day!) from the CPS Office of Arts Education. We hope that you are staying warm as we forge through these blustery months. There are many wonderful arts opportunities coming up, so be sure to check our [website](#) for updates and enjoy this month's newsletter!

Sincerely,
OAE Staff

THE CHICAGO GUIDE FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING IN THE ARTS

Over 200 CPS teachers attended a collaborative professional development day for arts teachers and classroom teachers desiring to deepen their understanding about using the *Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts* on **Friday, January 29, 2010 at Saucedo Academy!** Since its October release, nearly 600 CPS arts educators have received the *Chicago Guide!* If you have not yet received the Chicago Guide, we encourage you to take advantage of upcoming Chicago Guide opportunities:

CPS Principals and Administrators: Please save the date **Tuesday, March 23, 2010**, when the OAE will offer a Chicago Guide event especially designed for administrators at the Chicago Cultural Center.

CPS Teachers: Please save the date **Friday, April 9, 2010**. Phase III of professional development sessions for CPS teachers on using the *Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts* will take place on Friday, April 9, 2010 at Saucedo Academy.

DISCIPLINE HIGHLIGHTS

MUSIC

Congratulations to the **Lincoln Park Singers** under the direction of Mr. Timothy Cooper for their outstanding performance at the Illinois Music Educators Association State Convention on Friday, January 30, 2010 in Peoria, Illinois.

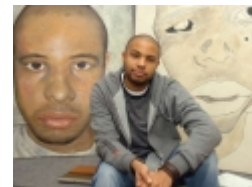
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"The Chicago Guide for Teaching and Learning in the Arts" is here!

Upcoming Music Festivals:

February 6, 2010 – Piano Solo Festival at Whitney Young High School

February 27, 2010 – Instrumental Solo & Ensemble Festival at Kelly High School

Vocal Solo and Ensemble Festival

March 20, 2010 (Whitney Young High School)

Deadline: Thursday, February 4, 2010

High School Band & Orchestra Festival

April 10, 2010 (Schurz HS, Curie HS, Kenwood Academy)

Deadline: Thursday, March 4, 2010

High School Choral Festival

Tuesday April 13, 2010 (Lane Tech)

Wednesday April 14, 2010 (Curie HS)

Thursday April 15, 2010 (Kenwood Academy)

Deadline: Thursday, March 4, 2010

VISUAL ARTS

Office of Arts Education is in the midst of both the **All-City Art Competition** for high schools and **World Art Chicago** for approximately 50 elementary schools. Artworks for All-City are being submitted in 10 categories, and selected pieces from this annual juried competition will be on exhibit at the Illinois Institute of Technology from March 26 to April 16, and in the Art Institute of Chicago's new Ryan Education Center until April 30.

On **Wednesday, February 17**, we will host our third **Art Teacher Salon** event at the Chicago Cultural Center from **4:30 pm – 6:30 pm**. Topics will include preliminary results from the Chicago Arts Learning Initiative, a collaborative process that has involved foundations, arts organizations, CPS teachers, and administrators since last year. Also, learn about the AP Summer Teacher Institute offered by Columbia College, and receive course schedules and registration materials.

THEATER/LITERARY ARTS

The **Elementary Poetry Festival** will take place April 13-16 at the Old Town School of Folk Music. Registration information is available on our website. Registrations are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a professional development session on March 16, 2010 for participating teachers. Please visit our [website](#) for additional details.

The **High School Theater Competition** will be held in partnership with Goodman, Steppenwolf and Victory Gardens theaters. The festival will take place on Saturday, May 8 and Monday, May 10. Registration information is available on our website. Registrations are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

FINAL OPPORTUNITY: Storytelling Professional Development Series

We still have a few remaining slots for teachers who are interested in learning innovative techniques for incorporating the use of storytelling in the classroom. Please contact Emily Lansana for more information: emlansana@cps.k12.il.us

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Chicago American Indian Education Program (Title VII) and Chicago Public Schools Office of Language and Cultural Education present Dave Spencer, Assistant Curator, Schingoethe Center for Native American Cultures, speaking on **"Native Arts and Self-Representation"** at **Stockton Elementary** on **Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 11:00am-12:00pm**. Debra Yepa-Pappan will also speak about her art works in the American Indian Education Center at 10:00am. This is a free event. CPS teachers can earn CPDUs. To RSVP, please call 773-534.2417 For more information, contact the American Indian Education Center at 773-534.2874.

Steppenwolf For Young Adults is now accepting applications for the **Inspire the Future Award**. Fidelity Investments created the Inspire the Future award with Steppenwolf to honor educators from Chicago Public Schools who are passionately dedicated to the advancement of youth through theater and the arts in Chicago. The winners receive an Inspire the Future memento and a \$2,500 grant to support arts programming for his/her school. **APPLY NOW!** For more information on the award and to apply, please contact Education Associate Lindsey Barlag at lbarlag@steppenwolf.org or 312-654-5634.

Emerald City Theatre invites students in 1st through 4th grades to enter the **Fairy Tale: The True Story Contest** for their chance to have their story posted on the Emerald City Theatre website, win tickets to a show, receive a visit to their classroom from a "3 Pigs" cast member, and more! Entrants should pick a well-known fairy tale, but tell it from a different point of view than it is traditionally told. The school with the most students participating in the contest will also win a tour performance of *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* performed at their location! Submissions must be postmarked Friday, February 27, 2010. Please visit emeraldcitytheatre.com for more details.

Young Chicago Authors presents **"Intersections: What's so Funny?"**, a teen literary conference for students in 6th-12th grades. For more information visit youngchicagoauthors.org or contact Toni Asante Lightfoot at 773-486-4331.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, would like to invite **6th-8th graders** residing in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin to participate in the **U.S. EPA Climate Change Art Challenge**. The purpose of the contest is to see what 6th-8th graders think climate change is, based on what they already know. The contest will ask students to create a drawing or a painting that responds to the question, "What is Climate Change?" on their own – without a teaching prompt from adults.

Winners will be chosen based on the most creative and representative depictions of climate change. All participants will receive a certificate of recognition. 1st and 2nd-place winners will receive award plaques and winning art will be posted on the U.S. EPA Region 5 website in April 2010.

To apply, visit the EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/region5/air/airinfo.html>

For more information, please contact Cynthia Meyer at meyer.cynthia@epa.gov or (312) 886-5868, or Elizabeth McWhorter at mcwhorter.elizabeth@epa.gov or (312) 353-5069. All entries must be received by the EPA no later than Monday, **March 22, 2010**.

The Gwendolyn Brooks Center at Chicago State University's annual tradition of hosting the most accomplished writers of the Black Diaspora has officially endured for a generation. **The 20th Annual Gwendolyn Brooks Conference for Black Literature and Creative Writing** will be held Thursday, April 1, 2010– Saturday, April 3, 2010 at Chicago State University (95th Street and King Drive). This year's conference features distinguished writers such as Nikki Giovanni, Haki R. Madhubuti, Angela Jackson, John Fountain, Trudier Harris, R. Dwayne Betts and Maryemma Graham, among many others. The theme of this year's conference, which honors its founder, is *Builder of Positive Reality: A Celebration of the Lifelong Achievements of Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti*. For more information about this event, please contact the Gwendolyn Brooks Center at 773-995-4440 or gbrookscenter@gmail.com. Pricing for the conference can be found at www.csu.edu/gwendolynbrooks

There are a number of exciting enrichment opportunities available through our many arts partners. Please visit our [website](#) for more details on programs and field trips!

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