



ARTS EDUCATION CONNECTION

— SAN DIEGO —



🎵 **Drumming Up Creativity at High Tech Elementary** 🥁

Arts Education Connection San Diego recently partnered with AECSD Teaching Artist Noa Barankin and her company, Drumatix, to bring high-energy drumming assemblies to High Tech Elementary School in Liberty Station, highlighting the powerful impact of arts education in action.

Through tap dance, rhythm, and hands-on participation, students explored teamwork, focus, and creative expression in an engaging experience that brought the school community together through a shared beat.

Interested in hosting an arts education assembly at your school? We'd love to share how our customizable programs can enrich your students and strengthen your school community.

✉️ **Contact us today** to learn more and find the right fit for your school.

Featured Teaching Artist Noa Barankin

Teaching Artist Noa Barankin has been immersed in the performing arts since age 7 and brings a dynamic blend of performance, choreography, production, and arts education to

her work today.

After earning degrees in Law and Business in 2010, Noa followed her heart back to the stage, performing for three years with Tararam, an Israeli rhythm-and-dance company. During that time, she was cast in the acclaimed family musical *Power of Wishes* and received a nomination for Best Supporting Actress at the Israeli Children's Theatre Awards.



In 2013, Noa relocated to Boston, where she performed with the Boston Tap Company and Off Beat Tap Company, touring throughout New England and New York. Her performance credits also include leading and producing *Time2Tap*, as well as dancing and choreographing for cabaret, theatre, film, television, and commercial projects.

In 2017, Noa founded DrumatiX, a rhythm-based dance company that blends drumming on inventive instruments, body percussion, tap dance, and audience interaction into high-energy, humorous performances. Her signature show, *Rhythm Re-imagined*, celebrates creativity, collaboration, and the joy of live rhythm.

Alongside performing, Noa regularly teaches tap and percussion classes and guest-choreographs throughout the country. Her choreography has earned national first-place awards, top regional honors, and recognition for concept and choreography at the national level.



Creative Café Series

We're excited to share the third installment of our Creative Café Series! This time we will be featuring powerful student artwork from our partnership with Juvenile Court & Community Schools (JCCS). This exhibition has previously been shown at the San Diego Central Library and the University Club atop Symphony Towers, where students explored themes of identity, resilience, healing, and hope through sculpture, printmaking, mixed media, and poetry.

The exhibition is now on view through the end of February at Subterranean Coffee Boutique, located at 3764 30th Street, San Diego, CA 92104, in the heart of North Park. We'll also be hosting a public meet-and-greet at the café on Thursday, February 12th, from 4-6 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the artwork in person, connect with our team, and learn more about AECSD's arts education programs and community partnerships.

All are welcome!



🎨 March Is Arts Education Month 🎨

In celebration of Arts Education Month, Arts Education Connection San Diego is proud to partner with Ponce's Mexican Restaurant through their Ponce's Care fundraising program.

Ponce's will feature a special offering, typically a signature margarita that will be promoted and sold throughout the month of March, with a portion of the proceeds directly benefiting AECSD. This partnership turns a shared meal into meaningful support for arts education across San Diego County.

By participating, community members are helping sustain creative learning experiences for students while supporting a local business committed to giving back.



Reconnect Your Team Through Creativity

In today's fast-paced work environment, teams need more than standard meetings and routine team building—they need connection, joy, and space to think differently. AECSD's Corporate Creativity Workshops offer engaging, hands-on arts experiences that strengthen communication, reduce stress, and spark fresh ideas.

Through rhythm, storytelling, and movement, teams build empathy, collaboration, and shared purpose, creating meaningful experiences that last beyond the workshop.

👉 Learn more about our Corporate Creativity Workshops and explore options for your team at our [website](#).

Please consider donating to Arts Education Connection San Diego!

Your gifts support our teaching artists who bring meaningful programs that inspire and educate students through workshops, performances, and multi-week residencies. These programs enrich the lives of students and foster a life-long love for creativity and learning.

Join us in making a positive impact on the lives of students by contributing today!

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