



ARTS EDUCATION CONNECTION — SAN DIEGO —



60th Anniversary Year

In reflecting on our 60 years of providing high-quality arts experiences for children and families, we are filled with gratitude for the remarkable journey we have had.

Our Diamond Anniversary was inaugurated in September with a momentous event that united us all in celebration of this significant milestone.

Thanks to everyone who attended and celebrated with us!



?It's Showtime ?

Our spring culminating events were a testament to the transformative power of our arts programs, as families and friends near and far gathered to celebrate the remarkable progress and growth of our students!

Hip Hop Teaching Artists Mr. Dyno, Miss Piggy, and Doom helped the students of Edison Elementary bring the energy for a fantastic culminating event that had even parents jumping on stage to get in on the break-dancing magic. Meanwhile, Ms. Cece spent eight weeks inspiring the third-grade classes to create their legacy murals that will stay at the school forever! A special thank you to Price Philanthropies for providing the generous grant to helps us continue our work in City Heights.



Over at Bird Rock Elementary, Ms. Laura led an 18-week musical theatre residency with UTK-K. Those little stars were definitely shining bright that day ?



Ms. Sheena taught the students of Doyle Elementary how to soar with a gorgeous winged art project. She had four classes within each grade level where they worked on individual pieces and one whole-school installation.



Tierrasanta Elementary was moving to the music of Ms. Ilana Queiroz's Brazilian Rhythms. These second-grade students truly impressed us with their talents and discipline in performing in front of an excited crowd and in Portuguese! This program was made possible through a matching grant from the California Arts Council.

The Teaching Artist Institute Hits the Road



The word is out! Our Program Managers' excellence is well-known around these parts, and now The Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Costa Mesa recognizes it, too! Last month, we were invited to the OC to work with their Teaching Artists on developing lesson plans aligned with California Learning Standards, and it was a hit.

Here's some great feedback that we got from the workshop:

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-Really enjoyed being with high level colleagues of all ages in a supportive work environment and sharing ideas from the field.

-Thank you! It was an inspiring afternoon.

-It's rare to be in a space where we're all TA's, which is especially fun when the workshop teachers use common teaching tactics to teach us TA's.

-The presenters were so much fun and so charming that the time went quickly (after a very full day of teaching!)

Nice work team!



Summer Programs

This summer, we'll be a part of Girl Scouts summer camp! In keeping with this year's theme, "Find Your Magic," the girls will participate in dance and design workshops that will help them connect to themselves and the magic of creating. Throughout the week, the girls will explore techniques in Creative Contemporary Movement & Capoeira, Foil Art, Creating and Designing Superheroes, and connect to nature by creating a new bird.



Through our partnership with DEEP, the soaring readers of Encanto Elementary & Chollas Mead will develop vocabulary through creating dances based on personal experience and scientific knowledge. They'll also lean into principles of kindness, respect, stewardship, integrity, collaboration, and problem-solving.

We invite you to support our teaching artists so they can continue to inspire and educate students through their creative talents and passion for the arts. Your generous donation will enable our teaching artists to conduct workshops, performances, and educational activities, enriching the lives of students and fostering a love for creativity and learning. Join us in making a positive impact on the lives of students by contributing today!

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