

Art From the Heart

Art From the Heart is entering its 5th year of operation! It's hard to believe that we started our program with just one site and a dream of bringing the arts to life for underserved children in Marin County. We continue to learn and grow every day - what projects engage the children the most and how we might do better. With every project and every smile and thank you from a child (or a parent), we know *Art From The Heart* is a much needed program in our community, and one we are very proud of. Fundraising is something we are always going to have to do to keep our program alive, and alive it is because of generous donors like you - so as always a BIG, HEARTFELT THANK YOU! Here's to another five years of encouraging children to have an appreciation and love of the arts!

HELLO & GOODBYE

This past year Community Action Marin experienced major reductions in their State funding. We have had to say farewell to our 2nd and 3rd graders at Novato Children's Center because sadly the Center no longer had the funding to include those children in their after-school program.

Recognizing the value of *Art From The Heart*, Community Action Marin invited us to work with their Old Gallinas After-School Center where we are now working with 75 children, K-5 .



In addition, because of the extreme generosity of Art Works Downtown, we now bring our program to the students at San Pedro Elementary School 3 times a month. We will also be hosting our very successful Saturday afternoon "ART DAY" for kindergarten through second grade students twice a year. *Art From the Heart* works with over 120 third, 4th and 5th graders at this site

2010/2011 HIGHLIGHTS . . . This past school year we worked with over 300 children and 17 guest artists! Along with dozens of art projects with scrapers, pastels, paper mache, watercolors and acrylic paints, to name a few, we opened the children's eyes to many other art forms. We learned about percussion instruments from around the world, children put on a puppet show about bullying, we danced traditional dances from Afghanistan with plates on our heads, we learned African drumming and dance, and the children starred in a "Disney on Parade" review. It was a wonderful year of exploration and experimentation with the arts.



REMEMBER: WE'RE OFFICIAL!

Art From the Heart is an official NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION! We are happy to remind all of our supporters that your donation is tax deductible! Our 501(c) (3) tax ID number is:

32-0308577

WHO ARE OUR GUEST ARTISTS?

Hannah Romanowsky is a professional performing artist, dance educator, and the founder and director of the DanceVersity multicultural youth arts education program. She has a remarkably diverse background in Eastern and Western dance traditions and specializes in the traditional repertoire and folk arts of Central and Western Asia, North Africa and the Gypsy Roma. Hannah has over 15 years of experience teaching, and is a cherished instructor throughout the San Francisco bay area and beyond. Ms. Romanowsky holds a BA in Dance Ethnology and a MA in East-West Psychology, but best of all ó our students love her!



California Wall Murals are colorfully displayed on 3 outside walls of the Timothy Murphy School for Boys. Artists Danny Gasparini and Gloria Clark worked hard and long with the boys to create these spectacular views of The Redwoods, Lake Tahoe, and a California Mission. If you're at St. Vincent's take a look at these spectacular works of art.



OUR PARTNERSHIPS GROW . . .

Autodesk awarded us with an extremely generous grant.

Art Works Downtown continues to sponsor *Art From The Heart* at San Pedro Elementary School's after-school program.

Do A Little Foundation awarded us with a generous grant.

Saint John's awarded us with a generous grant to purchase supplies.

Fair Housing of Marin has included *Art From The Heart* in a grant and sponsors a wonderful storyteller.

Masque Unit Junior Theatre sponsored a field trip for 3 of our sites to see their production of *Pinocchio*.

MANY THANKS!!

Without our generous partnering organizations and our individual donors, *Art From The Heart* would not exist. It is wonderful to know there are organizations that recognize the importance of making the arts accessible for ALL children. We thank you for your continued kindness and support.

Art From the Heart program sites
Timothy Murphy School- Marinwood
Novato Children's Center
Old Gallinas Center – San Rafael
Canal Childcare Center- San Rafael
San Pedro Elementary- San Rafael