



# Art From the Heart

Art from the Heart continues to strive to educate, enlighten and build a love of the arts in our students. Entering our ninth year of bringing art enrichment classes to under-served children in Marin County, we want to thank you for your continued support and generosity. It is your donations that keep our program alive! We appreciate you sharing our belief that the arts play an integral role in learning. This belief is further reinforced in a study conducted by Judith Burton, Columbia University, research which showed that “the arts enhance the process of learning. The systems they nourish, which include our integrated sensory, attentional, cognitive, emotional, and motor capacities, are, in fact, the driving forces behind all other learning” (Jenson, 2001). Art From The Heart believes in the power of the arts and creativity - Thank you for helping us continue our mission.

Kathy Eggert & Sheila Jones

## YEAR IN REVIEW

The student work generated this year was amazing. We once again focused on specific artists and various styles of art: we created castles using Paul Klee’s technique; painted Van Gogh’s Sunflowers; created pieces of pop art modeled after Andy Warhol; designed and painted our own versions of Gustav Klimt’s Tree of Life; painted still life’s of fruit on canvas (Paul Cezanne); and created abstract designs inspired by the work of Wassily Kadinsky. In addition, we created Indian Tree Bark paintings, paper sculptures, dream catchers, collage journals, and marbled paper. The students danced and sang, and learned about percussion instruments from around the world. It was a year filled with fun and creativity!

### Winning at the Fair

The artwork produced by the boys at Timothy Murphy School this year was exceptional. So much so, that Art From The Heart entered 13 pieces into the Marin County Fair. We are proud to announce that all of the boys’ entries won ribbons - # 1st place, #2nd place and # 3rd places. The boys are extremely proud of their ribbons and accomplishments - and so are we!

## Charlotte's Web

In March, the Masque Unit invited students and families from the Novato Children’s Center to attend a special performance of their production, “Charlotte’s Web”. Performing at the Novato Community Playhouse, the story came to life

with song, dance, beautiful sets, fantastic costumes, and quirky characters. The kids delighted in the music and were extremely attentive taking in all that this story offers. Our THANKS to the Masque Unit for including Art From The Heart as part of their outreach.





## MEET ONE OF OUR GUEST ARTISTS

Art From The Heart's primary goal is to introduce students to all types of art – including instrumental music. Ian Dogole is one of our favorite guest artists. For over 30 years, Ian has articulated his vision of Global Fusion Music as a multipercussionist, bandleader, recording artist, composer and producer. An active music educator, Ian has presented assemblies to more than 60,000 elementary students in his work with the San Francisco Symphony's Adventures in Music program, as well as a global world music appreciation series to students and senior citizens. Our Art From The Heart students are mesmerized as Ian performs on a wide variety of African, Middle Eastern and South American percussion instruments, including the udu, cajon, hang, African talking drum, kalimba and dumbek. But even better, they are thrilled when they are invited to play on the instruments themselves. Thank you, Ian for giving our students the wonderful opportunity to learn and experience the music of other countries and cultures.



### MARIN CHARITABLE CONTINUES THEIR SUPPORT!

Art From The Heart once again received a generous grant from Marin Charitable!

These dollars will enable us to continue working with the Boys at Timothy Murphy School twice a month and have allowed us to expand our program to include the high school students. We began working with the high boys in January, and it's been exciting to see how much these students enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to do art. Just goes to show, you're never too old for art.

### WELCOME SHORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

This year we were contacted by Jan Reynolds of the First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael asking if we would consider partnering with Youth on the Move and Short Elementary School. In response, Art From The Heart conducted an 8 week art program for two Short School third grade classes free of charge. The students and teachers were very happy with the program and we have been asked

to continue working with Short Elementary School for the 2015/2016 school year. These additional classes will increase our expenses; however we hope that our attempt to receive grants and private donations will assist in covering these costs. We are very excited to continue working with the Short School students and staff!

#### AFTH Program Sites

- ☺ Canal Childcare Center
- ☺ Novato Children's Center
- ☺ Old Gallinas Center
- ☺ San Pedro Elementary School
- ☺ Short Elementary School
- ☺ Timothy Murphy School

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