

Art From the Heart

The sixth year of *Art From the Heart* is up and running! We started classes two weeks ago and are excited to see so many new and returning children to our program. This year we have the opportunity to work with nearly three hundred children from kindergarten through fifth grade. In most of the locations where we teach, we are the only exposure to art these children will have. While school funding for art programs is shrinking, our goal remains the same, bringing the arts to life for the underserved children of Marin. This program would not be possible without our generous donors and community partners, so a BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU. We are looking forward to another very successful year!

WORLD RECORD HOLDER VISITS TIMOTHY MURPHY SCHOOL

Last week the boys at Timothy Murphy School at St. Vincent's were thrilled to meet paper airplane Guinness Book of World Records holder John Collins. John spent three hours at TMS showing the boys how to make paper airplanes and how to perfect their flying techniques. John also signed a couple of his books so the boys can check them out of the library.



SUMMER SESSION

During the summer months *Art From the Heart* stays active by visiting one or two of our sites. This summer we made a visit to Bahia Vista School. While 150 students were in the gym enjoying African drumming, we had four classrooms going with different art activities for 125 children.



2011/2012 HIGHLIGHTS

This past school year we worked with nearly 300 students and 18 guest artists. At our Novato and Old Gallinas sites, we produced musical productions where the children performed for family and friends. In addition, we made tin masks, painted ceramics, made journals, painted stained glass, danced and sang, painted birdhouses, painted murals, sculpted with clay, experimented with print making learned about resist art and made our own Picasso faces.



With a generous donation from Art Works Downtown we were able to bring two art days to San Pedro Elementary School. These Art Days are held on Saturdays for kindergarteners, first and second graders and their parents. This year along with art activities, students from Marin Catholic's photography class were on hand to take family portraits. Students made beautiful frames to display the photos.

MEET ONE OF OUR GUEST ARTISTS



Kim Agnew is a visual artist, dancer, choreographer, percussionist and educator. Kim has a B.A. in Fine Arts with emphasis in metalsmithing and sculpture. She has dedicated her life to dance, multi-media art, music, performance and educating children with the guidance of her master teachers and mentors. After college and extensive musical touring, she landed in Oakland and has been teaching art and dance in the greater Bay Area, preschool through adult, public and private, since 1996. Kim believes in the positive power of creativity and encourages her students to explore, create, enjoy, collaborate and get to know themselves through art, music and dance.

ADDING ANOTHER CLASS

Last year we started working with three of the classes at the Old Gallinas Children's Center. This year we were surprised to discover that there was a class of 30 students who were not part of our program-we decided that just wouldn't work! Thanks to the support of our donors and Community partners we have the funds to add that fourth class. Now all 115 students will receive classes from *Art From the Heart*



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

MORE MURALS

Several of our sites are a little bit brighter now because of the murals that the students help to create. At San Pedro Elementary School the school principal wanted a mural depicting the school mascot-The Dolphin. Guest Artist Danny Gasparini worked along side the students to bring their creation to life.



www.artfromtheheartmarin.com

P.O. Box 6532 San Rafael, CA 94903

Art From the Heart is a 501 c (3) tax ID# 32-0308577