

Art from the Heart

continues to educate, enlighten and help students develop a love for the arts. As we enter 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. Your donations keep our program alive! We appreciate your support as arts play an integral role in learning. Art From The Heart (AFTH) believes in the power of the arts and creativity.

Thank you for helping us continue our mission.

Kathy Eggert & Sheila Jones

YEAR IN REVIEW

This year our students generated some beautiful artwork! We dedicated each class to a specific artist and modified our projects to resemble each different method:

We created castles using Paul Klee’s technique, painted Van Gogh’s “Sunflowers”, crafted pieces of pop-art modeled after Andy Warhol, designed our own versions of Gustav Klimt’s “Tree of Life”, painted still life in honor of Paul Cezanne, and created abstract leaf designs inspired by the work of Wassily Kandinsky. In addition, we created “Mexican Tree Bark” paintings, paper sculptures, dream catchers, collage journals, and marbled paper. Students danced and sang, and learned about percussion instruments from around the world, too. It was a year filled with fun and creativity!

MARIN CHARITABLE CONTINUES THEIR SUPPORT!

AFTH once again received a generous grant from AFTH once again is the recipient of a generous grant from Marin Charitable! With Marin Charitable’s support, we’ve been able to add a second monthly visit to work with the boys at

Timothy Murphy School, and have incorporated the high school students into our program as well. It’s exciting and rewarding to see how much these students enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to do art.

WELCOME SHORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

Jan Reynolds, of the First Presbyterian Church of San Rafael, expressed interest in having AFTH partner with Youth on the Move and Short Elementary School. In response, AFTH conducted an 8-week art program at Short School free of charge. The program was

met with great success and we have been invited back for the 2015/2016 school year. While these new classes will increase our expenses, we hope that the donations we receive will offset these costs. Your donations make a difference.



“ 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. ”

-Columbia University
 *(Juduth Burton Jenson, 2001).

Winning at the Fair

The artwork produced by the boys at Timothy Murphy School this year was exceptional. So much so, that AFTH entered 13 pieces into the Marin County Fair. We are proud to announce that all of the boys' entries won ribbons! The boys are extremely proud of their success - and so are we!



MEET ONE OF OUR GUEST ARTISTS

Ian Dogole is one of our favorite guest artists. For over 30 years, Ian has articulated his vision of Global Fusion Music as a bandleader, composer, multi-percussionist, recording artist and producer. As an active music educator, Ian has presented to more than 60,000 elementary students and is an integral part of the San Francisco Symphony's Adventures in Music program.

Our students were mesmerized as Ian performed 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, the kids were thrilled when invited to play on the instruments themselves.

Thank you, Ian!



Charlotte's Web

Masque Unit Junior Theater invited students and families from Novato Children's Center to attend a special performance of "Charlotte's Web" at the Novato Community Playhouse. Children were delighted to see the story come to life with song, dance, beautiful sets, fantastic costumes, and quirky characters. Thank you, Masque Unit, for including AFTH and providing families with a fun, theatrical experience.

AFTH Program Sites

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

A Heartfelt Thanks To...

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