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Arts Education Newsletter

In the SPOTLIGHT:

ArtsReach Kentucky Seminar

Sometimes the best way to reach out is to bring in. That's just what ArtsReach did recently, when we, along with the Kentucky Arts Council, invited our ArtsReach Kentucky partners to The Kentucky Center. Participants came from Elizabethtown, Paducah, Frankfort, Mt. Sterling, Ashland, Hopkinsville and Louisville. Julia Youngblood, who heads up ArtsReach, organized a two day seminar, which included discussions about fund-raising, volunteer programs, working with diverse populations, and interactive workshops in the creation of soft sculptures and Belizean dance. The centerpiece of the seminar was "Dance: Our Common Language," a free evening of youth performances celebrating cultural traditions. The event, hosted by Claudia Peralta-Mudd, featured performances by Weiling Liu's Chinese Youth Dance Group, Wabinaha Belizean Dancers, Tiospaye's Dancers, Smitha Paily's Dance Group, Semillita Latina, McClanahan School Irish Dancers, ArtsReach Dance Studio and Arcoiris Latino. An audience of approximately 450 saw 75 young performers express their cultural identity through dance. In some cases their instructors, family members or mentors danced alongside the youth, demonstrating how cultural traditions are passed from one generation to the next.

ArtsReach Kentucky is a partnership program of The Kentucky Center and The Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet. The Arts Council has provided funding for ArtsReach Kentucky with state tax dollars and federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.



"Dance: Our Common Language" performances by Weiling Liu's Chinese Youth Dance Group (above) and ArtsReach Dance Studio Program from Presbyterian Community Center (right)



ArtsReach dance workshop with Pilobolus (above & right)

Pilobolus Community Dance Workshop

When The Kentucky Center brings in a phenomenal dance company like Pilobolus, one that has performed at the Academy Awards and in venues and concert halls across the world, we like, when possible, not only to put them on the stage, but also take them out into the community. Before wowing the audiences with their imaginative, athletic and fluid dance moves, members from Pilobolus taught ArtsReach studio dancers during a special two-hour workshop. The students got to experience first-hand what professional dancers go through for their art, as well as learn a few steps and signature Pilobolus techniques. By the end of this fast paced, expressive class, not only did the students get a great workout, but five original pieces had been choreographed and performed.



Snapshots

- In November 2009, ArtsReach received a major donation of dance shoes, tights and other performance items. Over 1,000 items have been distributed to ArtsReach Dance Studio students and 10 other community-based dance groups throughout Louisville.
- The Kentucky Center's Gheens Great Expectations program provided our community with a residency by the extraordinary young pianist Joyce Yang, who was a silver medalist in the Van Cliburn Competition. Her residency included performances and discussions at Youth Performing Arts School, Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts Magnet School, Crane House Asia Institute, the Fund for the Arts campaign kickoff concert, and WUOL's Lunchtime Classics (go to <http://www.wuol.org/2010/02/09/joyce-yang-piano/> to listen to this performance). Her residency culminated in a performance of variations 16-18 of Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* with The Louisville Orchestra, on the stage of Whitney Hall in a program that also featured the Louisville Youth Orchestra. This free concert was co-presented by the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) as part of their statewide conference at The Kentucky Center. Approximately 500 high school all-state band and orchestra musicians attended the program. This concert was made possible by contributions from numerous partners including the Gheens Foundation, KMEA, The Louisville Orchestra, the Louisville Youth Orchestra, and The Kentucky Center.



Concert pianist Joyce Yang with students at Lincoln Elementary



Graciela Perrone and students perform at St. Benedict Center

- Through California Collaborative, ArtsReach activities, Flamenco dancer Graciela Perrone taught an extended residency in Flamenco dance and culture at St. Benedict Center. Classes took place every Tuesday in January, February and March. On April 13 and April 20, the group of preschool students presented a program of Flamenco dance, rhythms and songs to an audience of students, family members, center staff and other guests.
- Since last summer, The Kentucky Center's Arts in Healing program has been developed and implemented by three staff members, Debbie Pennell, Martha Newman, and Jeffrey Jamner, with support from a larger committee of Kentucky Center employees from numerous departments. This program trains artists to work in places of healing and arranges for them to bring an artistic experience into a variety of healthcare settings. In April, The Kentucky Center will send Debbie, Martha, and Jeff to Minneapolis to attend the national conference of the Society for Arts in Healthcare. While in Minneapolis, Jeff will have an opportunity to visit the Sheridan Global Arts and Communications School, which is one of ten arts-focused schools featured as great success stories in the book *Third Space: When Learning Matters* by Richard Deasy and Lauren Stevenson. For further information about The Kentucky Center's Arts in Healing program, please contact Debbie Pennell at dpennell@kentuckycenter.org or 502-562-0198.
- From February to May, eighteen grant projects are being implemented in community center sites through the ArtsReach Institute program. These projects were designed and written by ArtsReach Institute participants. Projects include workshops in creative writing, Belizean dance, storytelling, glass art, photography, and the professional recording of a vocal CD. Many sites serve youth and families. Dreams with Wings and Adapted Leisure Activities are two ArtsReach sites that serve adults with disabilities. Stone carvers Al and Penny Nelson conducted a stone carving residency with Dreams with Wings participants. In the design of their artwork, the fun-loving group focused on the unification of U of L and UK fans within their center.



This fabric collage was created during a workshop led by artist Pat Sturtzel as part of The Kentucky Center's Arts in Healing partnership with Our Lady of Peace.



ArtsReach Institute stone carving residency with Al and Penny Nelson at Dreams With Wings





Prototype for the carved stone bench to be installed at Our Lady of Peace



Dancers from Shawnee Boys and Girls Club perform in 2009 Showcase

All ArtsReach photos by Julia Youngblood

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On the Horizon

- This summer, over 200 teachers will receive hands-on training in the arts, as part of The Kentucky Center's professional development training programs: Arts Academies (in partnership with The Kentucky Department of Education); Kentucky Institutes for Arts in Education (in partnership with Jefferson County Public Schools); and Parents and Teachers as Arts Partners (in partnership with the Prichard Committee). All three of these programs include standards-based instruction in the arts led by professional artists and will show teachers how to lead students through performing and creating activities. This will help them to engage students with all kinds of learning styles, and to integrate the arts with other subjects. For further information about these programs, please contact Jeff Jamner at jjamner@kentuckycenter.org or 502-562-0703.
- The Kentucky Center's Arts in Healing program has provided children at Our Lady of Peace psychiatric hospital with over 90 hours of workshops in music, writing, visual art, dance, storytelling, and drama, through the support of the Norton Foundation and Jewish Hospital/St. Mary's Healthcare. This grant will culminate in a residency by stone carvers Albert and Penny Nelson, who have worked with arts therapists at OLOP to include their patients in the design of a bench for a permanent installation by the admitting entrance. The three-day residency will include a dedication ceremony on Friday, June 11, at 1 PM. For further information, please contact Debbie Pennell at dpennell@kentuckycenter.org or 502-562-0198.
- On Saturday, May 15, at 3 p.m., over 175 young people from community centers will perform in the ArtsReach Performing Arts Showcase hosted by Actor & Comedian Keith McGill. The performance will take place in The Kentucky Center's Bomhard Theater at 501 West Main Street. This is a free event. No tickets are necessary. ArtsReach Dance and Violin Studios will participate from Chestnut Street YMCA, Newburg Community Center, Lighthouse Community Center, Shawnee Boys & Girls Club, Presbyterian Community Center, WESTEC, and Oak and Acorn. Louisville Central Community Center Dance Studios will present pieces featuring modern, ballet, African and tap dance. The Violin Studio will present the last movement of "Summer," a Jackson 5 arrangement, "Orange Blossom Special" and a selection from *The Color Purple*. The Violin Studio Instructor is Mr. Keith Cook. The Dance Studio Instructors are Ms. Portia Muhammad, Ms. Harlina Churn-Diallo and Ms. Treonne Hurst. In addition, Showcase will include the California Community Center Dance Team, led by instructor Corey Mumpfort. ArtsReach contracted with Mumpfort to provide on-going dance instruction in the California neighborhood. There will also be a performance of *Harlem Nights at the LCCC Cotton Club* by special guest Louisville Central Community Center Kids Art Academy.



ArtsReach Performing Arts Showcase

FEATURING YOUTH FROM COMMUNITY CENTERS

HOSTED BY ACTOR & COMEDIAN
KEITH MCGILL

Saturday, May 15, 2010, 3 - 5 p.m.

BOMHARD THEATER, THE KENTUCKY CENTER
501 WEST MAIN STREET, LOUISVILLE

This is a free event. No ticket necessary.



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