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2017 Fine Arts Professional Development

Taking It to the Schools: Community Experiences in Fine Arts

Following last summer's exciting debut of Taking It to the Schools: Community Experiences in Fine Arts, the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), the Arkansas Arts Council, and Arkansans for the Arts have again partnered to create a second series of this popular professional development opportunity. Teachers, teaching artists, and community arts participants are invited to attend one-day trainings in the summer of 2017 which focus on the potential collaborations between school arts programs and community arts organizations. These trainings will be hosted by galleries, theatres, museums, studios, and music venues across the state and will be co-presented by a classroom teacher and a teaching artist. Participants will take away a series of instructional modules developed by the team of trainers. These modules will provide arts educators with rich resources that are specific to the artistic discipline and aligned to the Arkansas Fine Arts Curriculum Framework. The modules could be used as the basis for a unit of instruction or a residency unit at in-school or out-of-school arts programs. Each of the 18 workshops will be different, as each will focus on the strengths of the teaching artist and host arts organization.

Classroom teachers, teaching artists, and community arts participants with an interest in arts education are invited to attend. Classroom teachers will receive six hours of professional development for each workshop. Registration will open April 1 at the links provided below. For further information, click on the registration links below or contact ADE Fine Arts Program Advisor Lana Hallmark at 501-682-7590 or lane.hallmark@arkansas.gov.

Taking It to the Schools: Community Experiences in Music

Registration for all music sessions: <http://tinyurl.com/commexp-music>

Samantha Bentley and teaching artist Ellen Foncannon Stephenson will present **Music in Living Color** at the Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale (June 12), Blackbird Academy in Conway (June 22), and Foundation of Arts in Jonesboro (June 23).

Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.

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Kimberly Collins and teaching artist Zinse Agginie will present **Making a Musical Quilt** at the Delta Cultural Center in Helena (July 13), at the Southeast Arkansas Arts Council in Hope (July 18), and at the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock (July 21).

Taking It to the Schools: Community Experiences in Visual Art

Registration for all visual art sessions: <http://tinyurl.com/commexp-visualart>

Gretchen Wilkes and teaching artist Joann Kaminsky will present **You are Revealed: Personal Transformation through Mask Making** at the Batesville Area Arts Council in Batesville (June 19), the River Valley Arts Center in Russellville (June 20), and the Community Creative Center in Fayetteville (July 7).

Randi Curtis and teaching artist Barbara Cade will present **Movement and Memory: Making Personal Connections through Weaving** as part of the Summer Art Intensive Workshop at Henderson University in Arkadelphia (June 25 and 27), at the Dumas Art Center in Dumas (July 11), and at Wildwood Park for the Arts in Little Rock (July 24). This workshop will focus on using fiber materials in any classroom setting to create weavings based on personal memories, interests, and ideas of self.

Taking It to the Schools: Community Experiences in Theatre/Dance

Registration for all theatre and dance sessions: <http://tinyurl.com/commexp-theatredance>

Elizabeth Yielding and teaching artist Mark Landon Smith will present **Making Old Stories Come Alive** at the Foundation of Arts in Jonesboro (June 8), ArtsLive Theater in Fayetteville (June 29), and the Royal Theatre in Benton (June 30). This workshop will focus on theatre strategies such as improvisation that will allow students to create and write their own scripts for performance.

Jennifer Alaquinez and teaching artist Kathleen Marleneanu will present **Got the Moves, Got the Blues** at Emergent Arts in Hot Springs (June 19) and at the Western Arkansas Ballet in Fort Smith (June 20). This workshop will be presented at the Arkansas Repertory Theatre in Little Rock on June 1, and in a special arrangement with the Rep, participants will be offered a special discounted ticket for that evening's performance of Godspell. Got the Moves, Got the Blues will allow students to craft movement and words to create the Blues in an attempt to encourage freedom of movement in connection with vocal and theatrical performance.

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