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Subject: Message #152: Taking it to the Schools III: Community Experiences in Fine Arts
Date: May 30, 2018
To: ccss@list.state.ar.us
From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Educators,

In partnership with the Arkansas Arts Council and Arkansans for the Arts, the Arkansas Department of Education offers its third summer of the popular **Taking It to the Schools: Community Experiences in Fine Arts** professional development workshop series.

Teachers, teaching artists, and community arts participants are invited to attend one-day trainings which focus on the potential collaborations between school arts programs and community arts organizations. 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 they teach and aligned to the Arkansas Fine Arts Academic Standards.

Registration is open for classroom teachers with accounts through escWorks (search 'All' co-ops and enter 'Community Experiences'). LRSD Teachers should register through the LRSD PD registration page and PCSSD should follow registration instructions on the 2018 PCSSD Summer Professional Development Calendar. **Registration is open for all other interested parties** at this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/FvelRVPMg6sCJOFn2>

Taking It to the Schools III: Community Experiences in Visual Art

Presenters: Joy Schultz (Episcopal Collegiate) and teaching artist Jeri Hillis (AAC Arts in Education) will combine a look at collage artists and making collage art with a discussion of choice-based art.

Hosts: Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale on June 13; Mena Art Gallery in Mena on June 14; Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock on June 15; DeltaArts in West Memphis on June 21; Arkansas Craft School in Mountain View on June 22; Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas in Pine Bluff on June 28; South Arkansas Arts Center in El Dorado on June 29

Taking It to the Schools III: Community Experiences in Music

Presenters: Patty Oeste (Conway Public Schools) and teaching artist Sheldon Harden (AAC Arts in Education) will create and utilize an 'escape room' as a formative or summative assessment related to the study of the elements of music.

Hosts: Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale on June 21; Ouachita Little Theatre in Mena on June 20; Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock on June 8; DeltaArts in West Memphis on June 18; Ozark

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Folk Center in Mountain View on June 12; Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas in Pine Bluff on June 14; South Arkansas Arts Center in El Dorado on June 15

Taking It to the Schools III: Community Experiences in Theatre and Dance

Presenters: Wyatt Hamilton (Bauxite Public Schools) and teaching artist Stephanie Thibeault (AAC Arts in Education and UALR) will lead participants in examining the difference between character and caricature, experimenting with related movement and dance, and tying the study of character into important discussions about diversity.

Hosts: Arts Center of the Ozarks in Springdale on June 28; Ouachita Little Theatre in Mena on June 27; Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock on June 11; DeltaArts in West Memphis on June 19; Ozark Folk Center in Mountain View on June 20; Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas in Pine Bluff on June 13; South Arkansas Arts Center in El Dorado on June 14

Taking It to the Schools III: Community Experiences in Music

Sponsored by the Arkansas Music Educators Association, guest presenter Brian Hiller will lead a live workshop at Mosaic Templars Cultural Center in Little Rock on July 24, 2018. Mr. Hiller is Associate Professor of Music at Hofstra University, Music Specialist in Westchester County, New York, and Orff Level I and II Pedagogy Instructor. Mr. Hiller will present a six-hour, hands-on workshop with participants singing, moving, and playing a variety of pitched and non-pitched percussion instruments. The workshop will include several full processed lessons which will include warm-ups, lessons, performances, and extension activities and dynamic choral pieces for use with upper-grade choirs. Information and registration for the live event can be found on the Arkansas Music Educators Association website.

The workshop will be livestreamed to all education service co-operatives and one location in Little Rock. Registration for the livestreamed sessions is available at the standard sources referenced above.

For further information contact Lana Hallmark, Fine Arts Program Advisor, Arkansas Department of Education, 501-682-7590 or лана.hallmark@arkansas.gov

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