Look inside for school shows still available!

**New Date:** Ramona Quimby – Thursday, March 28, 2013

Taiko drumming is an art form, a geography lesson, a personal experience in Japanese culture. It’s thrilling to watch, exciting to do, and deeply educational. Students from Hillcrest Middle School in Sebastopol will eagerly tell you all about it, in between drumming and learning to politely bow while saying goodbye in Japanese.

“I’ve done a lot of workshops before and I think this one, in combination with actually going to the performance and seeing it, really benefited the students,” said Susan Gorman, whose students attended the Center’s school show by San Jose Taiko. Gorman’s students also participated in a three-part mini-residency through the Artists in the Schools program where they worked one-on-one with artist-educators from Sonoma County Taiko. “When we were at the performance for the San Jose Taiko drumming, the students knew a lot more and were able to appreciate it more because they had been through this program and especially to see them with the drums, they’re very excited about it,” said Gorman.

The Center’s school shows always align with curriculum standards and are subsidized to keep ticket prices low through donations to the Center’s Education Through the Arts program. Artists in the Schools workshops for students align with these shows, providing a richer experience and more in-depth learning for students and educators.

See inside for a list of shows, artist residencies and professional development courses coming soon!
Professional Development: Tools for Teachers

Strategies for teachers to bring the arts into the classroom

Wells Fargo Center for the Arts is dedicated to improving the quality of teaching and learning through its professional development program. Courses led by the nation’s leading teaching artists give classroom teachers and educators in all specialties the opportunities they need to advance and enrich their ability to bring quality arts programming into their schools. These programs, coupled with committed educators, ensure that the arts remain a vital part of education in Sonoma County for generations of students to come.

Please take a few moments to consider these opportunities coming soon and see page 7 to register.

Reading Portraits as Biographies

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 from 4 - 7pm
Recommended for Teachers of Grades 1 – 5
Maximum number of participants: 30
Developed by Kennedy Center teaching artist Melanie Layne and led by teaching artist Paige Whelan

There’s more to a portrait than you might think. Portraits are often viewed as a mere depiction of a person when in actuality they are a visual text that can be read as biographies communicating significant information about a person’s life. This engaging workshop teaches how to help students build background knowledge. Teachers can apply this strategy to teaching historical and literary figures across the curriculum.

A Powerful Connection: Music and Poetry

Thursday, March 7, 2013 from 4 – 7pm
Recommended for Teachers of Grades 3 – 6
Maximum number of participants: 30
Led by Kennedy Center teaching artist Deborah Sunya Moore

Music has great potential for helping students comprehend, respond to, and interpret poetry. In this workshop, teachers examine a process for integrating music and poetry in the classroom by exploring their natural connections. Participants learn ways to help students use musical instruments, voice, and body movement to explore elements of music (such as dynamics, tempi, and timbre) and then apply their understandings to create a musical composition for a poem. The artistic process of composing music for a poem will draw on essential reading comprehension strategies and result in a powerful and personal learning experience. No previous musical training is necessary.
CampUs Art

Take a tour, submit art to exhibit

In addition to providing education programs and world-class performances, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts also has an extensive visual arts program, including exhibits of sculpture and paintings by 14 of our region’s most accomplished artists.

Next time you and your students visit the Center, we invite you to take a tour through our sculpture courtyard and view our lobby exhibits located in the stairwells and balcony landings. Call ahead and a member of our education staff may be available to answer questions. While you’re here, be sure to see the exhibit featuring student artwork located in the balcony hallway outside of our administration offices. This exhibit currently features artwork created at Chop’s Teen Center.

For more information about art at the Center, including professional works and our Student Art exhibit, please call Tracy Sawyer at 707.527.7006, ext. 154.

Music For Schools

Over 200 students learning to play music this year!

Our musical instrument lending library was packed full at the end of last school year and is nearly empty today. The program’s most successful instrument drive ever occurred last spring, stocking the shelves and sending our staff scrambling to clean and repair the donated instruments by August. We’re happy to say that we got it all done and, more importantly, grateful to our community for their generous donations…which have made it possible to place 275 instruments with students in 34 schools this year!

Donations are accepted all year long, or look for the annual instrument drive to be held at Montgomery Village in May. Not to worry, we’ll find room for all the flutes, violins, trumpets, and baby pianos that you can give!
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
by Classical Theatre Project
Tuesday, February 26, 2013
9:30am

Bases on Mark Twain’s iconic novel, this beloved yet controversial coming-of-age tale is set against the racially charged backdrop of a pre-Civil War American South. The story examines the nature of friendship and freedom in the face of shocking prejudice. Featuring an excellent cast, imaginative stagecraft and a live Gospel choir, dare to escape down the Mississippi and learn the true meaning of bravery.

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs
by Dallas Children’s Theater
Wednesday, February 27, 2013
11:30am

Our story picks up where the fairy tale leaves off, but something’s amiss. The Wolf is on trial for the murder of two of the three little pigs. With the work of a fast-talking independent reporter pig hungry for the truth, a tough-as-nails judge, and a smooth-talking prosecutor, will the Wolf be shown as a big bad carnivore or as the victim of a media frame-up?
Laura Ingalls Wilder by ArtsPower
Monday, March 11, 2013
9:30am

Laura and her family travel across the unsettled frontier of the late-1800s America in search of a “little house” to call home. Facing daunting obstacles such as scarlet fever and eviction from their land, their pioneering spirit and family bonds are tested, but never broken. The uplifting true-life story of one of America’s most beloved authors comes to life in this musical journey.

The Little Engine That Could™ Earns Her Whistle by ArtsPower
Tuesday, March 5, 2013
9:30am

“I think I can!” Little Blue Engine dreams of someday leaving the train yard to pull the big cars on the track, but can she convince Big Silver that she is worthy of being a main line engine? This dynamic musical portrays Watty Piper’s timeless tale about hard work and determination. Join us when, against all odds, Little Blue Engine conquers her fears.

Super Scientific Circus
Thursday, February 28, 2013
11:30am

Circus skills and magic tricks combine to explain scientific principles, with boomerangs, bubbles and bullwhips, rolling globes, spinning plates and students floating in mid-air. This performance demonstrates complex scientific principles, ranging from friction and inertia to static electricity and magnetism.

Ramona Quimby by Two Beans’ Productions
Thursday, March 28, 2013
9:30am

Ramona, the exasperating but lovable third grader who has delighted young readers for over 50 years, comes to life on our stage! Ramona thinks her life is a real mess—trouble with her older sister, confusion over her aunt’s choice in a husband, and, to make matters worse, her dad just lost his job! With the help of her loving and patient family and friends, Ramona faces life’s challenges as we laugh and cheer her on. Based on the book series by Newbery Medal-winner Beverly Cleary.

The Gruffalo by Tall Stories Theatre Company
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
9:30am

Join Mouse on an adventurous journey through the deep, dark woods in this musical adaption of the award-winning picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler. Mouse is sure good at scaring away hungry animals with tall stories of the terrifying Gruffalo, but what happens when she comes face-to-face with the very creature she imagined?!
Street Beat
“Repurposed Percussion”
Wednesday, April 24, 2013
11:30am

This drumming duo creates their instruments from reused materials, proving that music and creativity knows no bounds. A high-energy explosion of urban rhythm and uplifting, inspiring music education while also showcasing the importance of reusing resources.

We The People
by American Family Theater
Tuesday, April 30, 2013
9:30am

This poignant musical is a timeless tribute to the spirit, ideas, and energy that have defined the United States. Explore the motivations of the countless immigrants who came to this country seeking the constitutional ideals we still hold dear in this award-winning production.

Beauty and the Beast
by American Family Theater
Tuesday, April 9, 2013
9:30am

Brought to life through the magic of live musical theater, follow this classic tale as Beauty makes her adventurous journey to a mysterious castle and meets a Beast. Watch as their friendship blooms and experience the magical moment when the power of love transforms the Beast back into man.
WELLS FARGO CENTER FOR THE ARTS 2013 EDUCATION PROGRAMS ORDER FORM

Step 1

IMPORTANT! Intended for school groups of 10 or more. All changes and/or cancellations must be submitted in writing at least 3 weeks (21 days) prior to show date. NO refunds issued after this deadline. Payment by check or credit card, made payable to Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, is due 30 days from receipt of order. NO cash or phone orders, please. Thank you!

School: ___________________________ Grade Level: ___________________________
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All performances are approximately one hour unless otherwise indicated.

* BONUS! One FREE adult ticket for every 10 student tickets purchased!
** FREE Set the Stage docent visit to your school prior to the show!
(Learn more about Set the Stage at wellsfargocenterarts.org)

Step 3

SPECIAL NEEDS

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Step 5

PAYMENT

Due 30 days from receipt of order.

School Shows $_____
Professional Development $_____
GRAND TOTAL $_____

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○ Purchase order

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