More Arts Education Residencies are Coming!

We are excited and proud to expand our partnership with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to offer LBC’s first Teaching Artist Training Seminar January 11-13, 2018. Thirty local artists will be working with National Teaching Artist Sean Layne to develop arts integrated residencies that will be available for schools starting in the 2018-19 school year.

“Our goal is to increase arts education in schools,” LBC Director of Education and Community Engagement Ray Gargano said. “Because we value the expertise and experience of our teachers, it is important that the artists we work with are prepared to work in the classroom. They need to understand the basics of designing and delivering a lesson—and how to deal with 20 or more very energetic students.”

The Teaching Artists will attend a three-day seminar that focuses on designing lesson and residency plans. Following the seminar, the artists will work with the LBC Education and Community Engagement Department to complete and implement their residency plans with our local partner schools. The entire process will be finished this spring, in time for the new residencies to be offered to schools next fall.

Next school year, teachers will have an additional option to bring the arts to their students. They will still be able to join us at LBC for one of our live School Show performances, and they will now be able to bring a teaching artist to their school for an extended time, for a deeper, more rigorous experience that integrates the arts into their everyday curriculum.

A Playful Approach to Writing
with Mary Hall Surface
For Teachers of Grades 1-6
Thursday, January 18, 8:30-11:30am
Sonoma County Office of Education
Participants examine ways to help students learn how to think like playwrights and to develop a script—written or pictorial—that draws on their improvisations of characters and ideas.

Shadow Journeys:
Exploring History Through Shadow Puppetry
with Daniel Barash
For Teachers of Grades 4-12
Thursday, February 13, 8:30-11:30am
Sonoma County Office of Education
Shadow puppetry is a highly engaging art form that allows students to express their understanding through visual art, drama, and writing. Participants learn shadow puppetry techniques and discover ways students can use shadow puppetry to synthesize historical events through the writing of mini-scenes.

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Super Scientific Circus
by JazzReach
Grades 1-6
NEW DATE!
Monday, January 29, 9:30am & 11:30am
Using circus skills, magic tricks, boomerangs, bubbles, and bullwhips, this amazing duo returns to our stage, to demonstrate and explain complex scientific principles, including friction, inertia, static electricity and magnetism.

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Hangin' with the Giants
by JazzReach
Grades 1-4
Thursday, January 30, 9:30am
Meet Jazz music's greatest personalities in this interactive multimedia presentation with live musicians. With tunes from Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Dizzy Gillespie, and more, no one can help but tap their feet and clap their hands along with this show-stopper, back by popular demand!

Ben Franklin: America's First Citizen
with Patrick Garner in association with TheatreworksUSA
Grades 1-6
Monday, February 5, 9:30am
Join Benjamin Franklin as he demonstrates how self-discipline, inquiry, public service, and a genuine love of life led to international fame and the gratitude of an entire nation.
Sewam American Indian Dance Company
Grades 1-6
NEW DATE!
Monday, March 12, 9:30am & 11:30am

History and tradition come to life in the dances and customs of the Plains Indians. Back by popular demand, this is a true favorite for students and teachers alike!

SPACE IS LIMITED!

How I Became a Pirate
by Dallas Children's Theater
Grades K-5
Thursday, February 22, 11:30am
Sail off on a swashbuckling musical excursion as young Jeremy Jacobs joins Captain Braid Beard's band of comical pirates. Based on the popular book by Melinda Long.

Information about scholarship opportunities is available here.