

Center ARTES

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Restoring Arts to Schools

Robot heading to Schools

Center ARTES is sending a robot to school this fall, but not to learn reading, writing and arithmetic! Our robot, not yet formally named, but affectionately called R24U2 by its controller, Iain Gunn, (SUAVE coach and puppeteer, pictured right), will be visiting North County this fall to teach students about the arts.



Luann cartoonist and Center ARTES Executive Board member, Greg Evans, who performs with the robot, has generously loaned him to Center ARTES to help us with our mission of bringing arts to schools. Since early spring, Iain has been "re-programming" R2 and writing curriculum to be used in the schools. For their first road trip, R2 and Iain will visit family day on the Cal State campus on November 5th (see page 2).

Center ARTES will be focusing some of their fundraising efforts to raise funds for the costs involved in bringing the robot to schools. Funds are also needed to provide arts learning materials for students. We will be targeting schools in North County. As funding for the program increases we hope to take R2 to even more districts. If you are interested in bringing Iain and R2 to your school, please call (760) 750-4431 for more information.

MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT THE ARTS

- ♦ **Myth:** Teachers don't need to be trained in the arts—anyone can do it
- ♦ **Fact:** Teachers participating in an Arts in Education project reported significantly higher confidence, knowledge and skills in using the arts than a comparison group and were more likely to use the arts in other core subjects.



- ♦ **Myth:** Kids learn to be "team players" in sports, not by participation in the arts.
- ♦ **Fact:** Students' ability to work together and participate in team activities increased 40% while participating in the Arts in Education project.

(Source: Arts Council, Arts in Education Demonstration Project. 2001-02)

Center ARTES Joins Carlsbad's ARTSPLASH



Center ARTES will be participating in Carlsbad's annual ArtSplash, Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The non-profit two-day event, held at Armada Drive above the Flower Fields, promotes and benefits arts within the community. Center ARTES artists will provide arts education and entertainment on the Kids Stage both Saturday and Sunday, between 2-4 p.m.

Artists from all over Southern California will be showcasing and selling their art. There will be street musicians, food for all appetites, and chalk art street paintings; all overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Check <http://www.carlsbadartsplash.org> for a complete schedule of events and times.

Center ARTES will be sponsoring...

"Interactive storytelling and creative drama from cultures near and far."

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Mindy Donner: Mindy of Spinning Wheel Players tells/spins folktales. Join in the merriment with chants, rhythm instruments, and a puppet or two.

Abel Silvas: Mr. Silvas, a mime who has trained with Marcel Marceu, presents stories from our indigenous people, including the story of Pablo Tac, a young Luiseño Indian boy who lived at mission San Luis Rey and kept a written record of the life there. Abel's hands-on presentations connect the arts to the 4th grade social studies curriculum standards. He also provides lessons for integrating this material into math lessons.

2nd Annual Family Day, November 5th

The dragons, the puppets, the dancers and more will all return to the Cal State San Marcos campus on Saturday, Nov. 5th from 1-4 p.m.

Center ARTES and Arts and Lectures are again sponsoring a "no-cost to the community fun for the whole family event."

Children and adults will take part in origami and chalk art.

Encinitas' famed Quail Botanical Gardens will be presenting hands-on activities for children. Cal State San Marcos students will present puppet shows throughout the after-

noon. As a very special event, those attending will be given an opportunity to meet Center ARTES' new robot, R24U2, and puppeteer Iain Gunn.

New to our event is "Planet Brazil" a theater play by Capoeira Mandinga of San Diego. Paulo Batuta had his first contact with Capoeira in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1985. He trained with the group Cordão de Ouro until 1997, when he moved to San Diego. Paulo continued his Capoeira training and, in 1999, with the permission of Master Marcelo Pereira, founded Capoeira Mandinga of San Diego. In the fall 2000, with his group already strong in

number, Paulo inaugurated a Capoeira program at the University of California, San Diego. Since then, his Capoeira classes have also become a part of the YMCA's "6 to 6" after school program at local middle schools

Former Family Day performers, Kevin and Andy Leu, will perform classical music on violin, flute, and piano. Program performances include: piano, Grieg Concerto in a minor; flute, Mercadante Concerto; and violin, Saint-Saens Concerto, to be accompanied by pianist Dana Burnett.

January Soiree-Frances Hunter's home



Our hostess, Frances Hunter, with Merryll Goldberg



Entertainment provided by Kevin Leu.

(photos courtesy of Paige Jennings, Communications. Cal State San Marcos)

Family Day, November 2004



Chinese Lion Dancers



Chalk Art for all ages

Fall Workshops Feature Poetry, Theater

A workshop entitled "Poetry and Power Word " will be presented by Roxanne Kilbourne at Empresa Elementary School, Vista Unified School District, Thursday, October 27, 2005, from 4-6 p.m. Teachers and future teachers will be given an opportunity to experience the power that writing and reciting can provide.

The San Diego Museum of Art in Balboa Park will be the setting for the second fall work-

shop on November 12th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Participants will enter the magical world of the art museum to refine visual literacy skills as they learn to "read" images and the stories they tell. A tour of the museum is included.

Croatian actor, Zeljko Vukmirica, will be presenting a workshop for teachers and students of all grade levels at the Clarke Field House at Cal State San Marcos on Novem-

ber 16th from 4-6 p.m. Zeljko will be demonstrating acting techniques that can be used for teaching students who are performing on stage or in videos.

To register for any or all of these workshops, phone 760-750-4431. On-site registration is also available, but pre-registration is recommended. Credit is available through CSUSM's Extended Studies.

"If students were urged to don shouldered pads and helmets and compete with rival schools at poetry, painting and film, you can bet they would receive the appreciation and funding they so desperately need."
(Fred Babb)

Center ARTES Provides Summer Institutes

Although school ended in mid-June for most North County students, some of their teachers continued to learn.

Center ARTES provided summer institutes for teacher professional development in the Oceanside Unified School District in June and to the Carlsbad Unified School District in August.

Teachers in Oceanside took part in puppetry, storytelling and mime workshops. Participants had high praise for all the presenters and many of them wished that the workshops were longer.

Carlsbad Arts Partnership sponsored a week-long professional development opportunity for Carlsbad teachers. Center ARTES and SUAVE presented the workshops.

Teachers learned how to integrate arts into the classroom through use of the SUAVE model. SUAVE coaches presented workshops that teach techniques that work for all students including ELL, gifted and exceptional learners.

Center ARTES hopes to provide more of these programs to other districts.

April Gala "Young at Art" a Great Success

Center ARTES would like to thank all those who attended the annual Cal State San Marcos Gala on April 9th. Through your participation funds were raised to help us with our mission of hosting workshops for teachers, future teachers and interested community members, providing

opportunities to bring the arts to children and their families, and to provide advocacy and strategic planning to San Diego County school districts.

We would like to thank the committee headed by Executive Board member, Elsie Weston, for their dedication to making this a wonderfully successful event.

Thanks also goes to Jan O'Hara and her

the banners that decorated the dining room at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

The performance by the San Diego Youth Symphony and the student-created art work all helped us to spread the message that the teaching of art belongs in our schools. It is a message that we intend to keep sending throughout the community.



New Poll Shows Americans Agree On Importance of the Arts

(The following is an excerpt from a press release sent to us by Americans for the Arts. Center ARTES thanks them for the permission to reproduce it.)

A new Harris Poll released June 13th on the attitudes of Americans toward arts education revealed that 93 percent of Americans agree that the arts are vital to providing a well-rounded education for children. Additionally, 54 percent rated the importance of arts education a "ten" on a scale of one to ten.

The telephone survey was conducted as part of an ongoing public service campaign—"Art. Ask for More."—developed by Americans for the Arts, the Ad Council, and the Austin-based advertising agency GSD&M.

The survey reveals additional strong support among Americans for arts education:

- 86 percent of Americans agree that an arts education encourages and assists in the improvement of a child's attitudes toward school.
- 83 percent of Americans believe that arts education helps teach children to communicate effectively with adults and peers.
- 79 percent of Americans agree that incorporating arts into education is the first step in adding back what's missing in public education today.

79 percent of Americans believe that it's important enough for them to get personally involved in increasing the amount and quality of arts education.

At the same time, it reveals uncertainty among "those involved in the life of a child" about how to become involved in advocating for arts education in schools:

- 62 percent believe that there are other people or organizations in the community who are better suited to take action (than they are).

40 percent say that they do not know how to get involved in arts education.

With these results the public service campaign will now expand its message about promoting arts education to one of empowering parents with more specific tools on how to make a difference in the arts in their communities.

Robert L. Lynch, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts, said, "These survey results show that there is a consensus among the American people that the arts are vital to a well-rounded education. They underscore the need to continue the effort to expand arts education in America's schools and communities."

"It's more than important, it's absolutely vital that American children understand and appreciate art in its many forms," said GSD&M President Roy Spence. "GSD&M has a long history as an advocate of the arts and education, and we are proud to have developed this campaign."

Center ARTES is a non-profit center at Cal State San Marcos dedicated to restoring arts to schools through professional development for teachers, providing access to arts for children and their families, and advocacy and strategic planning with school districts. Please visit our website at <http://www.csusm.edu/centerartes>. Your membership sponsors our activities.

"Art is a place kids travel to where they feel good about themselves.
Keep their passports current." (Fred Babb)

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