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COCA Announcements



Some of the world instruments used in the Artism Music-Play Project. (Safety modifications are not shown)

Culture Club Conversations begin with-Michael Bakan and the Artism Music-Play Project (Wednesday, April 28th from 5:30-7:30pm)

How does music affect children? Or, more specifically in this case, can making music have an impact on children on the autism spectrum? Through the Artism Music-Play Project, Michael Bakan and his Artism Ensemble collaborators are exploring such questions in a very practical- and a very musical-way. Michael Bakan is using his knowledge to improve the world, one child at a time. And he is here in Tallahassee. This is your chance to meet and get to know him, and to see what the Artism Music-Play Project is doing to change our conceptions of both autism and music. Join us for this unique opportunity to explore music in a new way.

Event Information:

Wednesday, April 28, 20115:30-7:30 pm

Tallahassee Little Theater; 1861 Thomasville Road

Admission:

COCA Members\$10.00

General Public \$15.00

To become a COCA member, [click here](#).

Registration Deadline 4/18/11- the sooner the better, because those who hesitate may miss their chance.

For more information about COCA's Culture Club, this event and to register, visit [COCA's web site](#).



New Exhibition Opportunity for Visual Art Students (Application Deadline: May 13, 2011)

COCA is working with the Education Unit in the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget to implement and manage a new exhibition opportunity for student artists who attend public schools (charter and traditional) in Leon and the sixteen surrounding counties. This department of the Governor's Office provides planning, policy

and budgetary analyses and recommendations to the Governor for issues impacting early learning, public schools, community colleges, and state universities. Selected artwork will be on display in our state's capitol building starting in July, 2011. Find the exhibition prospectus and application at [this link](#).



COCA's More Than You Thought This Week Email Publication

Be sure to list all of your school events on www.morethanyouthought.com by Thursday at 5 PM on the previous week to be considered for inclusion in COCA's new email publication: More Than You Thought This Week. For more information about getting your school events listed, [click here](#).



April is National Poetry Month

The Academy of American Poets is encouraging everyone to select a poem you love and carry it with you to share on April 14, 2011. National Poem in Your Pocket Day seeks to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture. For ideas on how to commemorate the occasion, visit the Poets.org web site.

Opportunities



Target Arts and Culture in Schools Grants (Grant applications are typically accepted between March 1 and April 30, each year)

Target offers grants to schools and nonprofits that bring arts and cultural experiences directly to K-12 students. These programs must have a curriculum component. Art and Culture in Schools grants are \$2,000. Grant notifications delivered in September. Learn more [here](#)

Arts Achieve! Model Schools (Application Deadline:

April 8, 2011)

Schools that apply for this recognition conduct a comprehensive self-assessment. Applications are evaluated by a committee of arts education professionals. Site visits are conducted for schools with the strongest applications for the final selection process. Arts Achieve! Model Schools are recognized for a three-year period. Need more info? [Click here](#).

FAAE Leadership Awards (Application Deadline: April 8, 2011)

Nominate an Arts Education Professional, Business Leader, Community Volunteer, Legislative Leader, School Administrator, Superintendent or a School Board for recognition of their support of arts education. [Follow this link](#) to submit a nomination.

A+ For Teachers at Downtown Disney Essay Contest (Deadline: April 15, 2011)

Students in grades 1-12 across the United States are invited to honor deserving teachers by entering the A+ For Teachers at Downtown Disney Essay Contest. All students need to do is write a brief essay about their favorite teacher that explains how the teacher has made a difference in their life. The essay will be judged on its relevance to theme, creativity, originality, and the merit of the teacher's accomplishments as outlined in the essay. Ten national winners will be chosen with each student and their teacher nominee winning a vacation package that includes free airfare for four family members to Orlando on AirTran Airways, four-day/three-night hotel accommodations at one of the Downtown Disney® Resort Area hotels, four free Walt Disney World® one-day, one-park passes, four free tickets to the DisneyQuest® indoor Interactive theme park, and complimentary breakfast at the hotel each day. For complete contest information, visit the [Downtown Disney web site](#).

Compendium of Best Practices in Arts Integration (Submission Deadline: April 15, 2011)

To make your current work with arts integration more lasting, FAAE, under the auspices of the Florida Department of State/Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Department of Education, will publish the 2011 Florida Compendium of Best Practices in Arts Integration. The purpose of this Compendium is to highlight the good work that you are doing in order to inform and inspire others who may want to follow in your pathways and to provide insights into arts integration for funders, decision-makers, and interested others. We are particularly interested in programs that go beyond the work of one person in one classroom. Complete information as well as the submission form is available at the [FAAE web site](#).

Digital Media Challenge: Student art contest (Deadline Extended: April 22, 2011)

Visual Art and Digital Media (CTE) students at all grade levels are invited. Winning artists and their teachers are guests at the Digital Media Festival. Find out more and submit your art at the [FAAE web site](#).



The Holocaust Education Resource Council annual Art/Essay Contest (Deadline: April 29, 2011)

This contest is open to students in grades 4-12 from Leon, Wakulla, Gadsden, Jefferson and Madison counties. The easy/art theme this year is Through the Eyes of a Child: Remembering the Children of the Holocaust. Scholarships are awarded to the top winning essayists and art students ranging from \$25 to \$250. An awards ceremony will be held on May 22, 201. For more information please visit the [HERC web site](#).



Children's Festival of Russian Culture Drawing Competition (Deadline: April 30, 2011)

This year's Children's Festival of Russian Culture celebrates the 50th anniversary of the first manned space flight on April 12, 2011 by Russian Astronaut Yuri Gagarin, and we are holding in his honor a US National Children's Drawing Competition on the theme: "MY DREAM OF SPACE." Winners will receive awards at the festival. Any child between the ages of 4 and 12 who enjoys drawing, is excited by the possibilities of space travel and is willing to compete for wonderful prizes will be thrilled by this opportunity. To learn more and download the entry form, [click here](#).

Rural/Underserved and Small School Improvement Through Arts

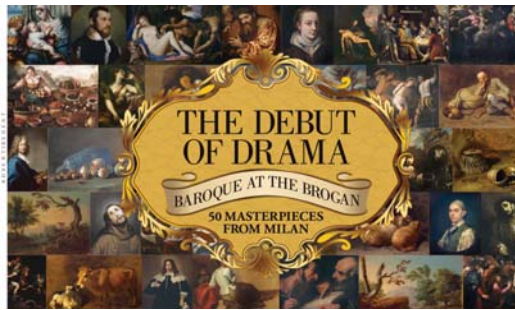
Integration (Deadline: April 30, 2011)

The Florida Alliance for Arts Education is seeking applications from rural, underserved and small schools or school districts with limited arts education to participate in a professional development research project over the next two years. The project aims to improve overall student performance by using an arts-integrated approach to teaching and learning. Visit the FAAE [web site](#) for complete information and the application form.

National Juried Exhibition Seeking Emerging Artists (Deadline: June 10, 2011)

Emerging artists with disabilities ages 16-25 are encouraged to submit original artwork from a variety of mediums to Momentum, a visual arts exhibition. Fifteen artists will be selected for the exhibit and will share \$60,000 in cash awards. The program is presented annually by VSA and Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. The exhibit will be displayed at the Smithsonian Institute from Sept. 2011 through Jan. 2012, and will then travel to college and university galleries and art museums. For more information, visit the [VSA web site](#) or contact [Marian Winters](#) with VSA Florida at (813) 558-5095.

Around Town



Brogan Museum's Debut of Drama-Baroque at the Brogan (On view through July 24, 2011)

On display are over 50 paintings from the Brera Museum in Milan valued at over 25 million euro. The Brogan is offering special group rates for this exhibit. For more information about these rates, please call (850)

513-0700. For more information about the exhibit, [click here](#).

Workshops/Seminars/Conferences:



Free Oil and Watercolor Painting Seminar (April 8 from 3-7pm)

Utrecht Art Supply's resident artist, Joe Gyurcsak, is in town and our local Utrecht store is offering a free educational seminar and demonstration by this nationally renowned artist on Friday, April 8 at the Council on Culture and Arts (COCA). Gyurcsak will discuss and demonstrate the technical aspects of painting in both oil and watercolor, and answer questions from attendees. The seminar will be interactive and there's no need to bring any materials. Supplies will be provided so attendees can experiment with different tools and techniques. The session begins at 3:00pm and will be broken in to two sections. From 3:00pm - 4:30pm, the seminar will focus on watercolor and from 4:30pm - 6:00pm the seminar will focus on oil. Come with questions and bring a completed painting of your own. We'll have time for a quick critique of attendee's work along with wine and cheese from 6:00-7:00pm.

COCA can accommodate 50 attendees for this seminar so please call Utrecht at (850) 222-2061 to reserve your spot today. Map to COCA [here](#); please

keep in mind that Gaines is currently westbound only.

**Arts Integration Conference: Exploring an Approach to Teaching
(Registration Deadline: April 15)**

June 27-29, 2011

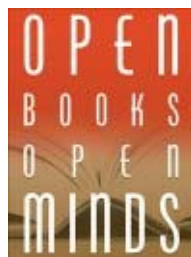
Registration is now available for the upcoming Kennedy Center conference, Arts Integration Conference: Exploring an Approach to Teaching, from June 27-29, 2011 in Washington, D.C. at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Please note that space will fill quickly and registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. The conference may be filled before April 15. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Sandra Rupert of the Arts Education Partnership Webinar (April 21,
2011 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. EST)**

Sandra Rupert, executive director of the Arts Education Partnership, will be the guest speaker. She will update us on national policies and trends, and the latest developments in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) reauthorization. Thanks to Jennifer Jones, Network Partners committee chair and executive director of the Bay Arts Alliance for securing Sandra as our April speaker. To register for this webinar, visit this [web site](#).

**Rural/Underserved and Small School Improvement Through Arts
Integration (Deadline: April 30, 2011)**

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2011 Florida Literacy Conference

May 4 - 6, 2011

Orlando Marriott Lake Mary

Lake Mary, Fla.

Educators from across the state are invited to attend the 27th Annual Florida Literacy Conference May 4 - 6, 2011, hosted by the Florida Literacy Coalition. The conference includes more than 75 general and concurrent sessions, and features keynote speakers Pat Williams from the Orlando Magic and literacy pioneer and Presidential Medal of Honor recipient Ruth Colvin. For more information, visit [this web site](#).

International Reading Association Convention

May 8 - 11, 2011

Orange County Convention Center

Orlando, Fla.

The International Reading Association will host its 2011 Convention in Orlando May 8 - 11, 2011, with the theme "The Power of Literacy." The conference includes numerous workshops, symposia and concurrent sessions, and features former NFL coach Tony Dungy and actress Goldie Hawn. Conference participants who register by March 11, 2011, will automatically be entered to win two free roundtrip domestic airline tickets to Orlando for the conference. [Click here](#) for complete conference details, including how to register for free airfare.

Florida Alliance for Arts Education Leadership Summit

June 16 - 18, 2011

Sonesta Hotel

Orlando, Fla.

The Florida Alliance for Arts Education will host its annual Leadership Summit June 16 - 18, 2011, in Orlando with the theme, "Arts Education is 21st Century Education." The summit features breakout sessions by and for

educators, administrators and advocates, the Arts Achieve! Model Schools Recognition, the Digital Media Festival Exhibit and much more. For more information, visit www.faae.org or contact [Susan Burke](#), Executive Director of FAAE, at (407) 488-9951.



National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar

June 26 - July 29, 2011

Educators are invited to apply to attend the Summer Seminar offered by the National Endowment for the Humanities June 26 - July 29, 2011. During the five-week program, participants will study the economy of the North Sea region in northwestern Europe. The seminar will meet at the Institute for Historical Research at the University of London for the first week and at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced

Studies in Wassenaar, The Netherlands, for the remaining four weeks. For an application and a full description of the seminar, visit this [web site](#).

Job Opening



Chief

Executive Officer for the Institute for School Innovation (ISI)

Salary: Starting at 100,000.00

Location: Tallahassee, Florida

Employer: Institute for School Innovation

Type: Full Time - Experienced

Categories: Education/Training, Executive, Fundraising Preferred Education: Doctorate

The Institute for School Innovation (ISI) seeks a dynamic edupreneur to assume the position of President & Chief Executive Officer. The CEO will advance ISI's mission to redefine classroom instruction through technology and active learning. ISI's flagship program is Project CHILD (Changing How Instruction for Learning is Delivered), an innovative instructional program for elementary schools currently being implemented in 8 states serving 11,500 children.

The CEO will primarily focus on growing Project CHILD to national prominence. ISI is seeking a visionary leader with a strong track record in resource development and growing entrepreneurial organizations. A solid academic background is also essential, with knowledge of K-12 education trends and issues.

Salary negotiable, starting at \$100K with excellent benefits and performance bonuses. Qualifications include a doctorate degree or equivalent advanced training, excellent speaking and writing skills, and successful experience leading dynamic organizations or businesses. Considerable travel will be required. ISI is a private non-profit corporation with a full time staff of six

professionals. The CEO job description is posted on the ISI website.

Send cover letter and resume to: Search Committee Institute for School Innovation PO Box 13296 Tallahassee, FL 32317-3296. Visit their web site: www.ifs.org

Kudos



The **Deerlake Middle School advanced orchestra students** participated in the Florida Orchestra Association District 2/3 Music Performance Assessment on February 17, at Chiles High School. They earned an "excellent" rating in sight-reading and "superior" ratings from all three concert judges.



Congratulations to the **Chiles Drama students** who went to the Thespian State Festival March 16-20. Students must earn a Superior rating at District Festival in order to be eligible to perform at State. There were over 6,500 students in attendance at this year's ITS State Festival. Chiles sophomore technical

theatre students took top honors including:

- Miranda Hansen - Superior and Critic's Choice (Costume Construction)
- Lauren Jones - Superior (Costume Design)
- Thomas Mahaffey - Superior (Set Design)

The following senior team members earned Excellent ratings:

- Megan Geraci and Lucas Brown - Duet Acting
- Allyse Francis and Victoria Johnson - Duet Acting
- Taylor Fabrega, Megan Klug, Melissa Hutchinson and Megan Geraci - Pantomime
- Rachel Albertson - Solo Musical
- Allyse Francis - Playwrighting

Did You Know?



Leonardo DaVinci began painting the Mona Lisa in 1503. He was still working on the painting when he emigrated to France in 1516 and is believed to have finished it three years later, just before he died. The painting has remained in France ever since and is owned by the state. It once

hung in Napoleon's bedroom. For more fun facts about art and architecture, visit this [web site](#).

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To submit listings for COCA's Arts in Education Monthly Newsletter, send a description of 50 words or less to Amanda Karioth Thompson at amanda@cocanet.org. COCA reserves the right to include or exclude any listing at its discretion and to determine the content and placement of all listings. Deadline for submission is 5:00pm on the fourth Monday of the month.

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