

YOUNG AUDIENCES of SANTA CRUZ COUNTY



WE ARE

a non-profit organization that has been presenting educational arts programs in Santa Cruz County schools since 1971. Professional artists bring their knowledge and art form to students in grades Pre-Kinder through 12th. Young Audiences presents hundreds of performances and workshops in public, private and parochial schools throughout Santa Cruz County, every year. Your local chapter (the only chapter in Arizona) is part of a 32-chapter network whose national headquarters is in New York City.

OUR GOALS ARE

- to enrich children's lives by giving them the opportunity to learn through the Arts.
- to provide the opportunity for all students attending Santa Cruz County schools to participate in educational arts programs.
- to enhance the quality of life of young people by providing arts programs of excellence in MUSIC, THEATER, DANCE, VISUAL ARTS & CREATIVE WRITING.
- to introduce the performing arts to school children; to be a resource to teachers and to encourage school administrators to regard the Arts as an integral part of the curriculum.
- to develop and expand professional development programs in the arts for all teachers.

OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDE

- 3-5 day educational performance/workshop residencies (artists visit many schools and present up to twenty 30-45 minute workshops/performances).
- 5, 10 and 20-day extended residencies during which teaching artists actively engage students in creative experiences; artist works with a specific grade or group of students at one school; includes planning sessions and teacher professional development.
- workshops for elementary, middle and high school music students.
- professional development workshops and training for teachers and administrators.
- outreach partnerships with Arizona Opera, Arizona Theatre Company, The Kennedy Center Partners in Education, Title V Grant Arts Education Initiative, Tubac Center of the Arts, Tucson Symphony Orchestra, UA Museum of Art and UA Presents.

THE BENEFITS

to students learning through the arts is stimulating creativity, encouraging innovative thinking and igniting their imaginations. Music and art are powerful tools for developing self-esteem and problem solving skills, and for strengthening academic performance. The artists make connections between history, geography, language, math, science and the Arts.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- volunteer for performance coverage at a school
 - sponsor an artist's performance or workshop for a class or an entire school
 - support the "*Music in the Schools*" program with Tucson Symphony Orchestra
 - participate in or sponsor fundraisers
 - become an individual or business donor
 - establish an endowment fund for Young Audiences
 - provide office support

OUR MISSION IS

"to establish the Arts as an essential part of young people's education in order to develop their potential as creative and productive human beings; to present professional artists in residencies, workshops and performances to youth in all schools, and through festivals and performances to families in our communities."