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Los Angeles County's www.LAArtsEd.org adds 28 new arts programs to website that gives schools online, one-stop shopping for quality arts education programs

LOS ANGELES, CA – September 28, 2005 – The Los Angeles County Arts Commission just added 28 more programs to its stellar lineup of high quality arts education resources on its website www.LAArtsEd.org, a free, online, one-stop shopping resource for teachers, administrators, parents and students. The first of its kind in Southern California, this online interactive directory, launched in February 2004, now includes more than 175 arts education field trips, workshops, residencies and performances.

The **Arts Commission operates www.LAArtsEd.org** as part of **Arts for All**, the County's 10-year landmark effort launched in September 2002 to restore comprehensive arts education to all 80 county school districts and Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) classrooms. The interactive directory features audio and video samples of the programs and is searchable by artistic discipline (music, dance, theatre, visual arts), school subject area (history, math, English, science), grade level, program type (performance, workshop, field trip, residency) and cultural origin. To be included on www.LAArtsEd.org arts education programs must meet the rigorous curriculum requisites of the Visual and Performing Arts Content Standards established by the State Board Of Education in January 2001. This guarantees that the arts programs on www.LAArtsEd.org enhance student learning and comprehension of arts curriculum.

www.LAArtsEd.org is being marketed to the 96,500 educators in Los Angeles County, particularly those in the 15 Arts for All districts, who have renewed their commitment to arts education and are receiving technical assistance from the Arts for All Pooled Fund to strengthen their arts education infrastructure. The direct, convenient access to standards-based arts education programs provided by the online directory helps these districts implement their plans. The promotion of the site is made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The 28 new programs added to www.laartsed.org are offered by 15 arts education service providers. The number of different programs offered by each provider is in parentheses following the name. The programs include:

Angels Gate Cultural Center (2)

12-week professional visual artist residency using a variety of media
Art + Exploration Field Tri including two gallery tours and two fine arts workshops

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Infinite Dreams Dance Program teaches dance to special needs youth, geared to three different grade levels

Diavolo Dance Theater (1)

Learning to Fly, a two-week residency furthering dance as a core subject

Dramatic Results (2)

Math in a Basket, strengthens measuring, geometry, fraction and decimal skills while creating woven baskets
Write-On Arts, strengthens language skill while creating and performing various art forms

Enrichment Works (1)

Voyage of Odysseus, an interactive performance based on Homer's *Odyssey*

Henry Mancini Institute (2)

Henry Mancini Institute In-school interactive concert series featuring a variety of genres, geared to two different grade levels.

Los Angeles Philharmonic Education Department (3)

Symphonies for Schools - Live concerts for students and teachers, geared to three different grade levels.

(Out) Law & Order (1)

A year-long inquiry, undertaken by eighth-graders, about the dynamic influence of traditional frontier values on public policies and individual behavior today.

Parson's Nose Productions (1)

Adaptations of classic theater works performed with study guides and student Q&A

Rock the Classroom (1)

Literacy-based music program

Saturday Night Bath Concert Fund (4)

Live 7-musician mobile blues concerts, geared to three different grade levels
Interactive professional blues concerts for youth

Skirball Cultural Center (1)

World-class artists present their work to students at lecture-demonstrations and workshops

Suzanne Teng (4)

Flutes, Drums and Songs of the World, geared to two different grade levels
A Musical Journey around the World, geared to two different grade levels

We Tell Stories (1)

Performances keyed to Open Court Reading and VAPA Standards

Zimmer Children's Museum (1)

youTHink uses art to engage students in analysis of contemporary issues

Artists and organizations interested in applying to be included on www.LAArtsEd.org may contact Sofia Klatzker at the Arts Commission, 213 974-1343.

The **Los Angeles County Arts Commission**, Laura Zucker, Executive Director, provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. The Arts Commission provides leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*; administers a grants program that funds more than 250 nonprofit arts organizations annually; funds the largest arts internship program in the country in conjunction with the Getty Foundation, programs the John Anson Ford Theatres and supports the Los Angeles County Cultural Calendar on ExperienceLA.com. The Commission also produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration broadcast nationally, and a year-round music program that funds more than 60 free concerts each year in public sites. The 2005-06 President of the Arts Commission is Hope Warschaw.

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