

New Eyes Artists In Schools Residencies and Community Programs

Since 1981, the Richmond Art Center has provided over 20 pioneering years of service leading, teaching, and developing a variety of educational programs that address cultural, social and personal issues while promoting cross-cultural experiences and understanding.

We continue our deep seeded tradition of service and active engagement in the arts through *New Eyes* Artists In Schools (NEAIS)- a program focused on developing visual literacy, self-expression, creative critical thinking skills and learning through the arts for children in grades K-12.

Through *New Eyes*, the Richmond Art Center conducts after-school residencies in partnership with the West Contra Costa Unified School District Bright Futures program at select school sites throughout the district. Our highly qualified and talented Artists In Residence lead year-round art workshops and projects through an inter-disciplinary approach that enriches the in-class experience and places art at the center of integrated curriculum- math, science, history, social justice, environmental awareness, literacy and more. Programs are conducted twice a week for 1.5 to 2 hours, with rotating exhibitions of student work at the school site. The residencies culminate with an end of the year district wide exhibition and celebration of the young artists work and achievement at the Richmond Art Center. For the 2007-2008 school year, we expect to reach at least six schools and over 240 students.

The Richmond Art Center is planning ways to expand our Artist In Residence offerings to include In-School Residencies, partnerships with Parent Teacher Associations, Family Days and professional development workshops for teachers seeking in depth knowledge and training in Arts Integration. Through partnerships with local community organizations, we are working to make the arts available to all community residents as a transformative force and agent for community growth, development and social change.

Current Projects

Residence sites include target schools in the West Contra Costa Unified School District- Bright Futures Program:

Richmond Washington Elementary School,
Stege Elementary School
Pinole Pinole Middle School
San Pablo Helms Middle School

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