

Arts Department Newsletter

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From Your Arts Director:

Welcome to the 21-22 school year! Now that we are about 3 weeks into the semester, we hope that you have started finding some of your groove and that you've all been able to connect with students to make them feel welcome, supported, and loved in all arts classrooms and spaces. Here in September, 2021, the school year still feels a bit uncertain, a bit worrisome, but also hopeful and full of promise at the same time. Your Arts team has been extremely busy hiring several new teachers, getting specialized PPE out to school sites for choir and band programs, and making connections between school sites and our Bay Area arts organizations.

Last month, we presented the draft of *Arts & Creativity 2025: SFUSD's Arts Equity Plan* to the Curriculum Committee of the SFUSD Board of Education. You can find the draft of the plan in six different languages, as well our presentation to the Commissioners [with this link](#). The Arts Equity Plan and the [Arts Resolution](#) will now go to an upcoming Budget/Business Services Committee to discuss funding priorities. We are excited to see this move forward with our Board and the potential increase to Arts FTEs throughout the district.

This year, the Arts Department will continue to focus on and prioritize antiracist arts instruction districtwide through professional development, partnerships, teacher collaboration, and curriculum planning. We will also continue to focus on and prioritize following [SFDPH Guidance for Schools](#) (updated 8/11/21) for what is allowed regarding performing arts and keeping all students and staff safe. As guidance changes, we will update our protocols and practices as needed. A big shout out to our arts teachers throughout the district who have started this school year with a steady spirit of flexibility, problem solving, and student-centered planning. You all are resilient and keep our arts programs alive throughout SFUSD!

It's already proving to be a great year for the Arts Department and we look forward to all of the student creativity that will come from your work!

In community,
Sam





-Freestyle Love Supreme and theatre PDs

In partnership,
~ Emily and Ron

Summer Celebrations from the Arts Department

70 (!) Arts Teachers took advantage of June extended hours to develop curriculum, create launch lessons for the department or participate in a workshop with a partner arts organization. 🙌🙌🙌

- ★ Special shout out to SFMOMA for providing a dynamic externship for our Visual Arts teachers!
- ★ Special shout out to Ana (Early Ed TSA) for gathering PreK/TK teachers for some collaborative planning!
- ★ Special shout out to Sarah Allison, David Greenbaum and Elizabeth Medrano for cranking out those amazing launch lessons!

The Arts Department provided 100+ scholarships for students to attend summer arts programming with our partner organizations. This funding helped expand access to summer arts and also helped provide fiscal support to our partners. A win win!

Nancy Gittleman (Arts TSA for Ceramics) joined with Ahmet Ustunel (Teacher for the Visually Impaired) and Juana Navincopa-Garcia (Para) to provide two weeks of virtual visual arts instruction to elementary and secondary students who are blind/visually impaired, in English and Spanish.

Nancy Gittleman and Elizabeth Medrano (Arts TSAs) led hands-on workshops for our paraprofessionals called "Supporting Independence through the Arts" during Para PD Week.

And GOOD WORK to all of you who took some time over the summer (a day, a week, a month) to practice self-care, travel, reconnect with family/friends/self and recharge your battery. This work is rewarding, but challenging. Remember to hold on to those self-care practices during the school year, and let us know how we can help!



Featured Resources:

Please click on the links for information about upcoming events and shared events from our partners.

[SFUSD Arts Department on Twitter](#)

[SFUSD Arts Department on Facebook](#)

[SFUSD Arts Department on Instagram](#)



Enjoy the rest of the summer with our friends at [Yerba Buena Gardens Festival!](#)

Featuring all local Bay Area artists, YBG festival is giving San Francisco's all the free outdoors, and fresh-ness we need to make this summer epic. Stay tuned for more special programs to be announced this fall. Check the [Yerba Buena Gardens Festival Calendar of Events](#)



The start of the 2021-22 School Year is approaching quickly but there is still an opportunity to enroll your aspiring dancer for a school screening or school audition! Screenings for ages 8-10 and auditions for ages 11-18 are still open. Register now for the final round of School Year Screenings and Auditions→[20-21 Auditions](#)

San Francisco Ballet School Students performing in the school demonstration during the Spring Festival // © Lindsay Thomas



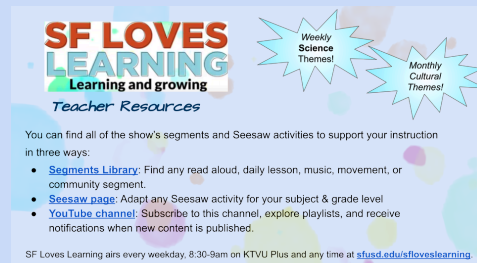
SFLoves Learning Resources

Please continue to use the SFLoves Learning Library

[SF Loves Learning Science Videos](#)

[SFLL United Against Racism](#)

[SFLL Climate Change and Justice Slide Deck](#)



[SFLL Teacher Resource Library](#)



SFArtsEd, has served San Francisco youth for over 50 years, is delighted to return to in-person visual and performing arts instruction. This fall, artist mentors will once again engage students in grades TK-8 at over 20 school sites in residencies that include dance, theater, visual arts, rhythms, musical theater and vocal work.



Let's go CruZin Saturday September 18th to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the San Francisco LowRider Council on Mission Street 2 pm - 8 pm

Join us this fall in an exploration of Social Justice through movement and multi-media art! We welcome you to our fall no-cost in-person powerhouse classes: Activism through Dance and Media, with teaching artist Nico Maimon! Classes are set to begin at the Geneva Powerhouse September 7th - December 17th, and will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays Course 1: Introduction to Activism through Dance & MultiMedia - Ages 10 - 13 from 4:15 - 5:15pm Course 2: Activism through Dance & MultiMedia - Ages 14 -18 from 5:15 - 6:15pm We will be following COVID protocols. Space will be limited to 15 students per class. Register for classes now to hold your spot! Go and [Register Today](#)



Please continue to donate to the [Mission Food Hub](#)



Join our Afro-Peruvian Latin Fusion Class

This high energy class explores traditional percussion and dance styles from Peru while incorporating other

Latinx rhythms and dance styles. This class

incorporates basic stretches and strengthening within an improvisational warm up set to Afro Peruvian.

Students will also work on refining rhythm, dance and musicality through listening activities and the use of cajones and other instruments and props.

Please come and enjoy the dance and music!

Join our classes and support the Mission CulturalCenter for Latino Arts. Your donation provides artist opportunities and a full [cultural calendar](#).

Minnesota Street Project

The Project stays open late!
Saturday, September 11, 2021 3 - 7 pm PST

Kick off the fall season with some fabulous art. Minnesota Street Projects galleries across the 1275 and 1150 campuses will remain open late. Mark your calendars and keep a look out for special programming to be announced soon.



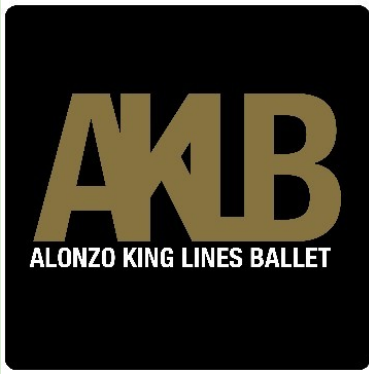
Joan Mitchell September 4, 2021–January 17, 2022

Floor 5: The painter Joan Mitchell has long been hailed as a formidable creative force. She first attained critical acclaim and success in the male-dominated abstract expressionist circles of 1950's New York, then spent over three decades in France creating distinctive abstract paintings that pulse with energy and color and draw on landscape, memory, poetry and music.



Youth FilmHouse Residency

SFFILM Education's Youth FilmHouse Residency, in partnership with SFFILM Makers, is a seven-week online program for students grades 9–12 who identify themselves as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color (BIPOC) and are excited to explore careers in film and filmmaking. Throughout the residency, students will engage with SFFILM Makers residents, SFFILM staff in other departments,



Kids online dance classes start in September!
 Register: bit.ly/AKLBkids. Little movers can groove into fall with ballet with Jordan Wanderer (ages 5-7) and hip hop with Amainary Contreras (ages 8-12). ★
 Sibling discounts are available (email community@linesballet.org)

For School Sites Interested in having please follow this [link](#).

film industry professionals, and a dynamic curriculum that balances practical skills like production strategy and technique along with trainings, panels, and lectures that highlight industry knowledge and possible career paths through our artist network. As Youth FilmHouse residents embark on the next stage of their artistic endeavors, we will ensure they are folded into the Makers community. By the end of this residency, each student should have a realistic action plan to immediately begin their film career in keeping with their own artistic voice. To enter an application, click [APPLY HERE](#) and register for an account by entering your name, email, and a unique password. Applications close September 10, 2021

ARTSPAN

Artspan's SFWide-Open Studios (SFOS) invites you to experience free artful happenings with opportunities to build your collection while supporting local artists this fall from September 16 through November 21, 2021. There's something for everyone to connect with over 500 local artists! For more information follow this [Link](#).

Upcoming Department Events and Announcements

DATE & TIME	AUDIENCE	EVENT
Ongoing	All Educators	The Employee Quick Links is the landing page you need to access all information for employees at SFUSD . You must log in with your SFUSD employee login and password. https://www.sfusd.edu/employees/my-sfusd/employee-quick-links
Ongoing	All Educators	
Ongoing	General Audiences	Please stay tuned to the latest information for SFUSD employees on COVID-19 (also known as coronavirus). We are regularly sending updates via email . We also continue to update both our public webpage (focused on messages for families and students)

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