

BLAST WAS A BLAST!

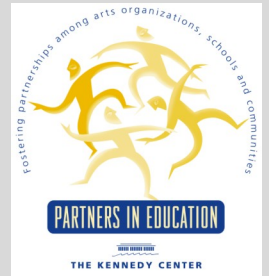
Our wonderful Kingsbury Hall Partners invited the Salt Lake City School District students to the matinee performance of **BLAST** a performing extravaganza of brass, percussion, dance, lights, and brilliant choreography. The only thing anybody could say after the standing ovation was WOW!

The musicians' playing was impeccable. The percussionists, especially the drummers were absolutely spectacular. The creativity and synchronization in the choreography could not be matched. The students especially liked the dueling snare drums, where the two artists pretended to be competing for best drummer. There has never been a



show like this! **BLAST** is an understatement.

Performances such as **BLAST** are more than just for entertainment purposes. They teach students what quality work looks like. They raise the bar for our kids. A group of elementary students who attended the performance went back to their music classroom and practiced techniques that they had just observed.



Robin Wilks-Dunn is the outreach coordinator for Kingsbury Hall and partners with us through the Kennedy Center. She takes great care of Salt Lake City School District. In September for example she brought in the Kronos String Quartet and sent the artists to the high schools to work with student string quartets. Talk about a **MASTERS CLASS!** This experience was amazing for our kids.

It is important for our students to observe and work with distinguished artists. These performers demonstrate exemplary work.



Robin is a fabulous director. Catch her current play "Last Lists of My Mad Mother" now playing at the Rose Wagner Theater.



Hank Dutt, world famous performing violinist with the Kronos String Quartet works with Salt Lake City School District Students in September. Robin Wilks-Dunn, our Kingsbury Hall Partner through the Kennedy Center made this happen.



SABRINA THEODORE, AN ANGEL AMONG US

Uintah Elementary is so very lucky! They have an arts angel working with their kids. It is artist Sabrina Theodore. Sabrina teaches art to the students at Uintah. Her specialty is three dimensional art but she can do anything and she does it well.

No one is quite like Sabrina. She values children like no other. She spends

endless hours working with the students, teaching them the visual arts core curriculum and displaying their beautiful pieces around the school.

Sabrina is a loving and generous person. She has one goal and that is to give children wonderful arts experiences. She trains the parents and works closely with the classroom

teachers to make Uintah Elementary School an outstanding Artstream School. She has devoted many years to Salt Lake City School District and is loved by all who know her. We salute you, Sabrina.

Beverley Sorenson attended Arts Night at Bennion Elementary



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Bennion Elementary School Arts Night

M..Lynn Bennion Elementary School held its first "Friends of Artworks for Kids Night" on October 27, 2011. The students adorned the hallways with beautiful artwork. The fourth grade Bennion Violin students performed several songs. James Yapias, Principal of Bennion Elementary and the Friends of Artworks for Kids team showed a video

asking parents to support arts education by writing to their legislators. Attending dignitary were Beverley Sorenson, Art Philanthropist; Lisa Cluff Director of Artworks for Kids; Cathy Jensen from the Utah State Office of Education; and Kristi Burns, Professional Development Partner from the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program. There were many parents and teachers there. This was sincerely a

delightful, heartwarming and genuine experience for all. The Office of Fine Arts would like to thank, Visual Art Teacher Edie Davis, Music Teacher Trish Wade; Principal James Yapias and Assistant Principal Mike Sadler for their collaborative effort in putting this night together.

Highland High Gives Its Regards to Broadway

Katie Houston, the new Choir Director of Highland High School produced "Sweet Sounds of Broadway" on October 26, 2011. What a way to start the school year! She had her student groups perform songs from past Broadway hits, such as *Oklahoma*, *Oliver*, and *Carousel*. Katie has a great rapport with her students. She is willing to build strong music programs at

Highland and is a positive force on the Artstream team. "Break a leg," Katie and the Highland High School Students.



Mary Montoya is the winner of the Dia de los Muertos Art Contest sponsored by the Day-Riverside Branch of the Salt Lake City Library system. Mary is a student in Jillana Butler's eighth grade Multicultural art class at Northwest Middle School. Her prize was awarded November 1, 2011 during the Day of the Dead Festival at the Library.



Classroom Teachers and Specialists Learn to Teach the Arts

The Office of Fine Arts has been very busy building partnerships and providing professional development for classroom teachers and specialists. This year we are conducting these workshops in various art forms:

- K-12 monthly music study groups for music specialists.

- Performing arts study groups for dance and theatre teachers.
- K-12 visual art study group focusing this year on the "Viva Frida" exhibits sponsored by Arte de Mexico.
- Beginning visual arts workshop at Whittier for classroom teachers

- Visual arts workshop part 2 at Nibley Park
- Tanner Dance integrated arts workshop at Escalante and Bonneville Elementary Schools
- Drama workshops at Bennion and Uintah.
- National Kennedy Center Presenter.

Sydney MacDonald, ELP teacher at Nibley Park takes several arts study groups.



...And Then There Were Ten (BTSALP Schools)

For the past three years seven Salt Lake City School District Schools have had Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program (BTSALP) art specialists funded through the legislature through the Utah State Office of Education (USOE). The art specialists are highly qualified art teachers that

teach arts to all the students in their school. This past spring, the USOE opened up grant applications for more schools to receive an art specialist. The Salt Lake City School District received three more specialists making it now ten schools that

house specialists. The schools with BTSALP art specialists are Beacon Heights, Bennion, Bonneville, Dilworth, Highland Park, Jackson, Lincoln, Nibley Park, Wasatch and Washington. The BTSALP Regional Directors offer professional development and support to these schools.



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TAKE TIME TO SEE OUR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICALS THIS MONTH

SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK AT WEST HIGH SCHOOL

November 17, 18, 19 at 7 pm.



AIDA AT EAST HIGH SCHOOL

November 10, 11, 12, 14, at 7 pm.



THE WIZ AT HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

November 16, 17, 19, 21 at 7 pm.



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Salt Lake City School District Artist in the Classroom Recipients

Each year the Salt Lake City Arts Council offers the Artist in the Classroom Grants to our schools. This year eighteen schools were awarded \$2,000 each to have an artist in residency work with students in their schools. The grant recipients are:

- Backman Elementary
- Bonneville Elementary
- Dilworth Elementary
- Edison Elementary
- Emerson Elementary
- Ensign Elementary
- Highland Park Elem.
- Hilltop School

- Indian Hills Elementary
- Meadowlark Elementary
- Mountain View Elem.
- Newman Elementary
- Parkview Elementary
- Riley Elementary
- Rose Park Elementary
- Salt Lake Center for Science Education
- Uintah Elementary
- Whittier Elementary

The Office of Fine Arts would

like to thank the Salt Lake City Arts Council for their many contributions to arts learning in our district. We would also like to congratu-

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late these grant recipient school.