

Artistic License  
October 2008

Volume 3, Issue 1



# ARTISTIC LICENSE



Salt Lake City  
School District  
*Your Best Choice*

## SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS ARE WOWED BY NATIONAL KENNEDY CENTER PRESENTER!!!

By Rosanne Henderson

On August 21, 2008 Salt Lake City School District and Kingsbury Hall, "Partners in Education" through the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts hosted a professional development workshop with Imani Gonzalez, famous Jazz musician and National Kennedy Center presenter. The workshop was called "Exploring World Cultures Through Music." The music teachers were introduced to the richness of the cultures of India, Senegambia, Brazil, Yourba people of Cuba, Ga people of Ghana and Shona people of Zimbabwe through children's songs, rhythms,

and musical activities.

Through these songs, students learn about the lifestyles and values of children in faraway countries and come to appreciate the similarities and differences between these cultures and their own. The participants learned how to teach the songs and activities to students. The teachers also received a compact disc and book, along with a teacher study guide containing lyrics and background information on the cultures. This workshop was sponsored by Kingsbury Hall, Salt Lake City School District, and was partly underwritten by the Kennedy Center.



Imani Gonzalez is a professional jazz and world vocalist who has lived in the Washington metropolitan area for more than 20 years. Her voice is featured on many of the National Geographic Television's "Explorer Series" soundtracks.

Pic. courtesy [www.zaganomusic.com](http://www.zaganomusic.com)



THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
**KINGSBURY HALL**  
Center for the Performing Arts



### MONSTER MASH

HILLSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS HAVING A FALL INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT ON OCTOBER 30 AT 7:00 P.M. THE STUDENTS WILL BE PERFORMING IN COSTUME ATTIRE. IT SHOULD BE A FUN TIME FOR ALL.



## Beverly Taylor Sorenson Initiative Sparks New Funding For Arts Education Specialists Across the State

The Beverly Taylor Sorenson Initiative was passed by the legislature last March. This legislation funded fifty schools across the state to each hire a fine art specialist and receive art supply monies.

The funding will continue for four years and empowers

schools to create model arts programs where students in the entire school will be able to access arts education weekly. The schools must engage in a "side by side" model where the classroom teachers and the art specialists collaborate. The Salt Lake City Schools funded were Dilworth, Lincoln, Bonneville, Jackson, Highland Park, Wasatch, and Beacon

Heights. Within these schools our schools have five visual arts specialists, a music specialist, and a theater specialist. Congratulations to these great schools! More information will come in future newsletters.



# FINE ARTS STUDY GROUPS EXPAND THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

On Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, you can see groups of fine arts teachers learning together as a part of the Salt Lake City School District Fine Arts Department professional development plan. Each study group has its own art form and is either at an elementary or secondary level. At times, study groups meet as K-12 groups. There is also a facilitator for each group. The purpose of the study group is to better teachers' instructional practices. During study groups teachers look at student work, teachers bring in teaching artists and guest speakers. Plan performances and exhibits, go on field trips and engage in best prac-

tices dialogue. Sometimes our own teachers present what they have learned from other professional developments attended. Teachers are paid a small stipend for their attendance and are also offered credit. The first study group session is for goal setting. Study groups are held in various locations. Sometimes at the administration building and sometimes at school sites.

Here is the general schedule of study groups for the year.

The first Tuesday of the month, for six months is Tanner Dance Integrated Arts Workshop sponsored by a grant from Artworks for Kids. Mary Ann Lee from Tanner

Dance facilitates. She is more than amazing!

The second Tuesday of the month is Elementary Drama Boot Camp sponsored by Salt Lake City School District and Kingsbury Hall (Partners in Education through the Kennedy Center). The presenter is Penny Caywood from the University of



Utah's Youth Theater.

Third Tuesday of the month is the Elementary Visual Arts teachers. These are facilitated by Cathy Cunningham, teacher support for the Fine Arts Department, Felicia Baca from Youth City Artways, Rosanne Henderson and other guest artists.



The fourth Tuesday of the month is a study group conducted by the University of Utah College of Fine Arts for the Beverly Taylor Sorenson grant schools. The specialists and their University mentors work together to help improve instructional practices and to update on current BTS School information.



The first Thursday of the month is for Elementary music specialists. This year their study group focuses on technology and music instruction. A grant has been written by the Salt Lake Education Foundation to obtain computers for music teachers.

Secondary Music specialists are facilitated by Tracey Slinger of Northwest Middle School and are scheduled from month to

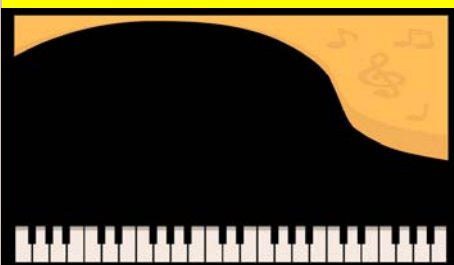
month. Tracey also mentors teachers on an individual basis. She is very good at helping provisional teachers become successful as well as raising the bar for all music teachers.

The second Thursday of the month is secondary Theater teachers. John Newman, award winning theatre teacher from Highland High is the facilitator. This group has developed rubrics, invited guest artists, and play writes. Teachers actually have watched student work in action and have discussed it with the writer after the performance.

The third Thursday of the month is secondary visual arts facilitated by Trish Clay from East High. This year the teachers are doing a faculty visual arts show in November as well as the annual district student art show in March.

The secondary dance teachers are scheduling their meetings from month to month. They will have their first meeting on October 24th at 3:00 at West. Hilary Carrier, dance teacher at West is the facilitator. The dance teachers have been asking for teaching artists to visit their classrooms to work with them and their students. We will continue that this year.

**B Murphy to Do Gospel Music with Highland's Concert Choir. Highland's Fall Concert is scheduled for October 22nd at 7:00 p.m., at Highland High.**



# Meadowlark Elementary and Missoula Children's Theatre Dive In and Perform Little Mermaid

The Salt Lake City Arts council and the Meadowlark PTA sponsored the musical production, "The Little Mermaid on Saturday, October 4th, on the Meadowlark stage. Approximately fifty to sixty Meadowlark students participated in the show. The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. This coming year more than 65,000 cast members across the globe will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, com-

munity, neighbors and teachers! The residency in Meadowlark Elementary is made possible by a grant from the Salt Lake City Arts Council with help from the Meadowlark PTA.



Visit the Highland High School Art Gallery. The next show will be called "Contained Emergence" which displays creations using egg cartons, cans, boxes, and vessels. It will be displayed in a week or so. The student work will be 2 and 3 dimensional. Don't miss it!

## BONNEVILLE VISUAL ART STUDENTS PERFORM GOOD GESTURES

By Jenny Davis, Visual Arts Specialist

The second graders at Bonneville Elementary have been working on gestures and proportions of the human body. Some of our students had the chance to see just how hard it is to be an art model. They had to hold a pose for five whole minutes while the rest of the class sketched the gesture. Then we integrated their curriculum about communi-

ties by brainstorming different gestures or activities people would be doing in urban, suburban, or rural communities. Here are a few examples of their gestures, we will be installing our sculptures in some temporary displays which show each different community. This will be displayed in our school for everyone to enjoy!



## HOWDY, PARTNER!

The Fine Arts Department welcomes more business and community partners every year.

- The Center for Documentary Arts will be displaying their exhibit "Ceremonies" in the West High School library in October. The other high schools will follow suit. Feeder schools and community members are invited

to visit this exhibit.

- Youth City Artways—Imagination Celebration of Salt Lake is doing more after school events for our kids and their families. They are also conducting teacher professional development workshops.
- Rachel Nardo from the College of

Music at the University of Utah is offering scholarship grants for pre school and kindergarten classrooms teachers to have University students come to teach music in Salt Lake City School District.



**Salt Lake City  
School District**  
*Your Best Choice*



**ARTSTREAM** is a Salt Lake City District Choice Initiative offered to provide more ways for students to learn and find success by integrating dance, drama, music, and visual arts into the curriculum k-12.

Salt Lake City School District Fine Arts  
440 East 100 South Suite 209  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Phone: 801-578-8297  
Fax: 801-578-8291  
rosanne.henderson@slc.k12.ut.us

**Mission:** Provide a rich engaging educational experience honoring the individual needs and talents of all students by offering a comprehensive, sequential and interdisciplinary fine arts education.

**Expected Outcomes:**

Students will receive a broad based quality education integrating the arts with other core subject areas.

These schools are currently ARTSTREAM SCHOOLS: They have made a commitment to integrate the arts with other core areas. \*Seven of our Artstream Schools are Beverley Taylor Sorenson Schools (BTS) whom have received funding from the legislature for arts specialists. Edison, \*Beacon Heights, \*Wasatch, Indian Hills, \*Lincoln, Nibley ParkPark-view, Whittier, Hillside Middle, Highland High, \*Jackson, \*Bonneville, Hawthorne, \*Highland Park, \*Dilworth

If you are interested in becoming an Artstream School or have any questions please contact Rosanne Henderson at 578-8297.



**Utah Educators!**

**You are cordially invited to attend**

**ISRAEL: 60 YEARS**

**( A Photographic Historical Exhibit of Modern Israel)**

**October 17th through December 13th**

**City and County Building**

**451 South State Street**

**Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Special Reception for all educators**

**Thursday, October 16, 2008**

**4-6pm**

**Light refreshments served**

**(Fieldtrip possibilities for your middle and high school classrooms (801-578-8297)**

**Sponsored by:** The United Jewish Federation of Utah The Salt Lake City Arts Council The LDS Church Foundation  
The Tanner Center for the Humanities The Utah Humanities Council Art2art Curators