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***Arkansas Learning Through the Arts*, 4501 N. HWY 7, SUITE 8, #315, HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, AR 71909**

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PARTNERS IN ARTS
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ARTISTS BACK IN CLASSROOMS!

ALTTA TEACHING ARTISTS RETURNED TO CLASSROOMS THIS FALL! PROGRAMS ARE RAPIDLY BEING SCHEDULED FOR THE SPRING!

With great joy and anticipation, ALTTA artists have resumed working in classrooms and are sharing some of the programs they designed during the pandemic time-away. Educators are eagerly signing up for programs as they recognize how important inspiration and engagement are to learning for their students.



Students in Progress

ALTTA PARTNERS WITH
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MAGNET SCHOOL
in Hot Springs

Their motto is:
"Where learning and
creativity are one."



Finished Mural

ALTTA Teaching Artist, Jeri Hillis (at right) undertook a project with the school's 5th graders to paint the walls. She said, "The school wanted to brighten up their atmosphere since they've just moved in here." Hillis worked with 107 students in two classrooms, rotating 5 students at a time. Amazingly, she said "the little mouth turns off, artist's brain turns on, BAM! This is the very first pilot program of mural painting in the school. We are teaching them about history and culture. AND culture is history."

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POETRY REIGNS AT CENTRAL HIGH!

ALTTA Teaching Artist, Chris James was at Central High School in Helena - West Helena School District this fall. Students in grades 9 - 12 participated in two different residencies:

Poems of Courage
Poems of Freedom

The students then created their own original and very personal poems which they shared with their peers. Plans are for Chris to return to the school in January to engage students in a
POETRY SLAM!

ALTTA held its Poetry In Motion event in early November with First Lady Susan Hutchinson as guest speaker (at right). She recounted her personal journey growing up with a love for the arts and how that grew into an advocacy for the arts. She believes that ‘art is education, it’s not an add-on wish list. It’s a brain-builder!’ Mrs. Hutchinson is a well-known advocate for children at risk and has worked towards having Children’s Advocacy Centers in every county in Arkansas.



At left, the First Lady speaks with Dr. Stephanie Nehus, Supt. of Hot Springs School District and Corey Alderdice, Head of School for Arkansas School for Math, Science and the Arts.



The event featured teaching artist and poet, Kai Coggin, the Governor’s Award recipient for Arts Education and dance educator, Amy Bramlett Turner, with members of the Hot Springs Dance Troupe. Coggin and Turner collaborated on an in-school program



Amy Bramlett Turner and Kai Coggin with dancers, Jaria Selman, Serenity Cupples and poet/choreographer, Moriah Thacker

so that students could create their own poem and then original dance based on that poem.

Student Moriah Thacker wrote “Can You Hear Me?” and then choreographed for two dancers. The work was short but powerful and illustrated the horror of human trafficking.



Executive Director, Craig Welle, shared that “Children are intrinsically drawn to the arts and connecting them to reading, writing, speaking and listening is a natural fit. The past couple of years has been tough for all, but especially for kids. In short, the arts are social and the arts are emotional. Using the arts to foster social emotional health is something artists do, innately, and are now doing with greater intentionality.”



The entire program may be viewed on You Tube at: <https://youtu.be/lrj5IKTNvTA>

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ARKANSAS LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS
RECEIVES CERTIFICATION

Young Audiences Arts For Learning (YA4L) is a national network of arts-in-education agencies. Arkansas Learning Through The Arts (ALTTA) joined the network in 2015 and has benefited in many ways, from learning from other arts organizations, to receiving financial support.

The National Board conducts an audit of each new affiliate which was completed last year and presented ALTTA with its certification. David Dik, National Executive Director of YA4L, said in the certification letter, “We are proud of your accomplishments and look forward to working with you in the future to ensure the continued success of Arkansas Learning Through The Arts.”



Help Wanted In The DELTA Region!!
Arkansas Learning Through The Arts is currently seeking a Full Time Program Manager in the Delta Region (centrally located) to assume the following responsibilities:

- Work with schools and teaching artists to schedule programs that fit school needs
- Manage the program evaluation process
- Support our mission to inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts.
- Communicate through the media about activities in the Delta
- Represent ALTTA in the community

A Bachelor’s Degree preferred, with excellent organizational and time managements skills, along with strong competency with Microsoft Office, particularly Excel.

Send resume to arkansasltta@gmail.com or call Craig Welle at 214-676-0222

PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED!



YOU CAN ENCOURAGE ARKANSAS’ YOUTH TO ENGAGE IN LEARNING!

Want to build a better world, but not sure how? Art helps children develop on many fundamental levels, ranging from increased confidence, focus, motor skills, problem solving and, of course, inspiring creativity.

YOU can encourage our youth to engage in art by ensuring our programs continue through individual donations.

Arkansas Learning Through the Arts thrives with the support of organizations, foundations, businesses and individual Friends . You can become a FRIEND by donating to ALTTA . Your contribution makes a difference!

Picasso	\$100	Reaches 25 students	(1 session)
Joplin	\$300	Reaches 75 students	(3 sessions a complete workshop in a small school)
O’Keeffe	\$500	Reaches 125 students	(1 workshop for 1 grade level in a medium size school)
Beethoven	\$1,000	Reaches 250 students	(1 workshop for 1 grade level in a large school)
Shakespeare.	\$3,000	Reaches 750 students	(3 workshops for 3 grade levels in a large school)

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AS YOU CONSIDER YOUR ALTERNATIVES FOR GIVING PRIOR TO THE END OF THE YEAR!

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