



ARKANSAS LEARNING *through the* ARTS

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ARTISTS CRAFT VIDEOS FOR STUDENTS AT HOME!

RESILIENCE DURING THIS TIME OF PANDEMIC!

Schools have demonstrated their resilience by immediately shifting their focus from in-classroom instruction to reaching their students in many ways, from providing instruction digitally to providing meals and instructional material on wheels. Arkansas Learning Through The Arts has developed three videos which are highlighted below to support their needs. Three artists were selected to create videos based on existing workshops and programs. There are three half-hour units with each workshop supported by Student Journals and Teacher Lesson Planning Guides. These lessons will serve both as a short-term and long-term resource for schools, particularly if the school year does not start normally. These alternatives add to the choices available to schools. ALTTA will continue to develop additional videos through the summer.



HAIKU IS COOL, presented by poet Kai Coggin, leads students in deep observation of nature and then they create a Japanese-style Haiku poem. Haiku poems have three lines with 5, 7 and 5 syllables per line. Several poems are created based on an iris, chipmunk, koi fish and a dog. For grade 2.

CHIPPY

5 Fast little chipmunk
7 Gathering
sunflower seeds
5 His cheeks are
so full



SPINNING IN THE WIND, presented by dancer, Kathleen Marleneanu, introduces telling a story through motion. The workshop features The Wizard of Oz and shows words, nuances and phrases that suggest feelings. Then students can select motions to express an emotion or an idea or that follow a musical phrase. The workshop also introduces the tornado, charting weather conditions and what to do when there is severe weather. For grades K and 1.



FUN IN THE WEATHER, presented by puppeteer, Patricia Carreras, uses puppetry to spark the imagination of students - starting with identifying shapes in the clouds and then dancing to the motion of the clouds. The workshop covers the different weather conditions from blue sky, wind, fog and dark clouds leading to rain and uses a variety of adjectives to describe them. Puppets, Auntie Myrna and Mr. Green, the wizard of imagination, explore many aspects of weather using song, dance, sign language and poetry. For grades Pre-K to 1.

**MORE
TO
COME**

ADDITIONAL VIDEOS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES FOR:

Zinse Agginie	.....West African Culture	.....Grades 4-5
Lanie Carlson	.....Fractured Fairy Tales	.....Grades 1-2
Chana Caylo	.....America Sings	.....Grades K-1
Kai Coggin	.....Making Good Choices	.....Grade 5
Jeri Hillis	.....Feeling Good	.....Grades 1-3
Kathleen Marleneanu	.....Peter and the Wolf	.....Grades 1-2
Jermaine McClure	.....Poems of Freedom	.....Grades 2-4

SAVE THE DATE! POETRY IN MOTION

Special Dinner and Program
OCTOBER 22 AT 5:45 P.M. • HOT SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB

WITH HONORED GUEST SPEAKER,
FIRST LADY, SUSAN HUTCHISON

Showcasing Teaching Artists, Poet Kai Coggin and Dancer, Amy Bramlett Turner,
and the Hot Springs Dance Troupe.

Sponsorships are \$1,000 and include a dinner table for eight.



AUDIENCES ARTS FOR LEARNING (YA4L) conducted a Certification Review of **ARKANSAS LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS** in February to ascertain the successes and challenges of the organization. ALTTA is one of 28 affiliates of this national network of arts-in-education agencies.



YA4L consultants, Dick Deasy (former Director of Arts Education Partnership, D.C.) and Marsha Dobrzynski (Executive Director, Cleveland affiliate), interviewed superintendents, principals, teachers, artists, board members, staff and attended in-classroom programs to learn about ALTTA's programs and operations.

At left, Craig Welle introduced them to community stakeholders at an open event at the Whittington Gallery where they shared their impressions:

- ALTTA's curriculum is well-designed and implemented effectively by artists.
- There are strong, positive connections with schools and administrators.
- Financial support is increasing as the programs are recognized for their quality.
- ALTTA operations are well-conceived in record keeping and finance.

REPORT CARD FOR 2018 - 2019

➔ Arkansas Learning Through The Arts (ALTTA):

- ☼ Reached over 6,500 students in 21 schools in Garland, Saline, Phillips, Pike, Pope and St. Francis counties, representing two-thirds of programs that had been contracted before school closings.
- ☼ Partnered with Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village Symphony Guild and Arkansas Symphony Orchestra to develop curriculum materials for the ASO Children's Concert and ASO ArtsPartners string quartets.
- ☼ Offered over 50 unique workshops, spanning Pre-K - 12th grades.
- ☼ Contracted with 12 Professional Teaching Artists to work with students in classrooms.
- ☼ Completed three videos for use in virtual teaching while schools are closed.
- ☼ Contracted for an assessment using student data performed by an education assessment consultant.

PRIORITIES FOR 2020 – 2021

➔ Expansion via:

- ☼ Completing more videos for use in virtual settings if schools do not start-up as anticipated.
- ☼ Introduce ALTTA to 10 new schools and/or school districts in Central Arkansas and in the Delta.
- ☼ Adding Teaching Artists in new geographies to support the programming.

PANDEMIC CREATES UPHEAVAL FOR SCHOOLS AND ARTISTS

ALTTA has received relief in FOUR different ways:

1. PPP funding through the CARES Act has enabled ALTTA to pay for three employees through FY20 and not have to furlough them.
2. Arkansas Arts Council has eased the requirement of their grants so that ALTTA can honor the contracts made with independent artists.
3. The Arkansas Economic Development Commission has provided funding for videos.
4. The Arkansas Community Foundation has provided a grant to support operations.

The support that the Federal and Arkansas State governments have provided have been a lifeline.

ALTTA appreciates their help as well as all the sustaining community support.

WELCOME TO ARIEL HARRELL! NEW PROGRAM MANAGER IN THE DELTA!

Ariel Harrell has joined the ALTTA team this spring to manage ALTTA workshops in the counties in the Delta region. A graduate in education from the U of A at Helena, she has had extensive experience in social work, both in health-care and with AR Dept. of Corrections. A resident of Marianna, she has a deep knowledge of the area and connections with many educators.

Most recently she helped Lee County High School set up a walk through graduation for their seniors.



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