



# ARKANSAS LEARNING *through the* ARTS

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## ARTISTS INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN!

### The following are some comments taken from our Teacher Surveys!

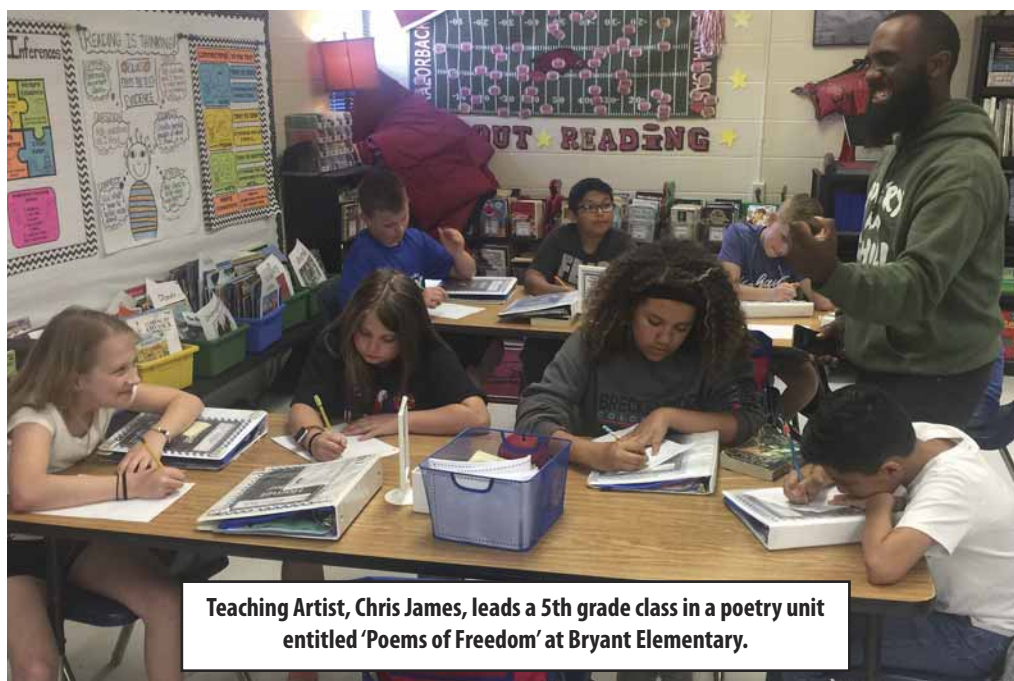


Teaching Artist, Jeri Hillis, with 3rd graders at Cutter Morning Star, who made pots in the style of the famous Mexican potter Juan Quezada and learned about him in 'The Pot That Juan Built.'

"My students were able to be creative and imaginative when creating their pots."

"I am very pleased with the outcome of the pottery lessons. My students talk about it all of the time."

"My students loved doing pottery with Jerri. They were engaged and asked her many questions."



Teaching Artist, Chris James, leads a 5th grade class in a poetry unit entitled 'Poems of Freedom' at Bryant Elementary.

"Our sessions created a poetry atmosphere in the classroom and students were engaged the entire lesson."

"The outcomes have been incredible! So many kids who did not know they had an outlet before, now know that they do so and how it can help heal, express pent-up emotions and even just be silly."

# AFRICAN BATIK AT KIPP DELTA ELEMENTARY

Arkansas Learning Through The Arts welcomes a new Teaching Artist, Misti Staley, to the roster. She is a well-known visual artist in her hometown area of Helena-West Helena through her murals and textile art. ALTTA partnered with her to develop a unit on making African Batik which ties to the curriculum unit 'Stories Worth Telling Again and Again' being taught in the classroom. In these pictures, Staley is describing the process of handcrafting batik cloth which has been created for centuries in Egypt and Asia and was spread through Dutch and English traders. In the unit, students not only create a personally meaningful artwork, but also learn to think about the world outside themselves through comparing paintings with similar themes from different cultures. They conclude the unit by writing their opinion of why stories are handed down from one group of people to another through art.



## REPORT CARD FOR 2018 - 2019

### ➡ Arkansas Learning Through The Arts (ALTTA):

- ☼ Reached over 9,200 students in 21 schools in Garland, Saline, Phillips, Pope and St. Francis counties, representing a nearly 40% increase in number of students (some receiving more than one program)
- ☼ Partnered with the:
  - ✓ Delta Cultural Center in Phillips County for an after-school program
  - ✓ Cutter Morning Star Elementary School on a summer school program
  - ✓ 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 PreK – 12th grades
- ☼ Contracted with 10 Professional Teaching Artists to work with students in classrooms
  - ✓ 100% artist retention rate

## PRIORITIES FOR 2019 – 2020

### ➡ Expansion via:

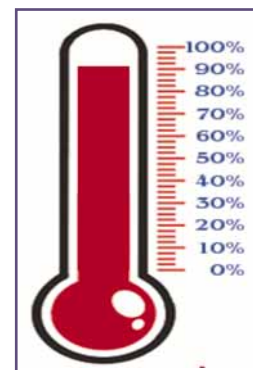
- ☼ Adding a second program for current grade levels (Target: two per year)
- ☼ Introduce to 10 new schools and/or school districts in Central Arkansas and in the Delta
- ☼ Adding Teaching Artists in new geographies to support the programming

# REACHING OUR FUNDING GOALS!!

Arkansas Learning Through The Arts received a \$20,000 challenge from two anonymous supporters to help motivate donors.

In order to accomplish this target, ALTTA has:

- ☼ Held four events to introduce/update communities to Arkansas Learning Through The Arts.
  - Hot Springs • Hot Springs Village • Bryant • Helena/West Helena
- ☼ Conducted solicitation campaigns in three counties with supporting information
- ☼ Placed newspaper articles about in-school programming
- ☼ Upgraded presence on Facebook to reach social media friends



**ALTTA IS WITHIN 90% OF MATCHING THE CHALLENGE!  
HELP US REACH 100% BY JUNE 30!**

**Your volunteer support would help our young people achieve greater success!  
It only takes \$25 per child to bring these programs to schools.**

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Poet Kai Coggin works with 4th graders at Jessieville as part of the curriculum unit 'Heros'. Students read poetry about notable and everyday heroes and then write about their favorite hero.

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