



**W**hen curiosity is alive, we are attracted to many things; we discover many worlds.

-- Eric Booth, Artist & Educator

## *"Art Is... Coming Together"*

*This year, Art Is... explores how the arts can invite us to build community.*

**Art Is...** is an arts education program that uses works of art to provide an inexhaustible resource for exploration, reflection and understanding. The program actively engages students, supports learning across the curriculum, and builds critical thinking skills through "hands-on" art making, reflection and research.

**Art Is...** will bring works of art (music, dance, theater and visual art, with a focus on multicultural work) to all Rooftop students and develop partnerships between teachers, teaching artists, arts organizations and art parents to develop integrated, interdisciplinary curriculum that will support learning for all students.

## ***An Invitation to Families...***

*Join us as we build community through the arts at Rooftop!*

**Stay informed** of our arts programming! Visit the art program website at: [www.artsed4all.org/ComingTogether](http://www.artsed4all.org/ComingTogether) and read this monthly newsletter

**Participate** in events like Family Art Night, Winter Workshop, Mayeda Media Night, International Festival and many more

**Make art** with your children with this year's Family Art Homework

**Volunteer** as an Art Parent in your child's class. No experience necessary!

**Remember, Art Is ... For Everyone!**



## **Maps of our Hearts**

Rooftop's Back-to-School picnic celebrated the start of a great new school year. Arts Coordinators Miki Fujiwara and Amy Balsbaugh hosted an art activity table, inviting families to create origami hearts with paper squares cut from recycled maps. As students learned the folding steps, they shared their how-to knowledge with newcomers to the table.

With the addition of a magnet strip on the back, the hearts became a reminder of the the world around us that can be stuck to the fridge at home. Or, a safety pin taped to the back allowed us to "wear our hearts on our sleeves."

When completed, the hearts' folds often created interesting and surprising juxtapositions of the maps' graphics. One student proclaimed, "I've made an entirely new place!"

## ***Rooftop Art Committee***

**SFUSD School Site Elementary Arts Coordinators:**  
Judy Toupin, 3rd Grade & Amy Balsbaugh, Parent

**Art Parent Program Coordinator:**  
Amy Balsbaugh, Parent

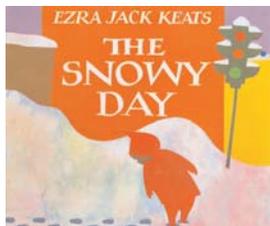
**Clay Program Coordinator:**  
Miki Fujiwara, Parent

**Committee Members:**  
Cyndy Sugawara, 6th-8th Credentialed Arts Instructor  
Joyce Woo, 4th Grade  
Mary Ann Cruz, Kindergarten  
Andi Wong, Technology & Teaching Artist  
Tamra Marshall, Burnett Librarian  
Rittinell Banks, Mayeda Librarian

# Art Is...Coming Together Rooftop's 2012-2013 Integrated Arts Curriculum

*Line of Inquiry: "How can the arts invite us to build community?"*

**TELL ME A STORY:** *How can artists use a variety of materials to elicit feeling and empathy through storytelling?*



**The Snowy Day and the Art of Ezra Jack Keats**  
K-8 field trips to experience the exhibit at the Contemporary Jewish Museum.

**Sketch Travel** 1 book passed between 72 artists, over 5 years, and across 35,000 miles. Plus! An animated short by project creator Dice Tsutsumi, in conjunction with SF Film Society.



**CROSSING THE STREET:** *How can artists explore cultural perspectives, traditions and intersections to forge a new American identity?*



**Flo Oy Wong's "Baby Jack Rice Story" and Art Pies**  
Residency includes classroom visits and Family Art Night hosted by the Mixed Media Artist

**Marcus Shelby's Green & Blues**  
Launching from last year's study of sustainability and jazz, Marcus leads our students in an exploration of the rich and colorful history of San Francisco.



**La Lucha Continua**  
The Struggle Continues - A Talking Mural honoring often forgotten historical figures, including Harriet Tubman, at 23rd & Mission Streets

**HERE AND NOW:** *How can artists build new environments that bridge time and space?*



**SF Opera: Moby Dick, Tosca, Rigoletto**  
The stage of San Francisco Opera transforms to transport audiences to three different settings and historical eras.

**International Orange** 15 Artists respond to 75 years of Golden Gate Bridge history. Optional field trips to Fort Point, GGNRA



**The Merry Wives of Windsor**  
African American Shakespeare Company re-visions the classic in a 1960s urban setting.

**ALL FOR ONE:** *How can artists pool their resources to save our planet?*



**The Blue Marble Project**  
We continue playing The Blue Marble Game with Dr. Wallace J. Nichols, ocean scientist.

**Capacitor's Okeanos**  
Dance created by choreographer Jodi Lomask and the Capacitor lab team of artists & scientific advisors



**Message In A Bottle** Created by designer Asher Jay, 100 painted bottles inspired by quotes from respected ocean advocates.

## ROOFTOP ART CALENDAR Upcoming Events

**Thurs, September 6 - Art Parent Welcome Meeting**  
8:00 AM - Burnett MPR - Parents and Caregivers who wish to volunteer as Art Parents are invited to breakfast and meeting to welcome the new year. Art-making, idea sharing and fun is on the agenda. Please join us!

**Artist Residencies, Beginning September & Ongoing**  
Marcus Shelby & Flo Oy Wong in grades K-8, SF Film Society workshops (7th Grade), Elementary music with Ms. Flora Wong (K-3), Instrumental Music with Ms. Monica Leung (grades 4 and up).

**THE CITY IS THE CAMPUS** - Make your family's life "Art-Full"  
*Enjoy Free & Low-Cost Family-Friendly Arts Events in San Francisco!*

**Saturday, September 15 - Spend your day in SoMA with Rooftop's Community Arts Partners!**

Marcus Shelby at Yerba Buena Gardens Festival  
1 pm - Free performance of "Green & Blues"

SF Opera at AT&T Ballpark - Verdi's Rigoletto  
8pm - Free Simulcast on the Jumbotron!