



**O**ne person can make a difference  
and every person must try.  
~ President John F. Kennedy



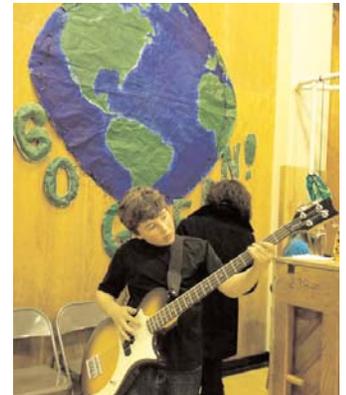
## Mayeda Students Shine in the North Star Project

**January 18** - Rooftop was treated to two performances by our 6th - 8th graders in this year's North Star Project, with an afternoon performance for the students and an evening performance for the Rooftop community. This year's performing arts showcase featured student-created works based on the theme of the green economy and sustainability, as inspired by Marcus Shelby's "Green and the Blues" residency.

During November and December workshops with Marcus, students participating in the North Star Project explored these themes and created their own artistic responses with poetry, music, dance and drama. The student-led performances also featured students as the set designers, stage managers, DJ's and emcees.

Our 6th graders presented a collaborative piece of spoken word with instrumentation inspired by Miles Davis' "All Blues." Our 7th and 8th graders presented a variety of song, dance, poetry and drama, and included screenings of student public service announcements raising eco-awareness.

Whether highlighting talents that have been cultivated for years, or boldly trying something new, Mayeda students rose to the challenge of expressing themselves and summoning the self-confidence for public performance. Throughout the variety of performances, there was a recurring underlying theme of "the power of one" . . . that every individual has the power to bring change and make a difference in our world. Rooftop extends our sincerest gratitude to Marcus Shelby for creating this meaningful experience for our students.



## Rooftop's Fifth Grade Explores Dramatic Arts with StageWrite

Rooftop's fifth grade class has embarked on an 8-week residency with StageWrite, a San Francisco arts-in-education organization that uses the performing arts to build literacy skills, community and self-esteem with elementary school children. Teaching Artist Laura Lowry guides the students through a series of weekly theatre exercises focused on improvisation and character study. Sessions also include creative writing activities, building skills that will support the students in creating their own piece of original theatre. The student-created play will be based on an Amazon folk tale about Jabuti the trickster tortoise. A performance of the stage creation will be held later in the semester. The StageWrite program addresses Visual and Performing Arts standards in Theatre, as well as grade-level English Language Arts standards. Most importantly to the fifth graders, they will attest that it is also a ton of fun!

## ROOFTOP ART CALENDAR Upcoming Events

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**Wednesday, February 8**  
**PTA General Meeting**  
**Burnett MPR - 6:30 pm**

Acclaimed author Po Bronson will speak on a variety of subjects pertaining to children and parenting, including the importance of art and creativity in education.

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**Monday, February 13**  
**Art Parent Feedback Meeting**  
**Burnett MPR - 6:30 pm**

A special meeting for Art Parents to reflect on their experiences as a volunteer with the Art Program and to provide feedback to Rooftop's Art Committee and Administration.

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**Friday, February 24**  
**"HELPING HAND"**  
**Rooftop's Service Learning Club**  
**Movie Matinee Fundraiser**  
**Mayeda Gym - 3:00 pm**

Families are invited to enjoy a double-feature moving screening, beginning at 3 pm with a film for younger children, followed by a teen movie. Refreshments will be served and donations will be gathered to support Pencils of Promise and the Michael Koob Transit Dance Scholarship Fund.

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**Saturday, March 3**  
**The 19th Annual Rooftop**  
**Auction & Children's Art Show**  
**Hall of Flowers, GG Park**  
**Doors open at 5 pm**

Don't miss the party of the year! It's a wonderful celebration of our students creative achievements and our community's spirit!

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**Friday, April 27**  
**Rooftop International Festival**  
Mark your calendars for our spring performing arts showcase and feast of foods from around the globe!

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**Ongoing Artist Residencies**  
SF Arts Ed Dance Residency (K-5)  
Marcus Shelby Blues & Green (K-5)  
StageWrite "Stories on Stage" (5th)  
Af/Am Shakespeare Co. (6-8th)  
SF Opera, Music Concerts & more!

## Students, Teachers and Parent Volunteers Collaborate to Create Art for the Rooftop Auction



With the big day scheduled for less than a month away, Rooftop students are busy creating classroom works of art for the 19th Annual Rooftop Auction and Children's Art Show. The classroom art projects showcase the best of our student's creativity and represent the unique collaboration between students, teachers and parent volunteers that is at the heart of Rooftop's Art Parent Program. Working together, parents and teachers model for our children the spirit of collaboration and volunteerism. This spirit extends to

the children as they earnestly pour their hearts into their art, knowing that their efforts will benefit the entire school community.

Participating in the classroom auction projects is "service learning" at its finest. Creativity, teamwork, contextual learning, social responsibility . . . these are 21st Century learning and life skills that will be essential to our children's success in their communities and workplaces of the future. These are also skills that students gain from participating in creating these collaborative works of art for the auction.

The classroom art projects are always the highlight of a very exciting evening, and they can be a remarkable fundraising juggernaut that supports Rooftop's enriching programs. However, it's essential to remember in all this excitement, these projects' true importance is to showcase our children's best creative efforts and to beautifully represent the essence of Rooftop Spirit. At the auction on March 3rd, please take a few moments away from the socializing and shopping and spend some time viewing the remarkable achievements of our classroom art projects. Revel in the creativity and generosity of spirit of our children. Lastly, remember the commitment of the adults involved, the teachers and the Art Parents, and when you see them, please thank them for providing this unique opportunity for our students.

### THE CITY IS THE CAMPUS - Make your family's life "Art-Full"

*Enjoy Free & Low-Cost Family-Friendly Arts Events in San Francisco!*

**Puccini's Girl of the Golden West, The Movie! - Free Screening @ Herbst Theatre**  
**February 25 & 26 - Two screenings daily at 1:30pm and 3:30pm**

The SF Opera Education Department invites Rooftop families to enjoy a screening of the opera version of a classic Western, with a love triangle set during the California Gold Rush. Free admission with pre-registration. Go to: <http://tinyurl.com/7pgg9vc> - Recommended for ages 8 and up

**SF Jazz Family Matinees with Marcus Shelby - 2nd Saturdays @ Herbst Theatre**

This spring, Marcus will host four Family Matinees: 3/10, 4/14, 5/12 and 6/9. Marcus always reserves a block of complimentary tickets for Rooftop families. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to [rooftopartparent@gmail.com](mailto:rooftopartparent@gmail.com) by the Wednesday before a scheduled performance date