



**A**rt is the window to man's soul. Without it, he would never be able to see beyond his immediate world; nor could the world see the man within.

-- Claudia Lady Bird Johnson

## *"Art Is a Window"*

*This year, "Art Is..." explores how the arts open up new possibilities.*

**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 open new possibilities through the arts at Rooftop!*

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

**Participate** in events like our "Slice of Life" Gallery show, Family Art Night, Winter Workshop, International Festival and 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!**



## **Expressing Ourselves and Our Community through Art**

Families celebrated our return to Rooftop at the annual Back-to-School picnic. It was a day full of community and fun, with

some art making too! Arts Coordinators Cheryl Ball and Amy Balsbaugh hosted a hands-on artmaking table that continued a collaborative art project that began in the classrooms last spring. Inspired by the work of artist-in-residence Flo Oy Wong, families used their own unique finger and hand prints to create an image, symbol or design that represented themselves. Stamped text was added to each image with words to represent the individual's relationship with the Rooftop community. Hand embroidered accents finished each piece with extra accent and flair.

The pieces will be assembled with hundreds of others into a large group art piece at this year's Rooftop Art "A Slice of Life" gallery show, opening at the Luggage Store Gallery Annex in the Tenderloin this fall. Mark your calendars now for the opening celebration on Saturday, November 9th!

Get down-to-earth. Have pie-in-the-sky ideas. Peer through the looking glass. Tell a new story.  
Find your place. Discover the ways that the arts open up new possibilities.

## **"Art Is a Window" Rooftop's 2013-2014 Integrated Arts Curriculum** **Line of Inquiry: "How can the arts transport us to new places?"**

*Inquiry guides us as we explore, discover and learn through the arts this year:*

### **The Arts as Communication:**

*The Language of Art:* How do artists use metaphor to engage the imagination?

*Storytelling:* How do artists tell familiar stories in new ways?

*Placemaking:* How do artists explore relationships to construct a new "sense of place"?

### **The Arts as Creative Personal Realization:**

How do artists find freedom within constraints?

### **The Arts as Culture, History & Connectors:**

How can the arts help us to see beyond our personal experience?

### **The Arts as Community Engagement:**

How can the arts offer a more expansive view of self and community?

### **Arts as a Means to Well-being:**

How can art help us to prepare for journeys into the unknown?

*Experiencing works of art and hands-on art-making responses inspire and enhance our learning:*



### **Rooftop Art: A Slice of Life and 75: Flo Oy Wong...The Whole Pie**

Fall semester: We continue our work with artist-in-residence Flo Oy Wong, and her 75th birthday gallery exhibit, "The Whole Pie" at the Luggage Story Gallery. Simultaneously, Rooftop will present their own show, "A Slice of Life" at the Luggage Store Annex in the Tenderloin National Forest.

### **Modern Nature: Georgia O'Keeffe and Lake George at the deYoung Museum**

Spring semester: Our long-standing partnership with the deYoung continues as we explore 55 early works by the Mother of American Modernism.

Additional works of art have been selected to provide fresh experiences and new ideas to explore. To discover more, visit the Rooftop Art Program web site at: [www.artsed4all.org/Window/Home](http://www.artsed4all.org/Window/Home)



Special programming / residencies for our middle school students are designed to provide an exploration of perspective and point of view in arts engagement. More information and a blog of student artwork at: [www.rooftopmcart.weebly.com/](http://www.rooftopmcart.weebly.com/)

## **ROOFTOP ART CALENDAR** **Upcoming Events**

**Thurs, Sept 5 - Art Parent Welcome Meeting**  
**8am - Burnett MPR** Art Parent volunteers are invited to breakfast and meeting to welcome the new year. Art-making, idea sharing and fun are on the agenda. Please join us!

**Mon, Sept 22 - Abada Capoeira Residency**  
Mayeda Campus - Performance of Learning assembly on Friday, Oct 4th

**Sun, Sept 29 - Darren Johnston's Trans-Global People's Chorus performs "Letters to Home"**  
Featuring Rooftop student & community performers! Union Square Plaza, 2-4 pm

**Wed, Oct 2 - Rooftop Family Art Night - 6:30 pm**  
"A Slice of Life" Family Art-making Party

**Sat., Nov. 9 - "A Slice of Life" Gallery Opening**  
Community Celebration - Tenderloin Nat'l. Forest

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

**September 7 & 8th - Spend your Weekend with Rooftop's Community Arts Partners!**

**Saturday 9/7 - 1 pm - Marcus Shelby Orchestra** presents "Blues and the Pursuit of Freedom: at the Yerba Buena Gardens Festival

**Sunday 9/8 - 1:30 pm - SF Opera in the Park**  
Sharon Meadows, Golden Gate Park