



"The Spirit of Rooftop" sculpture by Ms. Woo's Fourth Grade Class. One of 23 total classroom art projects at this year's auction, this sculpture was created in commemoration of Rooftop's 40th Anniversary. Designed by the students to embody the qualities and characteristics that make Rooftop such a remarkable place, the piece will be installed at school where it will watch over and guide future generations of Rooftop students. Thank you to the parents of Ms. Woo's class, and to all the community members who "raised a paddle" to support bringing "The Spirit of Rooftop" to its home on the hill.

There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people.
-- Vincent van Gogh

Rooftop's Auction and Children's Art Show a Success!

Thank you to all those who volunteered to make the evening a wonderful celebration of our community. A special thanks goes to the students, art parents and teachers who collaborated to create the inspired and beautiful works of art for the Children's Art Show. It was remarkable to walk into the auction hall, see all the fantastic artwork, and recognize that **every, single Rooftop student** contributed their creativity to the artwork on display. While the true value of the artwork is the children's experience in creating it and giving it so generously to benefit their community, it's also very gratifying to see the works raise so much money in support of the PTA. It's a great example of how our community values our children's creative development and supports the school programs that foster it.

Express Yourself: Shaping Identity Through the Arts

In keeping with the theme, "Express Yourself!" this year's auction decor featured hundreds of images of student self-portraits and photo portraiture created by the students. All the images from the auction are now on display in the Burnett MPR, so be sure to drop by and see the incredible self-expressions created by our students. If you saw an image of your child as part of the auction decor and would like a digital copy of the file, please email Amy Balsbaugh at rooftopartparent@gmail.com.

Jefferson Mack Kindergarten Singing Sessions

It's been nearly 9 years since Jefferson Mack's youngest child was in Kindergarten, but you'll still find him volunteering every week in all three Kinder classrooms. With his guitar and a repertoire of favorite songs, Jefferson creates a sing-a-long every week for the Kinders. Seeing Jefferson with the kids, it's obvious that he enjoys sharing his talents, and the kids soak up every second of it! Music and singing are also enjoyable ways to help young students strengthen their oral language skills.

Jefferson's dedication to volunteerism is an inspiration to our entire community. Rooftop's students, teachers and parents thank you, Jefferson, for embodying Rooftop Spirit and for sharing your talents with our children.



PTA Reflections: "Diversity Means ... "

Congratulations to the 16 students whose art-work was selected to represent Rooftop in the 2nd District PTA Reflections Art Program for the 2011-2012 school year. Students created visual art and photography based on the theme, "Diversity Means..." A special congratulations goes to 5th grader, Ben Tesler, whose work was selected to advance to the California State level of the competition.

Opening this week at SFUSD headquarters is a special district-wide display of the student art-work from the PTA Reflections program. The exhibit is installed in the Board of Education Chambers at 555 Franklin Street and is open to the public during regular business hours (when the Board is not in session). There will be a special awards ceremony for the artists on Saturday, April 14th in the Board of Education Chambers, time to be announced.

OUTSTANDING INTERPRETATION IN VISUAL ART:

Benjamin Tesler - Grade 5, Many Become One

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN PHOTOGRAPHY:

Kalin Riffault - Grade 1, A Rainbow on the Playground

Camilla Sagatelyan - Grade 3, Diversity Means A Day at Rooftop

AWARD OF MERIT IN VISUAL ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY:

Ella Morris - Grade 1, My Friends and Me

Mia Smith - Grade 1, My Friends and Me

Denise Chan - Grade 3, Putting Your Best Foot Forward

Lua Costa - Grade 3, Diversity Means a Day at Rooftop

Josie Noone - Gr. 3, Diversity Means the Colors of the Rainbow

Leo Pan - Grade 3, Diversity Means Many Flags of the World

HONORABLE MENTION IN VISUAL ART / PHOTOGRAPHY:

Caius Dragnea - Grade 1, Diversity Means Me!

Miles Keane - Grade 1, Diversity Means My Neighborhood

Devin McMurray - Grade 1, Diversity Means My Neighborhood

Kaya Brown - Grade 5, Peace on Earth

Darius Dragnea - Grade 3, Diversity Means the Whole Universe

Miles Gillett - Grade 4, Cats & Dogs Get Along

Ella Rosenblatt - Grade 5, Diverse Geometry

Kudos to every student who participated in the PTA Reflections program! Thank you for your thoughtful expressions on this important theme.

ROOFTOP ART CALENDAR Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 14

PTA Reflections Awards Ceremony

Friday, April 20

**StageWrite / 5th Grade
Culminating Event Performance**

Friday, April 27

Rooftop International Festival

This year's theme will be:

Expression: Self, Family & Community
Stay tuned for more information on the many ways families take part in this favorite springtime event!

Springtime is busy at Rooftop!

Keep an eye out for more information about:

Rooftop's 40th Birthday Celebration

SFUSD's Youth Arts Festival

**African American Shakespeare
Company In-School Performance**

**Marcus Shelby Burnett Campus
Residency Culminating Event**

SF Opera Mini-Opera Performances

Instrumental Music Concerts

Fourth Grade Poetry Night

San Francisco Opera ARIA Network Updates

The Opera program at Rooftop is in full-production mode! Participating classes are creating their own operatic works, from writing the librettos, composing the music, designing sets and costumes and of course, performing. Guided by their teachers and the Opera's Teaching Artist, Lua Hadar, the students also have the opportunity to work with opera professionals. Composer Candace Forest visits the classrooms with a unique method that teaches the children to use the pentatonic scale to create their own melodies. For set design, students will take a field trip to the Opera's Scene Shop to see professional set designers at work. The classrooms will also be visited by professionals from the scene shop to help the students plan the sets and costumes for their own productions. Once the libretto writing and composing is complete, students will cast the roles and rehearse for performances scheduled for May.

As extra inspiration, the students also enjoyed a February performance by the Opera Adler Fellows. Tenor Brian Jagde performed an excerpt from Puccini's Madama Butterfly. Baritone Ao Li returned to Rooftop for the second time for an encore performance from Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro. The artists were accompanied by Robert Mollicone on piano.

Coming the Week of March 12th!!

The Winter Edition of the **Raven's Quill** literary journal with writings based on the theme of "Celebration" Available online (with printed copies in the classrooms & libraries)

Family Art Homework

This year's community art project comes home this week. Explore and share your family's food heritage!