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*Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.*

-- Anthony Burgess



## The Snowy Day & the Art of Ezra Jack Keats

In January and February, all of Rooftop's K-5 students traveled to the Contemporary Jewish Museum to experience the exhibit, "The Snowy Day and the Art of Ezra Jack Keats." Students learned of Keats' life, from his childhood in Brooklyn, through his career creating more than 85 children's books. The students viewed dozens of his original collage illustrations and enjoyed a hands-on collage art activity at the museum's education center.

The study of Keats' work is integrated with classroom learning at Rooftop as our students explore the ways that artists use a variety of materials to elicit feeling and empathy through storytelling. In the library, Ms. Tamra brought an author's study to the students and classroom teachers incorporated Keats' books into their language arts lessons. Our art parents are following up with hands on artmaking activities inspired by Keats' work, including book-making explorations and creating miniature collage self portraits that will be inserted in a large-scale, schoolwide paper mural to be revealed later this semester.

## The 20th Annual Rooftop Auction and Children's Art Show

Rooftop has been abuzz the past few weeks with classes hard at work creating collaborative artworks to be displayed and sold at the upcoming Auction & Children's Art Show. The creation of the class projects are a fantastic example of "service learning." Our students, teachers and parents work together in earnest to create something beautiful that will also benefit the entire school community. For a sneak peek of the works-in-progress, please visit the auction project portfolio page at: <http://tinyurl.com/baq8q37>

At the event this Saturday night, we hope you'll take a moment to step away from the socializing and shopping and give yourself some time to take in all the children's artwork. As you step into the live auction hall, remember that you are standing in the midst of artwork to which each and every Rooftop student, and dozens of caring adults, have lent their hand. Revel in the children's creativity as we celebrate the ways that art helps create community.

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## StageWrite Returns for 5th Grade Drama & Literacy Residency



Ms. Mockin's and Ms Kennedy's students are nearly half way through a 12 week residency with StageWrite, and arts-in-education organization who seeks to empower youth to become actively engaged in their education and passionate about learning through the theatre arts. This is the second year Rooftop has worked with StageWrite and it's a delight to welcome back teaching artist Laura Lowry.

The classroom sessions combine theatre games and writing activities that engage the students in reading, writing, speaking, and listening as a holistic and meaningful communication process. The StageWrite experience builds skills in creative expression, collaboration and critical thinking, while being a fun, dynamic, and active way to learn.

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**SF Jazz Family Matinee - Sat, March 9, 11am**  
Hosted in the new SF Jazz Center, Marcus Shelby is teaming up with Daniel Handler (aka Lemony Snicket) to present a fun and educational window into the exciting world of live jazz. Marcus invites Rooftop students and their immediate families to be his guest at the matinee performance. To reserve tickets, please RSVP by Thurs 3/7 to: [rooftopartparent@gmail.com](mailto:rooftopartparent@gmail.com)

## A Visit from School of the Art's World Music Program

Last month, Rooftop's 8th grade enjoyed an exciting presentation from the School of the Arts World Music program. The performance included Taiko drumming from Japan and Carnival-inspired Samba from Brazil. Our current 8th graders were invited to try their hand on the Taiko drums. It was a treat to see Rooftop alumni Daniel Scholz, Danielle Tran, and Yuri Rogers, who are thriving in the creative environment of SoTA!



### ROOFTOP ART CALENDAR Upcoming Events

**March 2-9 - SFUSD Youth Arts Festival -Asian Art Museum**  
Enjoy this celebration of student creativity in visual, literary, media and performing arts! Rooftop is proud to be represented by dozens of our talented artists whose visual arts and media arts were chosen to be displayed along with student art ranging from pre-school to high school from all over San Francisco.

**March 9 - Rooftop Auction and Children's Art Show**  
Come enjoy an evening with the Rooftop family as we celebrate our children's creativity and the spirit of our community. Don't miss the party of the year!!

### SPRING SEMESTER ARTIST RESIDENCIES:

StageWrite Theatre Arts & Literacy - 5th grade

SFUSD Dance Residency with Esme - K-5th

Marcus Shelby and Flo Oy Wong @ Burnett Campus

African American Shakespeare Company - 6th-8th