



## Artist Residency Program

*connecting professional artists with schools*

Exciting residency proposals including lesson plans developed by 15 outstanding Fairfax based artists from a variety of performing, visual arts, and music disciplines are available through the **ARTSFAIRFAX** Artist Residency Program. The residencies vary in length from 9-18 contact hours and are customizable based on the needs of students and schools. Each has been successfully placed and facilitated in an FCPS middle school.

The Artists participating in the Artist Residency Program have all received training on FCPS's teaching philosophy and effective practices for working with middle school students (grades 6, 7, and 8).

### **New residencies for FY19:**

- Theatre professional, Heidi Fortune Picker, offers students opportunities to practice effective communication and active listening skills in her residency, "Exploring Movement with Improvisation." The residency will take place at Holmes Middle School with theatre teacher, Elizabeth Murphy.
- Visual artist and designer, Chitra Sharma, will have students communicate their ideas about community and environment through poster design and printmaking in her residency, "The Glasgow Print Society." The residency will take place at Glasgow Middle School with art teacher, Amy Schenker.
- Professional artist and ceramicist, Suzy Scollon, will have students promote empathy among peers and the global community by engaging students in storytelling through ceramic projects in her residency, "Creating Connections in Clay." The residency will take place at Frost Middle School with art teacher, Amanda Morgan.

### **Residencies available include:**

#### **Performing Arts**

Exploring Movement with Improvisation with Heidi Fortune Picker  
Discovering Your Story: Solo-Performance Workshop with Alex Levy  
The Art of the Sword with Brad Waller  
Living Newspaper Plays  
Urban Storytelling: What I Wish I'd Said  
Masks: Identity Concealed and Revealed with Jeanne Harrison

#### **Visual Arts**

School Print Society with Chitra Sharma  
Creating Connections in Clay with Suzy Scollon  
The Resilience Project with Glenn Cook

Mixed Media Expressions with Karen Kozojet Ching  
Cultural Landscape: Past, Present and Future with Michela Mansuino  
Crossing the Intersection of Art and Science

### **Music**

You can Write a Blues Song! with Curtis “Mr. Blues” Mailloux  
African Drumming Polyrhythms with Emmanuel (Kofi) Dennis  
Discovering Your Soundtrack with Jim Mason

**Placement and Funding through the ARTSFAIRFAX:** ARTSFAIRFAX works with the FCPS Fine Arts Department to identify middle schools interested in the residencies currently offered, as well as for suggestions for future artists and residency topics. Since 2015, three (3) artists per year have been funded through the program and placed in FCPS middle schools.

**Additional Funding Opportunity:** The Virginia Commission for the Arts offers Arts in Education Express Grants (AIE). These non-competitive grants are available on first-come first-served basis and provide up to \$1,500 with a 15% cash match requirement. The grants fund residencies focused on participatory and experiential learning conducted by professional or teaching artists, during the school day and/or after school. The shape and scheduling of the residency is up to the school/organization and the artist. Priority is given to schools working with underserved populations with limited arts access. Eligible applicants include Virginia K-12 schools (public & private), not for profit organizations, units of government, and current VCA Roster Artists who are permanent Virginia residents.

**ARTSFAIRFAX** will assist Fairfax County artists and schools in applying for an Arts in Education Express Grant.

Please contact **ARTSFAIRFAX** if you are interested in:

- bringing an **ARTSFAIRFAX** Artist Residency to your school,
- recommending talented teaching artists for the **ARTSFAIRFAX** Artist Residency Program,
- have questions about the **ARTSFAIRFAX** Artist Residency Program, or
- other funding opportunities for Artist Residencies.

For more information or questions,  
please contact the **ARTSFAIRFAX** Artist Residency Program Assistant Coordinator,  
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