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ARTSFAIRFAX Places Artists in Residence at Rocky Run Middle and Lake Braddock Secondary Schools

Fairfax County, VA– Two Fairfax County Public Schools will explore a deeper engagement with the arts as part of the **ARTSFAIRFAX** Artist Residency Program. Students in Rocky Run Middle School and Lake Braddock Secondary School art programs will work with artists who connect 3D art exploration through mosaics and dance to history, language arts, and creative writing to offer students engaging, unique, and innovative learning experiences.

ARTSFAIRFAX's Residency Program brings together professional artists and educators to share their passion, creativity, knowledge and skill, guiding students to discover and develop their own creative expressions. This year's artists include:

- Katherine Zukeri, program director for *Born 2 Dance Studio's* urban styles program: *Urban Theory and Movement* and adjunct professor at George Mason University School of Dance, will pilot an after-school residency at Lake Braddock Secondary School in "Hip-Hop Time Machine" from February 7th – May 1st. The residency will integrate history to provide students the opportunity to recount a specific narrative from a historical time period of their choosing through choreography. The residency culminates with students collaborating and arranging a group dance performance.
- Shona D'Cruz, member of the Vienna Arts Society and owner of mosaic company, Blue Hyacinth Mosaics, LLC, will engage Rocky Run Middle School art students in "Ocean Treasures" from March 2nd – 23rd. The residency will integrate language arts, math, and science with students discussing ocean pollution and its impacts on the survival of ocean species into completed sea creature sculptures that will be made into a mosaic. The residency culminates with mosaics presented as individual artworks to be placed together to form a temporary group mosaic.

"Artist Residency teaching artists Shona D'Cruz and Katherine Zukeri have created unique cross-curricular arts programs for this year's students," said Linda S. Sullivan, President & CEO of **ARTSFAIRFAX**, "and we are excited to expand the artist residency to after-school programming this year."

To learn more about the program or to host a teaching artist for your middle school, visit artsfairfax.org.

About ARTSFAIRFAX

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