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ARTS NOW: LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS EDUCATION SUMMIT

In partnership with ARTS FOR LA and LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

December 8, 2017

How do we move as a collective community toward scale and equity of arts education for all students?

Fellow Advocates,

Welcome! Thank you for being a champion of arts education for all students. The Arts Now Campaign, launched by the California Alliance for Arts Education, shines a light on school districts and counties that are working to improve the quality of students' education through the arts, and encourages others to prioritize arts education.

With LA County schools serving nearly one quarter of the public school students in California, the Los Angeles County Arts Education Collective represents the largest local effort of its kind in the state and the nation. Today we celebrate the 15 year history of this work and look forward to accelerating the pace of change. We are grateful to our partners Arts for LA and the Los Angeles County Office of Education, as well as the many other stakeholders who help make this work a reality. We would also like to recognize the funders of the Arts Now Campaign listed in this program for supporting today's event.

We invite you to explore how all of us, individually and collectively, can push toward scale and equity in arts education for all students. The program today highlights progress we've made together and allows us to dive deeper into the challenges and opportunities for connection, partnership and community as we move toward our shared goal.

Sincerely,



Joe Landon
Executive Director
California Alliance for Arts Education



Denise Grande
Director of Arts Education
Los Angeles County Arts Commission

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Welcome to the Arts Now: Los Angeles County Arts Education Summit

9:00am **Breakfast, Registration, Networking** **National Center for the Preservation of Democracy Patio and Lobby**

9:30am **Plenary, Welcome and Keynote** **Tateuchi Democracy Forum**

Welcome

- **Ann Burroughs**, President and CEO, Japanese American National Museum
- **Mark Slavkin**, Board Chair, California Alliance for Arts Education
- **Denise Grande**, Director of Arts Education, LA County Arts Commission

Release of Los Angeles County Arts Education Profile Report

- **Bronwyn Mauldin**, Director of Research and Evaluation, LA County Arts Commission

Keynote: Educational Equity, Alex Johnson, President, LA County Board of Education

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ALEX JOHNSON

Alex Johnson was appointed to the LA County Board of Education in 2014. He is managing director for California for Safety and Justice, a nonprofit that aims to stop the cycle of crime and build healthy communities. Previously, Mr. Johnson served as executive director for the Children's Defense Fund-California, and as assistant deputy for Education and Public Safety to Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. He serves on the California Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory Board, the Board of Directors for the Arts for Incarcerated Youth Network, the National Advisory Committee for the Creative Youth Development National Partnership and the Wiley Center for Speech and Language Development. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Morehouse College and earned his Juris Doctor from American University, Washington College of Law.

11:00am **Networking**

11:20am **Cohort Conversations**

Attendees gather as four cohorts for facilitated conversations that will explore their role in addressing scale and equity of arts education for all students.

Community Arts Educators

- Facilitator: **Sandy Seufert**, Coach, LA County Arts Ed Collective

Tateuchi Democracy Forum

Teachers/School District Administrators

- Facilitator: **Kimberleigh Aarn**, Coach, LA County Arts Ed Collective

Democracy Lab

Advocates

- Facilitator: **Peggy Burt**, Arts Now Program Director, California Alliance for Arts Education

Koichi & Toyo Nerio Education Center

Board Members/Funders

- Facilitators: **Denise Grande**, Director of Arts Education, LA County Arts Commission
Pat Wayne, Program Director, CreateCA

Nancy K. Araki Community Education Center

12:10pm **Lunch**

Featuring Marshall Fundamental Secondary School Jazz Band

George & Sakaye Aratani Central Hall

IN THE FIELD BREAKOUTS

1:10-1:55pm SESSION ONE

Race Counts: Advancing Opportunities for All Californians

Tateuchi Democracy Forum

- **Megan McClaire**, Director of Health Equity, Advancement Project
- **Wajenda Chambeshi**, Senior Policy Analyst, Advancement Project

Arts Access for English Learners: Three Approaches

Democracy Lab

- Facilitator: **Jennifer Olson**, District Arts Education Coordinator, Pasadena USD
- **Benita Scheckel**, Principal, Altadena Elementary School, Pasadena USD
- **Peggy Flynn**, Arts & Career Technical Education Coordinator, Burbank USD
- **Steve Venz**, VAPA Coordinator, Orange County Department of Education

Title I and Arts Integration in Elementary Schools

Nancy K. Araki Community Education Center

- Facilitator: **Joe Landon**, Executive Director, California Alliance for Arts Education
- **Pauline Crooks**, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator, San Diego County Office of Education
- **Tara Graviss**, Executive Director, Arts for Learning San Diego
- **Lauren Shelton**, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator, Chula Vista ESD
- **Russ Sperling**, Director, Visual and Performing Arts, San Diego USD

Tour of Transpacific Borderlands: The Art of Japanese Diaspora in Lima, Los Angeles, Mexico City, and San Paulo

JANM PST: LA/LA Gallery

- Led by: **Clement Hanami**, Vice President of Exhibitions / Art Director, Japanese American National Museum

Networking Space

Koichi & Toyo Nerio Education Center

2:05-2:50pm SESSION TWO

Exploring Inclusive Practices

Tateuchi Democracy Forum

- **Faith Childs Davis**, Director, Exploring the Arts, LA
- **Yolanda Hester**, Programs Manager, Exploring the Arts, LA

Strategic Arts Plans: Authentic Engagement and Community Support

Democracy Lab

- Facilitator: **Peggy Burt**, Arts Now Program Director, California Alliance for Arts Education
- **Greg Solomon**, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator, Moreno Valley USD
- **Jesus Holguin**, School Board Member, Moreno Valley USD
- **Robin Hampton**, Field Manager, California Alliance for Arts Education
- **Annemarie Guzy**, Visual and Performing Arts Specialist, Riverside USD
- **Linda Salomon Saldana**, President, Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities

Data Is the New Coconut Water

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- **Pat Wayne**, Program Director, CreateCA
- **Matt Agustin**, Research Associate, LA County Arts Commission

Be Heard, Be Healed: A Hands-on Street Poets Session

Yuki Family Board Room

- **Kahlil Almustafa**, Program Director, Street Poets
- **Frank Escamilla**, Director of Schools and Community Programs, Street Poets

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3:00-3:45pm SESSION THREE

Bridging Gaps Through Professional Development

Tateuchi Democracy Forum

- **Victoria Lanier**, Executive Director, Education Through Music-Los Angeles

Opportunities and Strategies for Arts Ed & LCFF

Democracy Lab

- Facilitator: **Sibyl O'Malley**, Senior Director of Advocacy & Communications, California Alliance for Arts Education
- **Sarah Brothers**, Arts Education Director, Arts Council Santa Cruz County
- **Jennifer Cowan**, Parent, Arts for LA ACTIVATE Fellow

Student Voices for Advocacy and Engagement

Nancy K. Araki Community Education Center

- Facilitator: **Jennifer Fukutomi-Jones**, Director of Programs, Arts for LA
- **Christopher Leon**, California Alliance for Arts Education's Student Voices Campaign
- **Lily Larsen**, Center Theatre Group Student Ambassadors Program, 2015-16
- **Fabiola Lopez**, Las Fotos Project

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3:45pm

Reflections + Reception

George & Sakaye Aratani Central Hall

Featuring Marina Del Rey Middle School Performing Arts Magnet Dancers and Melrose Poetry Bureau

5:00pm

End of Day



Right now, school leaders throughout California are using innovative strategies to invest in arts education to improve schoolwide outcomes. The Arts Now Campaign, launched by the California Alliance for Arts Education, shines a light on districts and counties that are working to improve the quality of students' educations through the arts and shares those strategies with nearby districts and counties. Our goal is to establish the expectation that every district is responsible for providing all of their students, regardless of background or circumstances, with a high quality, comprehensive education that includes a robust arts program, complete with instruction by credentialed arts teachers as well as arts integration strategies implemented across the curriculum. artsed411.org/ArtsNow



The California Alliance for Arts Education advocates for high quality arts education for all students by providing policy expertise and by mobilizing a statewide network of advocates and allied partners. artsed411.org



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