



At George Washington High School, our parent art class created a beautiful offrenda for Día de Muertos

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Update: Our 2017-2018 In-School Partnerships

Our 2017 partnerships are well under way! Save the date for Friday, May 18, 2018, when our Convergence exhibition will open at the Bridgeport Art Center. Watch for future announcements online and in the CAPE Quarterly.

Artist/Researcher Partnerships

We're pleased to announce 19 Chicago public schools taking part in this year's Artist/Researcher Partners Program. 13 of the schools are long-term CAPE partners returning to further advance their arts-integrated work. Those schools are Camras, Daley, Durkin Park, Haley, Hamilton, Henry, North-Grand, Pirie, Ray Graham Training Center, Ravenswood, Telpochcalli, Vaughn Occupational, and Williams Prep. Joining these established partners are Hibbard, Murphy, Pasteur, Peirce, and Southside Occupational, all of which have successfully completed CAPE's arts-integrated introductory program, Collaboration Laboratory. Project

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Beautiful clay creations from our parent art class at Telpochcalli Elementary!

Tax Reform and Giving

The US House just voted to approve the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act," which would seriously weaken the charitable deduction's positive impact on nonprofits, decreasing individual contributions by as much as \$20 billion in 2018 alone. Tell Congress to protect individual giving by expanding the charitable tax deduction to *all* taxpayers!

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highlights from this year include a Social Studies unit from Camras Elementary, where student will look at the intersection of art and activism to create works about social justice issues. A Literature class at North-Grand High School will creatively investigate how tattoos embody a cultural history and cultural memory.

Collaboration Laboratory Program

Our two-year introduction to arts integration, Collaboration Laboratory, has kicked off with 10 new school partners: Bateman, Budlong, Gale, Galileo, Dyett, Fort Dearborn, Lakeview, Linne, Melody, and Peck. At each school, two teachers are partnering with two teaching artists to begin the design and implementation process for an arts-integrated curriculum. Through intensive, citywide professional development, these teachers and artists will join and expand on CAPE's network of arts integration practitioners as they engage in dialogue about arts and learning.

The STEM Project, supported by Boeing

CAPE continues to advance the scope of arts integration by leveraging partners working in STEM focused projects. Arts integration is inherently interdisciplinary making it a logical process in which to apply interrelated STEM skills in problem based art-making projects. Investigating arts-integrated STEM projects this year are Durkin Park, Pirie, Goudy, and Peirce. Through the arts, our STEM students will explore electricity, fractions, states of matter, bridge engineering, and more.



PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Over the summer, we sent a group of students, teachers, and artists from North-Grand High School to the Allied Media Conference in Detroit!

At the conference, our students were inspired by peers and leaders from the fields of art, education, technology, and activism, and learned new ways to engage and transform their Humboldt Park and Chicago communities once they returned home.

Check out a video that details their journey on our website:

capechicago.org/blog/update-cape-summer-journey-allied-media-conference-2017/



The very talented Joshua Short!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Joshua Short, a former CAPE student and the dynamite guest speaker at our 2016 Impact Arts Luncheon, recently became an anchor at WNDU-TV in Northern Indiana, just months after graduating from Columbia College!

We're so proud of Joshua—if you're in Indiana, keep an eye out of this intelligent, funny young man and cheer him on!



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear CAPE Community,

This is the season in which we reflect on our accomplishments, thank those who have helped along the way, and make big plans for the future!

In 2017, CAPE brought creative learning opportunities to over 3,500 students across Chicago. One student in CAPE's after-school program told me how calm drawing makes him feel. He is creating a map, documenting what is and what should be in the neighborhood surrounding his Little Village school. His map will be on display next March during our SCALE program exhibition, and we can't wait to see what ideas he's come up with.

We could not do this work without the support of our donors, Creative Learning Society Members, and our Board of Directors. In addition, our growing Associate Board has added fun events and a tremendous new energy to CAPE. Our Community Advisory Council also brings new ideas and programming insights grounded in the everyday experiences of our teachers and teaching artists. Thank you to all our volunteers who are truly the backbone of our organization.

Looking forward, we have big plans for 2018! Watch this space for further information about our upcoming exhibitions and events. And, if you would like to get a personal view of our programming in action, you can visit a CAPE classroom or sit in on a professional development session. Our staff would be happy arrange this; please contact us!

Sincerely,
Amy Rasmussen, Executive Director

Get Involved!

CAPE's volunteers do a variety of things to help our organization grow and thrive. Check out the following list of volunteer opportunities and let us know what you'd like to do!

- **Join our class from Ray Graham Training Center as they explore the Loop on December 11! They'll be visiting different monuments and public art spaces along the way. Contact Amy for more details!**
- **If you weren't at our 2017 Impact Arts Luncheon, you can watch our newest video and hear from our student performer and guest speaker at: CAPEchicago.org/impactarts2017**
- Want to know more about CAPE? Then attend a CAPE Field Trip! This hour-long presentation illustrates our mission, vision, and impact. **CAPEchicago.org/visit-cape**
- Do you have a big network, lots of friends, but are short on time? Consider serving as an Ambassador! Our CAPE Ambassadors sign on to get 10 of their friends to attend a CAPE Field Trip over three months. We'll do the hard work- we just need your networking skills!
- Are you a young professional looking to get involved? Consider volunteering for our CAPE Associate Board. The Associate Board meets monthly, hosts fundraising events, and participates in CAPE programs.

To show your support for CAPE by volunteering, please contact us!



DON'T BE A STRANGER!

We love connecting one on one, by phone or email, and in person! Please don't hesitate to contact us if you'd like to share ideas or feedback, ask questions, or arrange a visit to a school or CAPE event.

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CAPE inspires students' passion for education by bringing academic subjects to life through the arts. We partner teaching artists with Chicago Public School teachers to develop original, creative lesson plans that weave visual and performing arts into traditional classroom subjects. This type of teaching has been proven to better engage students, improve their grades, and boost their self-esteem and confidence.

Learn more online!

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On Facebook: facebook.com/CAPE.org

On Twitter: [@CAPEchicago](https://twitter.com/CAPEchicago)

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

We have recently welcomed two new members to our Board of Directors: Dan Fietsam and Amy Nathan!

Dan is an award-winning creative director and Chief Creative Officer of the Laughlin Constable advertising agency. Learn more at linkedin.com/in/danfietsam/

Amy, a project and organization change management expert, is a Program Manager at BMO Harris Bank. Connect with her at linkedin.com/in/amysteinnathan/



Amy Nathan and Dan Fietsam