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CAPE Hosts Inaugural Exhibition Grand Opening Celebration in New Gallery

Chicago, IL – From **March 1-24, 2023**, CAPE will be home to the inaugural exhibition in its new 4,000 square foot gallery space in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago. The exhibition will feature a Grand Opening Celebration **on March 18**, welcoming hundreds of attendees – students, their teachers and families, school and elected officials, and CAPE friends and guests at this first public exhibition of student visual and performing arts.

For the past thirty years, over 60 Chicago Public Schools and suburban Chicago public schools have partnered with CAPE teaching artists to explore new ways to improve literacy in K-12 classrooms through visual arts and music. The creative products of 26 partnerships currently engaged in this work will be on display at the new CAPE gallery in Bridgeport for the month of March, culminating in one reception featuring performances and interactive artmaking on March 18, from 2-6pm.

On **Saturday, March 18, from 2-6pm**, hundreds of students, families, school partners, and community members will celebrate the new dedicated space for arts integration in Chicago. A program of student performances and speakers will take place throughout that time. CAPE teaching artist Jordan Knecht will lead a hands-on art workshop for all ages. Speakers will address the importance of arts education in Chicago. The March 18th event is open to all, is free of charge, and RSVP ([link below](#)) is required due to the large number of attendees anticipated. Refreshments will be served, featuring samples from local area Bridgeport restaurants. Free parking is available in the lot and on nearby streets. The website link for more information and to RSVP is [here](#) and accessibility information is also listed. The building is wheelchair accessible and assistance is available.

<https://capechicago.org/event-directory/inaugural-exhibition-grand-opening-celebration-march-18-2023/>

CAPE serves city and suburban public schools that each demonstrate a need for the arts. Schools represented in the exhibition and at the event will include Murphy Elementary School, Dyett High School, Vaughn Occupational High School, New Sullivan Elementary School, Taylor Elementary, Blackhawk Primary Center, Telpochcalli School, Leman Middle School, George Washington High School, Hoyne Fine Arts Elementary School, and Ashe Elementary School, Pioneer Elementary School, Waters Elementary School, Bateman Elementary School, Ray Graham Training Center, Turner Elementary School, STEM Magnet Academy, and Gary Elementary School.

Arts Partnerships from across CAPE's integrative arts programs at these schools will be exhibiting work created with students at this uniquely diverse show. Professional teaching artists include Shenequa Brooks, Amelia Cintula, Anni Holm, Madison Kisst, Jordan Knecht, Jennifer Mannebach, Victoria Mendoza, Jessica Mueller, Joseph Spilberg, Tony Smith, Margy Stover, Joseph Barcelona, Aram Atamian, Betsy Zacsek, Kristin Sherwin, along with hundreds of students and teachers in those schools.

Photographers and television and radio news crews are invited to attend any of these events. Interview Contacts are available upon request: CAPE Executive Director, Board Members, Education Director, Teaching Artists and Teacher partners, and Staff

CAPE inspires students' passion for learning by bringing academics to life through original, creative lessons, developed by artists and schoolteachers, leading to improved grades and confidence. CAPE currently partners annually with 50 schools, 81 teachers, and 87 professional teaching artists to reach over 4,000 students across Chicago.

Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education engages students, inspires teachers, and demonstrates impact by weaving visual, digital, and performing arts into classrooms across Chicago.

CAPE is an equal opportunity employer dedicated to a diverse and inclusive work environment.

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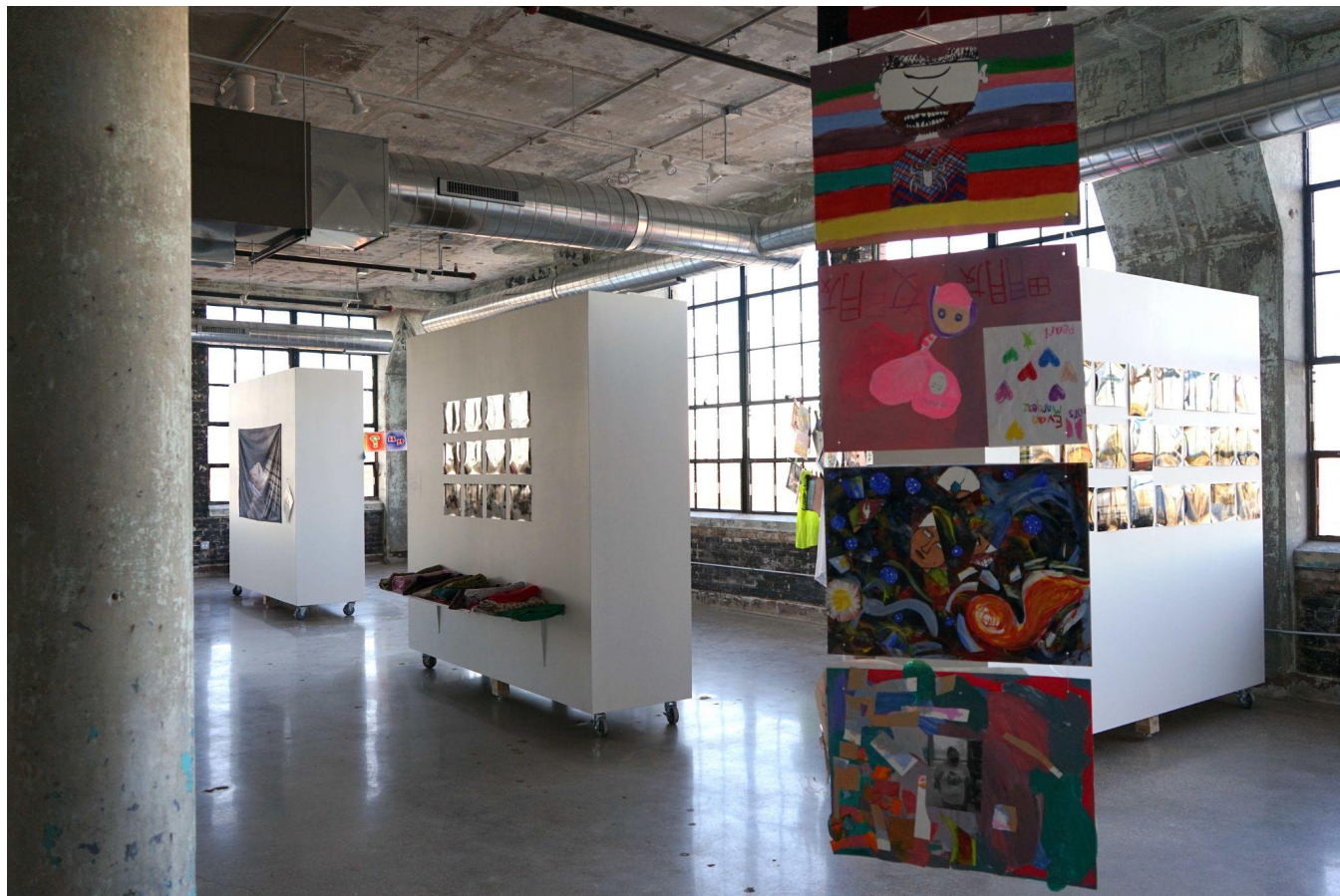


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