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About the Artist In Residence Program

The Artist In Residence Program is designed to immerse the entire school and community into the culture of a specific nationality or style. A local artist is chosen the previous year during the grant-writing process. The residency itself includes an introductory performance for the school by our artist. Then, our artist visits the school every day for four weeks presenting sessions to each class in the school. Usually, a core grade is chosen as a "focus" grade and receives more sessions (6th grade in this case). During the sessions students usually learn about the artist and their culture as well as authentic music, dance and songs related to the culture. In addition, students usually create art work that is displayed at the end of the residency. Finally, there is a culminating performance by our artist that includes the core grade level.

Parents and community members are welcome to join the planning committee to offer input and their help with this exciting program. If you have any questions, suggestions or just a simple comment, feel free to contact Mr. Landon anytime: 480-883-5913 or Landon.Curt@chandler.k12.az.us. Thanks for your support!



Hancock Elementary School



presents

An Evening of West African Music and Dance

Featuring

Keith Johnson

and the

Hancock Elementary 6th Grade and World Drumming Club

August 28, 2008

5:30 pm Art Walk

6:00 pm Performance

Hancock Multipurpose Room



Ajaja (Processional) - Yoruba people of Nigeria

*Funga Alahfia "We welcome you with Open Arms" -
Yoruba people of Nigeria*

La Mentation (12/8 Rhythm) - Yoruba people of Nigeria

Calabash Song - Lome Togo

Agahu Dance "Airplane" - Ghana

Pira Complex Polyrhythm - Lome Togo

Drum Demonstration

Mrs. Holt's Kindergarten Class

Bamaya Dagbani - Ghana

Ituri Rainforest—Central Africa

Kakilambe - Stilt Dancer Jakabrae - Guinea

Victor Quiones

Niiwawaychii

*"May God take you, bring you safe, until we meet again" -
Zulu*

From his trips to Mali, Senegal, and Ghana, Keith Johnson has come to understand that drums are used for communicating in a tonal language. Through his research on drums, Mr. Johnson has become a craftsman of tradition with musical instruments. Johnson had the privilege to work with uncle C.K. Ganyo and travel to Ghana with him. Johnson also worked with Babatunde Olatunji of Nigeria. From his studies with Baba, he began to learn the spiritual and healing aspects of drumming. Learning from C.K., he began to understand how movement and body language is a form of body language.



Johnson has also discovered that the variety of textiles and fashions in Africa differ from region to region. While teaching, he wears traditional clothes reflecting the status of the wearer, such as the Kente cloth worn by the King of Ghana. Kente cloth is a symbol of power and no one can wear it unless they are part of the royal family.



Hancock Elementary 6th Grade



Mrs. Marxman

Acosta, Arie
Aguayo, Erica
Alvarado, Brianna
Armenta, Juan
Beltran, Braylan
Broer, Joshua
Choi, Pyang
Davis, Rhett
Jimenez-Flores, Mitchell
Johnson, Malachi
Lewkowski, Carson
Martin, Emily
Metellus, Martel
Olsen, Carly
Palmer, Jake
Ramos, Laura
Roy-Thomas, Peggy
Salerni, Katie
Sanchez, Gabrielle
Serrano, George
Solano, Greg
Stepp, Garrett
Sullivan, Kathryn
Tapia, Karem
Vance, Chance
Vazquez, Luis
Villegas, Karla
Wanlass, Megan
Winter, Abbey

Mrs. Hays

Aljbour, Lorraine
Arnpriester, Grace
Baumgartner, Haley
Bellew, Andrew
Brewer, Denikah
Cruz, Cameron
Day, Gage
Forney, Kyle
Ghosh, Reis
Hunt, Shannon
Jones, Kaan
Knox, Isaac
Lerbakken, Brooklyn
Marmolejo, Anette
McKinney, Aaron
Monteclaro, Angelica
Nanzer, Alexander
Nedin, Hunter
Padilla, Jordan
Raygoza, Jose
Redman, Sydney
Roberts, John
Sekhon, Navdeep
Serrano, Alexis
Smith, Jaklyn
Soubie, Ruth
Teran, Joseph
Turner, Justin

Mrs. Glenn

Brown, Payte
Corona, Dulce
Davis, Chase
Gomez, Braden
Grageda, Amy
Graves, Tristan
Henry, Julianne
Hernandez, Trevin
Hull, Taylor
Kielman, Quinn
Le, Khoi
Liu, Julia
McFaul, Kathryn
Morales, Elizabeth
Pacheco, Stephanie
Robles, Maggie
Sanchez-Mendoza, Joel
Seeman, Colton
Tisdale, Samantha
Trujillo, Raymond
Twetten, Gunnar
Valencia, Dianna
Vazquez, Luis
Venegas, Ashley
Vold, AJ
Wellner, Nathan
Ziegler, Victoria



Hancock 5th Grade World Drumming Club



Anderson, Cole
Brown, Contessa
Damore, Victoria
Gallegos, Azucena
Garcia, Jessica
Hedges, Tara
Jones, Melis



Lyman, Leeanna
McFaul, Gwen
Mullen, Kiana
Sharnell, Joe
Sherrill, Dylan
Sofka, Jessica
Yadron, Kaitlyn