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CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH THE ARTS



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Didn't we just welcome in the New Year? Wasn't it just yesterday that we were preparing for the holidays? What??? Already, school is ending? Swim parties and backyard barbecues are being planned. And yes, TACFA is getting ready for the 11th Annual Broadway in the Park production. It must be summer!

It is only June, but we have already enjoyed a full array of programs in 2011, as we continue to enrich lives in Tustin through our arts programs. This year, we added four schools to our Art Masters program, ensuring that even more students in our underserved schools get the opportunity to experience and learn about artists and their work. It is amazing what beautiful images these children produce!

Our 21st Annual Student Art Invitational was held in the month of April and if you happened to walk through the Senior Center gallery that month, you would have been astonished at the talent that was displayed. Two hundred and fifty-six pieces of art were displayed and TACFA awarded cash to both student winners and teachers.

Also in April, TACFA awarded \$10,000 in scholarships to five high school seniors who are planning on pursuing the arts as they go on to college. This year, each winner performed and spoke a little about their aspirations at a special awards reception. What a great night!

As we launch ourselves into summer, we have added one more event to our schedule that I would love to share with all of you. We are hosting our First Annual Gala on Friday, June 24th at Wilcox Manor, celebrating our great city of Tustin and featuring performances by past TACFA scholarship winners. It will be a perfect night to celebrate Tustin and the arts!

Very special and heartfelt thanks to each of you who have been contributors to TACFA over the years. Your donations are what keep our programs alive and well. We are so grateful!

— Sharyn Sakimoto

Oliver! : A Bit of Britain at Broadway in the Park

While it may not be the Royal Wedding, TACFA's Broadway in the Park will have its own taste of London this year with the staging of *Oliver!*, the Broadway musical based on the Charles Dickens novel *Oliver Twist*. Set in 19th-century Victorian England, the story abounds with Dickensian drama at its best: heroes and villains, young orphans and juvenile thieves, grimy workhouses and opulent mansions, love and loss, a tale of a dog, and justice triumphant at the end. The audience will enjoy such songs as "Consider Yourself," "You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two," "I'd Do Anything," and "As Long As He Needs Me." This is family fun and entertainment at its best, suitable for all ages, with a story-line that will grab the hearts of young, old, and everyone in-between.



Oliver! will be staged in Old Town Tustin's Peppertree Park August 16-20, 2011. Non-profit community groups and two local restaurants will have food and drink for sale on the premises, so you can purchase dinner and snacks at the park or bring

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your own picnic. Purchase a reserved table, or bring your own blanket or folding chairs to watch this enchanting musical with an old-fashioned theme.

Presale of general admission tickets will begin June 16 at various local community outlets and also at www.tacfa.org. Group tickets at special prices and reserved table tickets are available now. For group (25 tickets or more) purchases, contact Eligia Nicolai at 714-538-3755 or at eligianicolai30@att.net. If you would like to purchase a reserved table for eight, contact Nancy Ivary at 714 730 7273 or at mnivary@cox.net.

Tickets will be sold at the box office in Peppertree Park beginning at 5:30 p.m. each evening of the show. Check the TACFA website (www.tacfa.org) for more information and periodic updates on Broadway in the Park, or leave a message at our phone line: 714 518 5519.

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An Evening in Peppertree Park

Join the excitement in Peppertree Park on August 16-20! Bring your own dinner, drinks, chairs, and blankets to see **Oliver!** Or you could take the evening off and purchase food or drinks at the Park from TACFA, local non-profits, or the two onsite restaurants.

Beach Pit BBQ will be offering a tri-tip sandwich, baked beans and cole slaw plate for \$8.00. Rutabegorz will be offering two main dish items: garlic chicken salad (\$8) and turkey/avocado wrap (\$9). For appetizers you could purchase a small salad (\$4) or hummus with pita chips (\$5). Both restaurants will offer the option of pre-ordering at the restaurant.

Be sure to purchase your tickets ahead of time also! Tickets will be available at local sites: Ricci Realty of Orange, Keyboard Concepts, Soul at Home, Chemers Art Gallery, Scooters Hallmark, Acorn Naturalists, Mrs. B's Antiques and Post Office, Tustin Parks and Recreation Office, Tustin Senior Center, and Whole Foods in the District. The prices are the same as last year: Adults (advance sale) are \$14 and Students are \$12. This event promises to be the BEST EVER Broadway in the Park production!

HOW YOU CAN BE A PART OF TACFA!

Broadway in the Park

- Buy tickets to see "Oliver!" on August 16-20
- Ask several friends to go with you
- Purchase dinner or drinks at Peppertree Park
- Donate a raffle prize for the event
- Be a volunteer at Broadway in the Park
- Be a Broadway in the Park sponsor
- Patronize our print program sponsors and advertisers
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- Send a donation for Art Masters
- Read about our Tustin area programs
- Sign up to be on our email list (It's free!)
- Visit our web site regularly

TACFA Awards \$10,000 to Outstanding Graduating Seniors

We are proud to announce the five graduating seniors in the Tustin area who will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship for the coming year. Each of these students will be studying in an area of the arts and has already demonstrated a talent and expertise in music or art. Students performed or presented a portfolio and were interviewed by a panel of experts who facilitated the selection process.

Laura Broscow, Beckman High School, is a consummate singer trained in choral, solo, and small group ensemble music. She has been a competitor in classical and musical theatre, a performer in pop talent showcases, and first place winner in the Southern California Regional Rotary Club *Young Singer of the Year* competition. She wants to major in voice and plans to be a professional performer, voice teacher, vocal therapist, or choral director. Laura will begin her studies in music theory at the University of Arizona.

Emily Giglio, Foothill High School, is a naturally gifted visual artist who has enhanced her command of art media manipulation and refined her creative vision with a forte in the medium of watercolor. Earning an FHS Award of Excellence in Visual Arts and a TACFA 2nd place award for her portraiture, she continues to amaze and enthrall with her extraordinary craftsmanship and artistry in all of her work. She plans to pursue her studies in art while studying medicine at USC. Emily is considering an occupation in medical illustration, art therapy, or computer-assisted graphics in the forensic sciences.

Marqis Griffith, Foothill High School, is a baritone singer with a great choral, opera, and classical repertoire who also enjoys conducting and composing. He was a Classical Solo Vocalist winner in the Tustin-Santa Ana Rotary competition. He has performed countless times as a soloist for concerts, festivals and competitions, but his proudest moment was when he arranged a song for the FHS Women's Ensemble to perform at a prestigious choral festival in Chicago. Marqis has been accepted to study with Dr. Peter Atherton, Director of Operatic Studies at Chapman University. He eventually plans to move to Italy, earn a Master's degree, and join an Opera Company.

Dong Hyun (Brian) Kim, Beckman High School, is a sensitive, accomplished and award-winning cellist. He has studied the cello for only six years and has been awarded first place at numerous state and county competitions. He was a featured soloist in the Beijing Olympics Tour with the Irvine Young Concert Artists. Brian wants to devote his talents to support poor communities in the world by teaching music in rugged countrysides and holding benefit concerts in the grandest halls in the world. He has been accepted to Northwestern University, Julliard School of Music, Cornell University, New England Conservatory of Music, UCLA, and the Peabody Institute.

Ryan Spitzel, Beckman High School, is a naturally gifted guitarist, teacher, composer, recording engineer, pianist and drummer. He is not only a piano student at the Pioneer School of music, but also a guitar teacher. As a prolific composer, he produces new songs and recordings every week. He studies music theory, record engineering and producing at California Sound Studios in Orange where he plans to intern. Ryan has committed to record college try-out recitals, solo performances, brass ensembles and other performances as soon as the sound studio is complete.

Watch out, world! These talented and dedicated young people are fantastic!

Art Masters Reaches Six Schools This Year

TACFA continues to fund the Art Masters program at Beswick and Lambert Elementary Schools. This year we added the program to four more schools: Estock, Heideman, Nelson, and Veeh. These schools do not have the financial resources or the parent support to provide this program.

Art Masters offers students an assembly about a specific artist – his life and type of art. A teacher then goes to each classroom and instructs students how to create an art project in the same style as the artist.

Art Masters (which we have implemented for six years in Tustin) has previously reached 1,200 students annually in two underserved TUSD schools. However, this year we reached 2900+ students. TACFA spent over \$12,000 to ensure that these students would learn about Paul Cezanne, Winslow Homer, and Vincent Van Gogh. Our resources for Arts Masters in 2011 were supplemented by a grant from the Boeing Employee Community Fund. Also, a special thanks also to the TACFA Board Members who coordinate the program and prepare all the supplies for each school.

**TACFA's Arts programs depend on your financial support.
Enclosed you will find a remittance envelope.**



BROADWAY IN THE PARK AUGUST 16-20, 2011

Student Art Invitational Displays Outstanding Work!

TACFA's 21st Annual Student Art Invitational was a sweeping success with 256 entries from Tustin Area middle and high schools. The art work included ceramics, 3-D, photography, graphics, water colors, pen and ink, pastels, acrylics, and oil paintings. Judging was done by a group of professional artists who declared the show "outstanding" in quality and variety. The pieces were on display for the month of April at the Tustin Senior Center, and a special reception for students, parents, and teachers was held on April 8, 2011, to honor the contributing artists and their teachers. Winners received cash prizes, and teachers received stipends for art supplies for their classes.

Special congratulations to Callie Fink (Foothill High) whose pastel "Two Good Friends" was selected the "Best of Show" for its quality of work. Other first place winners included Maura Moreno (Tustin High) with "Spring"; An Troung (Tustin High) with "Different"; Theresa Nguyen (St. Cecilia) with "Bird with Berries"; Tara Seaman (St. Cecilia) with "Cave Art"; Erin Grady (Foothill High) with "Blue Dove"; Brandon Phan (Beckman) with "Absence"; and Gloria Yasmun (Tustin High) with "Sparrow."

The Art Invitational was underwritten by TACFA, but supported by a grant from the Tustin-Santa Ana Rotary Club and sponsorship from Enderle Center. Additional contributors were: AA Jewel Box, Anchor Printing, Chemers Gallery, The Lost Bean, Tustin Awards, Gerry and Diane Aust, Scott and Anne Axelson, Scott and Lisa Capps, David and Debbie Caillouette, Rita Chemers, Randy and Kimber Elston, Conrad and Debbie Hohener, Jennifer Kim, Sally Masteller, and Kelly Webber. Without the financial help of these sponsors, the show would not have been such a success!



Brandon Phan - Beckman (above)
Callie Fink - Foothill High (left)
Erin Grady - Foothill High (right)

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