

The 39th Annual Very Special Arts Festival *Connecting Our Stories*

Friday, October 20, 2017 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

TO: Very Special Arts Festival Participants

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Important Dates and Times

Create visual and performing arts experiences around the theme, *Connecting Our Stories*, while integrating both special education and general education students throughout the whole experience. Curriculum materials will be available to download starting in August. Use these to explore ideas that can be adapted to the skills of your students.

October 2 – October 13, 2017

All mounted two-dimensional art (including photography and poetry) must be delivered to Lanterman High School, 2823 St. James Place, Los Angeles, 90007, phone (213) 749-8310 **or** Perez High School, 4540 Michigan Ave., Los Angeles, 90022, phone (323) 269-0681.

October 16, 2017 – 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

We are asking for volunteers to assist with mounting the art at Lanterman High School, 2823 St. James Place, Los Angeles, 90007, phone (213) 749-8310.

October 20, 2017 – 6:30 AM – 8:00 AM

All three-dimensional art (i.e. sculpture, ceramics) must be delivered to The Music Center no later than 8:00 AM. Set up your display on any available table inside the lobby of the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Pick up artwork no later than 2:00 PM. Unclaimed pieces will be discarded since there is no storage space available.

October 20, 2017 – 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

The Very Special Arts Festival (VSAF) will be held on Friday, October 20th from 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Please visit www.musiccenter.org to complete the necessary participation forms.

October 23 – October 27, 2017

You must collect your two-dimensional art submissions between the dates of October 23 – 27, 2017; the pick-up location will be the same as the drop off location listed above. Art left at the school after October 27 will be discarded.

Student stage performances are a highlight of the Festival and we hope your students participate. The performances should have some relevance to the theme and must be five minutes or less to allow as many students as possible to participate.

Student visual art projects are an important part of the Festival. Please take care to mount each work to highlight the piece and enhance the display. Review the Art Submission Guidelines.

Start planning for a bus for your students. If you foresee problems securing transportation, contact your school sponsor, school district, local councilmember, or one of the point persons mentioned above.

All students must supply their own lunches which may be stored in the lunch area. The Festival can get crowded with all the activities available. Consider bringing extra support for medically fragile students.



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