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What's New at AWE

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AWE Draws Upon Talented Local Artists for Spring Residencies



"We have such *phenomenal artists* in this city and I'm so proud to be involved in bringing them to Milwaukee classrooms to work directly with kids," says **AWE Program Coordinator Mary Osmundsen**.

This spring AWE will sponsor **15 visual arts and multi-disciplinary residencies in the Milwaukee Public Schools**, involving more than **30 visual and performing artists**.

"I'm most excited by this year's projects involving both visual art and performing or literary arts, as well as those tied to culture," said Osmundsen. "We also have more projects this year involving new media. And there's also a series of projects at six small MPS high schools."

At **Robert M. LaFollette School**, where neighbors and community residents **rallied successfully** to keep the school

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from closing earlier this year, artists Kim Miller and Valaria Tatera will inspire the 7th and 8th grade students to explore **identity, language and community connections** through several forms including video silhouettes, clay bowls and collage. *"The Bridge From Me to You"* will culminate in a multimedia celebration of performance art, video and installation.

Major support for AWE's School Studio projects comes from the **Richard & Ethel Herzfeld Foundation, Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Mary Nohl Fund, Four-Four Foundation, Pettit Foundation and the Windhover Foundation.**

Watch for more news as projects unfold!

AWE-some Art Activities -- FREE!

Through snow, through sleet -- AWE's Truck Studio mobile art program is on the move year round! This spring AWE artists will be at **Milwaukee Public Library locations** around the city, offering "AWE-some Art Activities" for children FREE of charge.

Library dates and locations are listed below; click [here](#) for maps.

Wednesday, March 3, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Library, 310 W. Locust St.

Saturday, March 6, 10:00-1:00 p.m.

Dr. Seuss Celebration!

Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Wednesday, March 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Library, 310 W. Locust St.

Wednesday, March 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Library, 310 W. Locust St.

Wednesday, March 24, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Library, 310 W. Locust St.

Saturday, April 24, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave.

AWE continues its partnership with the **Betty Brinn Children's Museum** (929 E. Wisconsin Ave.) bringing art activities to **Neighborhood Nights** every third Thursday evening. Neighborhood Nights are Free for Milwaukee County Residents from from 5 - 8 p.m. AWE artists will be on hand

between 6 and 7 p.m. the following dates:

Thursday, March 18

Thursday, April 15

Thursday, May 20

Thursday June 17



Read more about AWE's upcoming special events [here](#).

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday with AWE at the Central Library



Come celebrate the wit, humor, and imagination of Dr. Seuss **Saturday, March 6** from **10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** at the Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. AWE artists will help children create their own Seuss-inspired art using giant stamp pads, construction paper, pom poms, feathers and other fun art supplies. For more information on this event, please click [here](#).

Hire the Truck Studio!



It's not too early to start planning activities for your next special event! Our fleet of Truck Studio mobile art vans are stocked with art supplies, staffed with professional artists, and ready to bring creative visual arts experiences to children and families in our community! For more information on hiring the Truck Studio for your next event, please click [here](#).

New Board Members Bring Expertise to AWE

AWE is delighted to welcome the following new members to our dynamic Board of Directors!

Casey Flanagan

VP Account Planning/Laughlin Constable

Katie Loss

Art & Reading Specialist/Milwaukee Public Schools

Mary Martin

Student Assignment Manager/Milwaukee Public Schools

Annie Rosenstock

Relationship Manager/Waterstone HR

Karen Shapiro

Freelance Web Designer

A Little Change Goes a Long Way

AWE is grateful to have been selected as a "Change for Charity" recipient in 2010 through the Bayshore Community Foundation. Only six organizations are designated each year to receive a portion of the proceeds from the parking meters and ticket revenues at Bayshore Town Center.

This made our day!

We were tickled to received a donation with a sweet note from Abby Jensen, Tyler Bastian and Allison Jensen of West Bend. They made a big dinner for their friends over the holidays and raised \$500 to give to worthy organizations. AWE was one of the lucky organizations chosen.

"I believe one of the best ways for kids to enjoy themselves and grow into 'beautiful' adults is through art," wrote Abby. "So my friends and I would like to thank you so much for being a part of our community."

Thank YOU, Abby and friends, on behalf of the children we serve. Support large and small from generous people like you keeps us going!

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