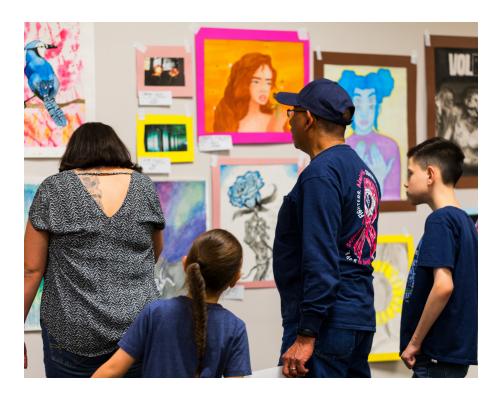
# **NURTURING A CREATIVE COMMUNITY**

















MIMBRES REGION ARTS COUNCIL

Imagination | Creativity | Innovation | Community



## ABOUT THE MIMBRES REGION ARTS COUNCIL

The Mimbres Region Arts Council is undergoing a transformation into a premier arts organization focused on education. MRAC envisions a thriving community that inspires creativity and enriches education. Our new mission is to *nurture a creative community*.

Our programming seeks to expand hands-on experiential learning opportunities that inspire creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication. MRAC fosters equitable access to lifelong learning opportunities in the arts. Our efforts are intended to increase active participation in meaningful arts experiences for all community members.

# **ABOUT THE AHEAD LEARNING INITIATIVE**

The Arts & Humanities Educator Alliance for Deeper Learning's mission is to advocate and support arts and humanities education in schools and communities through collaborations with area school districts and community organizations. This effort seeks to improve communication, utilization and collaboration between school systems and community based arts and humanities organizations.

AHEAD Learning is comprised of representatives from area museums, historical societies, performing and community arts groups, arts councils, culture bearers and humanities specialists, as well as K-12 education specialists and administrators.



# PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE



#### K-12 SOUTHWEST STUDENT ARTS EXHIBITION

**Grade Level:** ALL

**Subject:** Visual Arts

**Location:** In Class / Off Campus

Costs: Free!



#### BLUES IN THE SCHOOLS

**Grade Level:** ALL

**Subject:** Music, Social Studies **Location:** In Class / Assembly

Costs: Free!



#### CREATIVES IN CLASSROOMS

Grade Level: ALL

**Subject:** Visual Arts, Science **Location:** In Class / Assembly

Costs: Free!



### IMAGINE THAT!-ART MUSEUM IN MY SCHOOL

Grade Level: ALL

Subject: Visual Arts, Creative Writing, Poetry

Location: On Campus

Costs: Free!



#### POETRY OUT LOUD

Grade Level: High School

Subject: Language Arts

Location: In Class / Off Campus

Costs: Free!



#### YOUTH MURALS

**Grade Level:** Upper Elementary

**Subject:** Visual Arts, Social Studies

Location: In Class / Off Campus

Costs: Free!

K-12 Southwest Student Art Exhibition





# K-12 SOUTHWEST STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

The K-12 Southwest Student Art Exhibition is a collaboration celebrating student creativity. Recognition is given for the artistic achievements of students from Grant, Luna and Hildago Counties. Art Educators select student works to be displayed at the Miller Library on the Campus of Western New Mexico University. The Mimbres Region Arts Council facilitates a jury process to recognize exemplary works in each age category. Ribbons and cash prizes are awarded. Best of Show winners are chosen from each participating school district for a grand prize and scholarship to WNMU. An opening reception and awards ceremony is held for students, their families, art educators, school officials and the community. The student works are on display for a 2 week exhibition.







# **BLUES IN THE SCHOOLS \*NEW FOR 2018-19**

This new offering for students and teachers aims to bring regional blues musicians to classrooms and school assemblies. Each artist shares a unique mix of performance and lecture with students in a fun interactive presentation. With advance planning, classroom teachers can collaboratively develop lessons about the blues and American blues history, traditions, diversity, culture, and influential blues legends through hands-on experience.







# **CREATIVES IN CLASSROOMS**

Formerly known as Fine Art Fridays, Creatives in Classrooms brings artists and performers into classrooms of kindergarten through 5th grade in 3 districts and 15 schools. The goal is to introduce students to local and regional creatives demonstrating their talents and pursuits of excellence.







# **IMAGINE THAT -ART MUSEUM IN MY SCHOOL! \*NEW**

Imagine That is a new initiative that transforms schools into a unique visual learning laboratory. Imagine That is a traveling art exhibition that offers access to meaningful arts experiences and unique educational programming not currently available in our community.

To make this a comprehensive educational experience, Mimbres Regional Arts Council will customize programming for diverse audiences. Outreach includes guided tours, hands-on art making and a literary activity, The Writers Eye, where students are invited to write a poem or short story in response to a single artwork in the exhibition.







# POETRY OUT LOUD \*NEW FOR 2018-19

Poetry Out Loud encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. For the past 13 years more than 11,000 high school students across New Mexico have participated in the Poetry Out Loud state recitation competitions, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and The Poetry Foundation. New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, invites your high school to participate.







# **YOUTH MURALS**

Youth Murals is a program that transforms the vision of local artists into an educational opportunity for our youth. Local professional artists work with students in schools to design and produce murals. For each mural, students interview area residents and historians to incorporate their history, culture and aesthetic concepts into a relevant theme.

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

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