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**Kate's visitors from Albuquerque
Preschool Cooperative**

NORTH FOURTH ART CENTER-3

The **NORTH FOURTH ART CENTER** is home to three arts-based programs serving people with disabilities and two programs serving everyone in the Albuquerque arts community. The Center which is comprised of five classrooms, clay studio, fully-equipped black box theater and adjoining artist studio is located in the heart of the North Valley and serves artists and art students from throughout Bernalillo, Valencia and Sandoval Counties.



DAY ARTS offers a *Community College Environment* for artists who prefer classroom-based instruction in all of the visual and performing arts. Day Arts teachers are practicing artists with degrees in a variety of artistic disciplines. They offer classes ranging from painting, pottery and bookmaking to hip hop, ballet and Shakespeare.

EXPLORATORY ARTS is a fully-equipped *Artist Studio* providing artists with the freedom to pursue a diverse assortment of activities as they move through the day. Instruction, especially in the visual arts, is generally on a one-to-one basis.

Both **Day** and **Exploratory Arts** encourage pursuing both the creative and entrepreneurial aspects of art making. The result is an active schedule of exhibition, performance and sales opportunities throughout the community, region and nation.



ARTS ADVENTURES offers young people with autism a range of creative possibilities from writing and staging original plays to filmmaking and Haunted House-building. Arts Adventures serves as a respite program for families of children with autism and as a learning and socializing opportunity for the youngsters.

N4TH GALLERY hosts artists from throughout the community as well as North Fourth artists and teachers in a series of six professionally-mounted exhibits annually. **N4TH THEATER** maintains a well-equipped and fully-functioning black box theater for in-house and community use.

N4TH ART EXHIBIT PREVIEWS-4



Augmented Realities: Six Artists of VSA arts of New Mexico / North Fourth Art Center April 1 - June 9, 2014



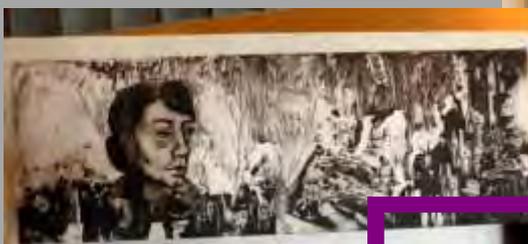
Opening Reception on Friday, April 4, 2014, 5-6:30pm
City-County Government Building
County Manager's Executive Suite
10th Floor, 1 Civic Plaza, Suite 10111



This exhibition emphasizes the wide range of styles and techniques, media choices and sources of inspiration employed by artists in VSA's Day Arts and Exploratory Arts programs. The 29th in a series of District 3 Art Shows, the exhibit features artwork by Leon Baca, Stephanie Barbour, Ralph Gonzales, Peter Hirsch, Simon Salazar and Grace Sedillo.



**North Fourth Art Center THANKS
County Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins**



BIG

A Juried Exhibit of Artwork from
Southwestern University of Visual Arts

At the N4TH GALLERY

Opening reception: April 4th 5-7pm
In gallery through May 5th 2014



ARTISTS & THERAPISTS & PROJECTS-5



Julia Gladstone and Michael Hughes: The North Fourth Foodies

Julia is our cooking star. She has been working with Michael who is her Occupational Therapist to learn to prepare healthier food which she can cook at home for family. Julia's cooking interests began in high school with cooking and sewing in Home Ec. class. All of us love Mac and Cheese and it is one of the dishes Julia especially enjoys preparing. She does it the way you're supposed to: macaroni, milk, butter, cheddar cheese, then topped with bread crumbs. She also likes to make a special dessert, layering either chocolate or vanilla pudding with Cool Whip. Yum...wish she had brought samples with her today.

Michael enjoys those recipes as well but he and Julia have been working on some lighter, maybe slightly healthier, fare such as preparing cauliflower and chicken in salads that use different spices and ingredients to make them more interesting (curry, garlic, dill and more). They shared a recipe with me that sounds very tasty called the *Mother and Child Reunion Salad* combining chicken and eggs!

Julia lives at home with her mom, dad, Cicie, her beautiful shepherd, and Kitty the cat. . She is a busy lady, volunteering for church, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, a nursing home and working at the mall. She does find some time to watch her TV favorites, NCIS and Chicago Fire with "all those cute guys." Julia has been single for seven years; she says it's okay, boyfriends come and go.



Michael Hughes, MOTR/L (Climbing Tree Therapy) has a Masters degree in Occupational Therapy and has been an OT for eight years. He emphasizes that *occupational* in this case means focusing on the meaningful things in life—how and with what we *occupy* our time. Michael says his job is to help people find, develop and participate as independently as possible in those occupations. Michael has two daughters, Naomi (2) and Anaya (6—who is learning how to roller blade!). Wife Nikki is a social worker.



Julia and Michael have several goals including healthy eating and cooking; dealing with noise and with a fear of flying.





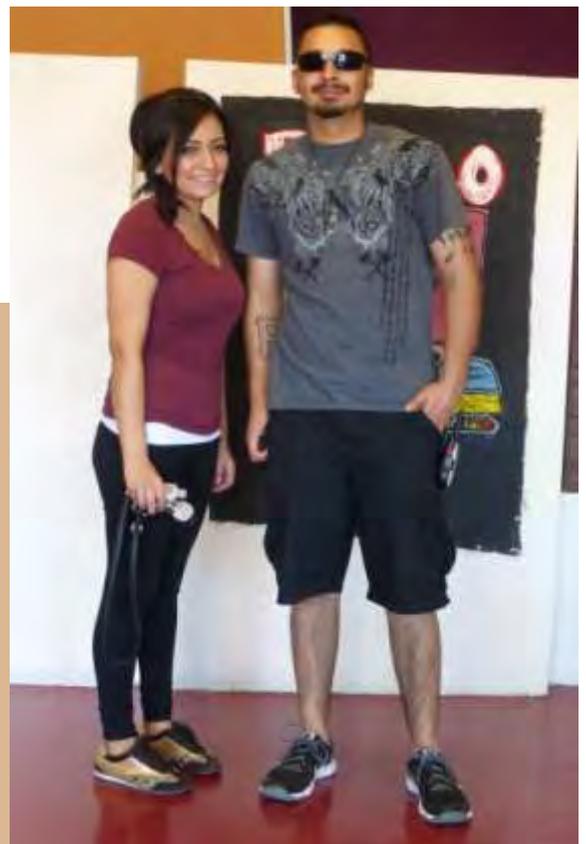
Josh Padilla was born in Farmington but moved to Albuquerque when he was young. Josh is one of eight siblings—and big sister Jez works here at North Fourth with him. Josh likes working here; he was familiar with what we do after previously doing respite with four people with disabilities. Josh's big project is feeding the homeless. He created an organization called Warriors for Yeshua (Hebrew for Jesus). It started about a

year ago and now has 25 volunteers. They go on radio and TV to gather donations to feed homeless people at a warehouse on 1st and Lomas which is donated to them for Saturday nights from 5-8pm. There's a kitchen and in summer people can come in and eat. They receive donations of clothes also. The volunteers purchase all of the food themselves. Josh has filed for non-profit status and when that comes through they will be able to secure additional funds through grants. This is a wonderful project, much needed in our community. I hope we can all help it grow in some way.

In his spare time Josh does a few (maybe more than a few) other things—such as playing the guitar, coaching middle school baseball, playing flag football for a coed team in Rio Rancho, and volunteering as youth pastor for Fellowship of Love church. Josh used to play semi-pro football for the Bumblebees but now he has even more exciting plans for the future. Soon he will go to Mexico City to offer a Christian message to people on the street. His even longer range plan is to join APD—where they badly need intelligent capable people like Josh who have concern for the safety and well-being of others. Josh also mentioned that his family has a huge ranch up in Cuba with cattle and horses where the siblings grew up—which leads to sister Jezriel, the artist.

Jezriel Padilla

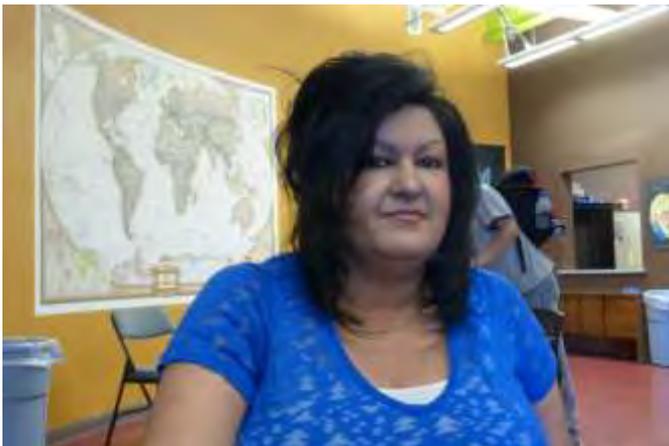
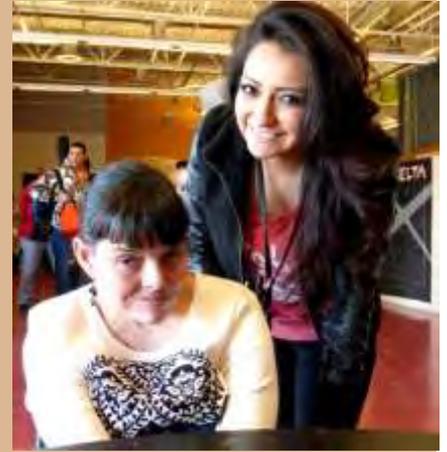
Jez worked at Harmony House, a home for elderly women before coming to North Fourth. She is single which she enjoys a lot, able to do what she wants without having to answer to anyone. And one of the things she wants to do is art. Jez has several family members who are artists and she has learned from them but now is moving in her own direction with her favorite—pencil drawings of nature, animals, all topics except people.



STAFF PROFILES-7

Jez is also an outdoorswoman who likes to hike in the Sandias and at the Petroglyphs. She says there are a lot of trails out in Rio Rancho where she lives. Jez says working at the North Fourth Art Center has forced her out of her shell—into dancing, singing and interacting with lots of other people. Jez has a variety of interests, some of which involve spending time with family on the ranch in Cuba. She says when she was younger she was out horseback riding, branding and shooting guns. “People think I’m a girly girl, but I have a tomboy side to me.”

Jez’s big dream is to finish nursing school and travel to Uganda to help the children in the orphanages. She has many exciting travel plans and goals—such as visiting Tokyo on her dream vacation. Jez says that with hard work and dedication she knows she can do it all. She will.



Hola all, my name is Ramona McGuinness. I was born~n~raised here in Nuevo Mexico, Represent! I start off my mornings with a cup of coffee, Eeee so good! I really enjoy coming to work here at VSA. This is one of the best jobs I’ve ever had. I would say it’s a blessing to be around such wonderful people! Love you, thinking bout you, angels on your pillow my homies! Peace~

Mona’s STORY by Cindy

Mona has lived in Albuquerque all of her life; she’s worked for North Fourth for 4 ½ years, before that she was at John Brooks as a cashier. She also did home care for her dad. Mona has two sons—whom she calls angels sometimes...but not at other times! She’s happiest here at North Fourth when she is working directly with our artists; her least favorite part of her job is cleaning up at the end of the day. Mona likes to walk and she loves music, especially New Mexican music. We tease Mona about being our expert on speaking authentic New Mexican...although Marcus and Josh might give her competition.



AROUND NORTH FOURTH-8



Another Day of Art at the Center



Supernational Car Show 2014 Albuquerque, NM

Newsletter Writer: Mark Frye

I go to the Supernational Car Show every year in February. I saw lots of classic cars, Fords, Chevys, Oldsmobile.

The people who worked at the car show had to stay overnight so no one would steal their valuable cars. I liked the colors that the cars were painted. They had over 200 cars. They also had classic trucks there for everyone one to look at.

I also saw Charles from VSA and his father at the car show. I was surprised to see them there. They liked classic cars too. Charles' father owns a 1970 Pontiac GTO.

PHOTOS BY MARC FRYE



Here is one of the cars I took a picture of. It was called "Starship." It has a bubble top. It was made by the former driver Darryl Starbird. It reminded me of the Batman car in the TV series.

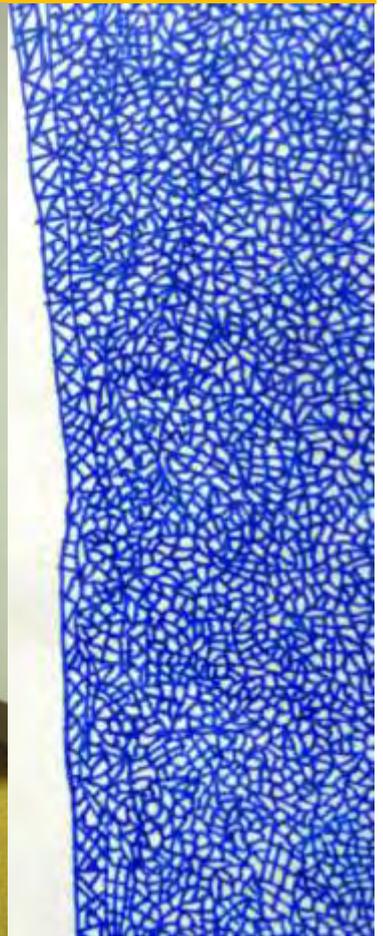


A lot of the cars had beautiful hood ornaments like the picture I took here.

AROUND NORTH FOURTH —9



Sarah Wilson



James Santillanes



STAFF PROFILES-10



STORY by Sunnie Garcia

Marcus Sanchez is New Mexican and an artist from birth it seems. While he did work as a residential instructor at ARCA, most of his work life, spare time, education and now his position here at North Fourth Art Center have been all arts all of the time. Marcus can't remember what major art projects he did as a two-year old—probably it was brilliant—or maybe not. He did start very young though, making a camera from an oatmeal container at art camp for example and then spending time all during school in theatre and photography. When Marcus started college the intent was to go into acting but it was the wrong time for the next stage of his education so he went to work for Teatro Nuevo Mexico for the next six years. Now he has retired from acting and is into his next life—photography.

Marcus is in his third year at UNM as a photography major and is involved in lots of photographic projects here at North Fourth. In his new position as the full-time substitute teacher he undoubtedly will be teaching the subject from time to time as well. Marcus is thrilled with his new job as it gives him a chance to learn from each of the teachers for whom he subs.

Marcus is very proud of his parents who managed to raise him as a mostly unspoiled only child. He says they are both very artistic in their personal lives, from cake-baking to crafts and music. Marcus is very happy with his life. He is immersed in photography, has lots of friends he's close to, a dream of someday being a dad...but not until he's moved around the country a little and also further into his photography career.

Interviewer Sunnie asked Marcus about some of his favorite things:

Color—aquamarine; **Food**—he said ice cream but Sunnie made him pick a real food so he said broccoli. Sunnie said she thought broccoli flowerettes were little trees when she was a kid; **Animals**—Marcus went for blue whales, Sunnie for cats and rabbits.

PHOTOS by Phil & Marj

EXPLORATORY ARTS-11

The A-Team

AKA “The Artist Team” is a group of Exploratory Artists who were chosen to have their work more strongly promoted. Although all Exploratory Artists have this opportunity, this team shows a great interest in their art, they are very dedicated, they have built very strong portfolios and have developed a unique style all their own. Congratulations!

All Exploratory artists are encouraged to be a part of the “A-Team”

They are: Tim Rolfs, Rusty McBride, Sara Gomez, Kevin Sosbee, Danny Chavez, Grace Sedillo and Peter Hirsch (not pictured).

PHOTO by Tim



Note: Rusty had two pieces accepted for an art show in Philadelphia. Both Grace and Peter will have work on display at the County Commissioner’s Office here in Albuquerque. Danny is working on his up-coming, one-man show!



EXPLORATORY ARTS-12

Anthony's Piece: The "Vogue" Inspiration

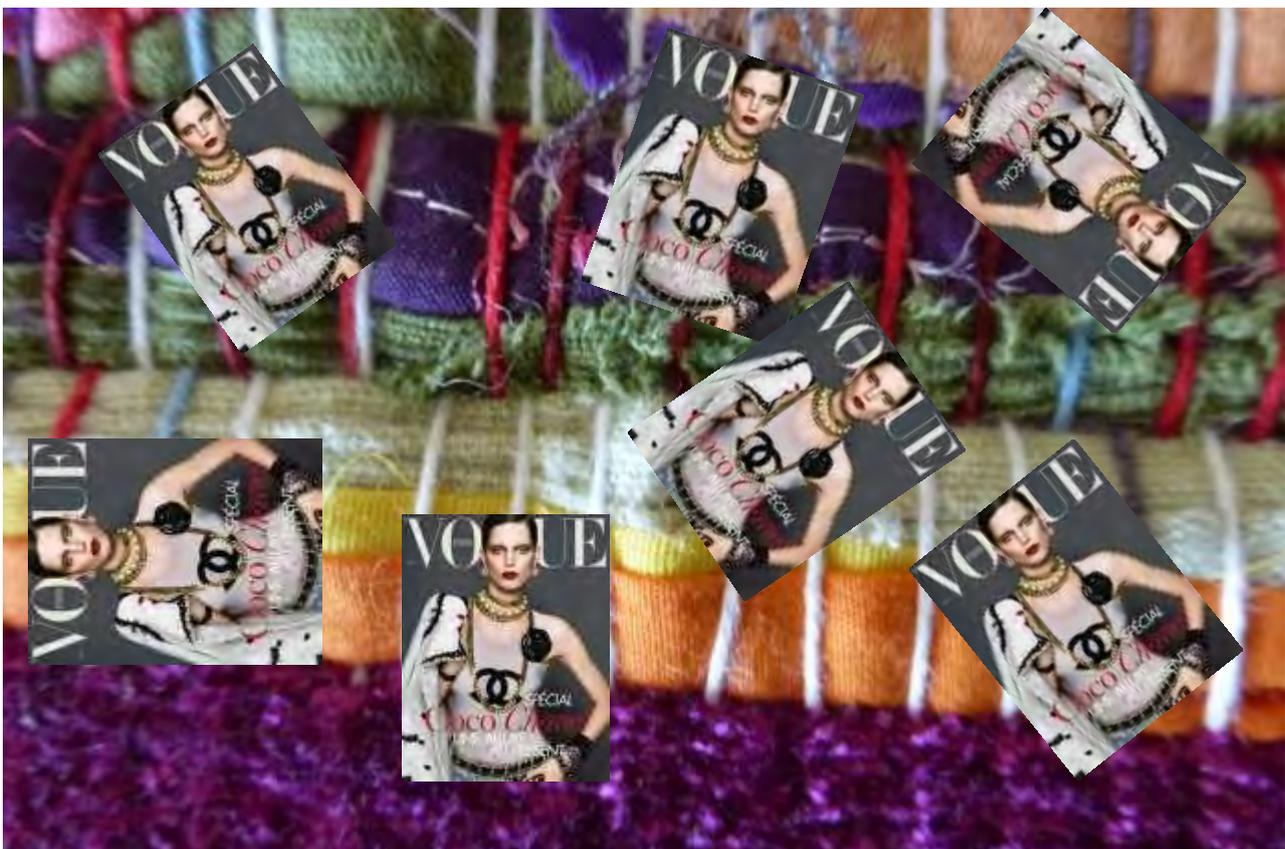
February Album Writing Month is an annual online challenge to write 14 songs in 28 days. Musicians and lyricists can upload songs to the website and other users can comment on the songs or collaborate with each other on songs. One of our artists, Anthony, wrote some lyrics for this challenge. A musician in Chicago, Shelley Miller, looked at the lyrics and decided to set music to them. Her music is very beautiful. The way she plays the music is calm and relaxing. The music makes you happy. When you are hectic, the music makes you relax.

The lyrics are scary and about a girl who's scared. It talks about a girl who's biting her nails, which tells us how she's feeling. Maybe she's scared of something in her past or of somebody robbing her house. She's keeping her guard up. The ring on a chain could be like a ball and chain on her foot.

This song received several comments, which was super cool. They were pretty interesting, because they talked about how the girl was feeling and mainly the song. It was nice that everyone who commented took the time to listen and really comment on it. They had things to say and they were encouraging.

Shelley Miller is a musician and music teacher. She plays all kinds of different instruments, like the banjo, the melodica, and the piano. She is very versatile.

Anthony is an artist who likes to draw, use watercolor, and do pottery. He is also a writer. He likes to go on field trips. He's always laughing and he likes to make people happy. He's very curious and he likes to look at books and magazines, which is where he got the inspiration for these lyrics.



EXPLORATORY ARTS-13

Vogue

by Anthony Sanchez

The girl has a shirt on
The girl has nails with polish
She likes to hold her purse
She's sewing a blanket and a hat

She has beautiful flowers
She's pouring tea into a cup
She's wearing pretty makeup
She's hugging her man

Chorus:
She has pajamas
She's wearing shoes
She's wearing boots and looking
outside
She's got her fishnets on
She's sleeping under the couch
She's hiding from the girl in the
water

She's jealous and scared
She doesn't want to be with her
She smells the perfume
She puts on her dress

She takes her purse
She puts in her makeup
She's biting her nails
She loves her boyfriend

Chorus:
She has pajamas
She's wearing shoes
She's wearing boots and
looking outside
She's got her fishnets on
She's sleeping under the
couch
She's hiding from the girl in
the water

Pictures, more pictures
She covers up her face
She has a ring on a chain
He has a belt on

Chorus:
She has pajamas
She's wearing shoes
She's wearing boots and
looking outside
She's got her fishnets on
She's sleeping under the
couch
She's hiding from the girl in
the water

If you would like to listen to
the song, you can visit: [http://
fawm.org/songs/37233/](http://fawm.org/songs/37233/)



The Excellent Adventures of Bradd, Cathy and Buen Viaje Dance-14

Augmented Realities

by Lee Frisari

The kids with the sparklers by the curb of the street
almost brought me to tears

dark night

old week

new friends

Theo if a karate kick could take you to the center set of mortal combat
you would be prepared with every move and chop it to pieces.

Diana likes going and because of this she is my friend in life

Going is all I know.

Tonya can't say much fast she is wise like the trees and speaks in
their realm

I slowed myself to the swaying of her arms

To listen.

Sammy is hanging out

Cool as a cucumber

I see him riding waves aloha

I see him swimming

Through the story

In his head.

Augmented reality

Most of us

Too scared

keep ours hidden

underneath our expressions.

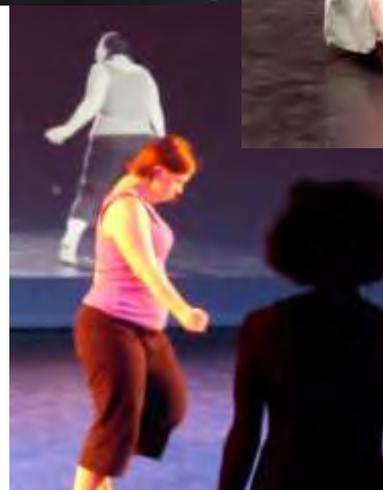
Lydia is free on the dance floor

Her wings of knit shawl take her to her father's arms

She writes endlessly meditates

Is solemn

Lovely.



MAGIC CATHY

The Excellent Adventures of Bradd, Cathy and Buen Viaje Dance-15

Sarah breaks into stardom
 sashay, shante's
 kisses you good bye
 in a Kiss off kinda
 you can't touch this
 kinda way, crys
 Runs fast
 Takes the spotlight
 Show.



Bill hangs out to move
 He's found peace away from statistics
 Away from books
 He's learning still.



April tells us the score the chair slides
 She's trying joy
 Comes and goes.

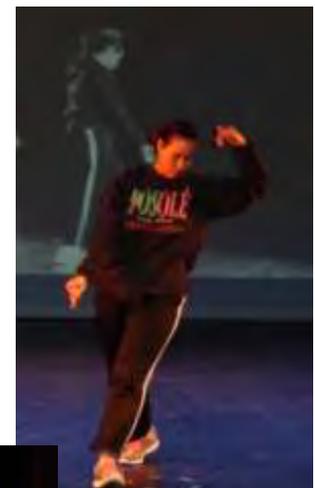


Ryan handsome like JT
 Dances it out
 Has all the bravado of me at 23
 Ideas and hope



Handsome as the mountain ridge his jaw tells me slowly thru stutter
 The plan.

Grace is her name and then some
 multiplied by love and kindness
 I've never known.



The Excellent Adventures of Bradd, Cathy and Buen Viaje Dance-16

Jason lists it all
the hip hop-guitar
Jesus Christ sandwiches rock and roll
like **Cindy**
Speaks mystic
A language of code imagery
Fragments I wish I could see
like cloud connection between
dark matter
Invisible impossible
I believe
It's holding together
Two siblings sharing one world forever.

Talking to **Bradd** makes me cool again
Cool as high school.
The camera reveals them all
Reflected
in dimension.
I see them whole
Unencumbered
Leading lives.
We play
Me serious
Concentrating worried
I wish us all undamaged by genetics, chemistry
Limitations of science gravity family.
This my one week of sincerity,
Before I'm back to normal



Photos by Lee Frisari



ARTS ADVENTURES-17



Welcome to Arts Adventures! The 2014 Art Fest featured the Arts Adventures team and what a typical day in their program looks like.



All the of the parents have praised the program for being such a great place for the kids to socialize, make friends and be themselves.



With two arts projects and a sensory room Arts Adventures offers a safe and creative environment for children on the Autism Spectrum.



Deborah the Leader!

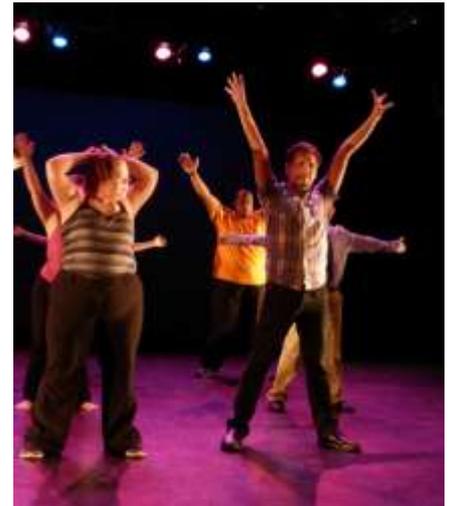
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AUDIENCE



JAM BAND:
TOM'S CLASS



MODERN
DANCE:
BRADD'S
CLASS



"Soulja Boy" by
MEGAN'S HIP HOP
CLASS



*What a
Difference
You've Made
in My Life"*



"Angelo" by ANDIE'S CLASS



by Kevin



SHOWCASE, FEB. 26-27, 2014-19



Guitar Practice



Masters of Ceremony



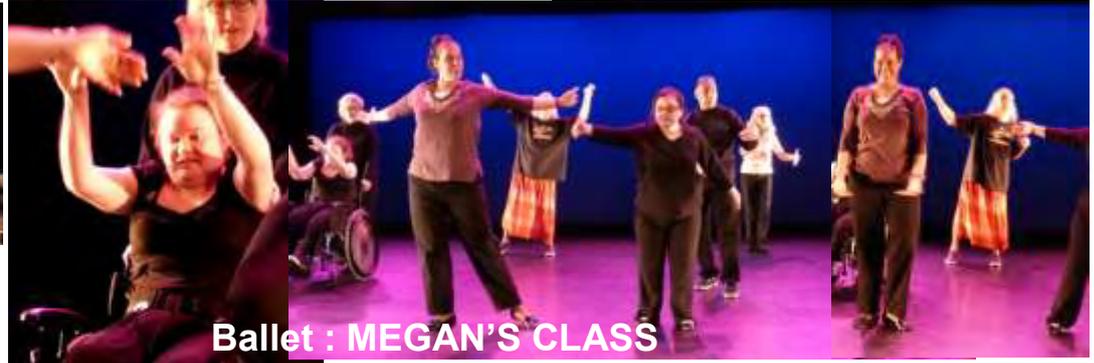
SHERILYN'S GUITAR CLASS



Dirty Socks by Cindy



Rap by Sunnie



Ballet : MEGAN'S CLASS



Hip Hop: Megan's class



"Makin' da Noise" SHERILYN'S class





Top: Marcus Sanchez

PHOTOS

Bottom: Lori Turner

