

Arts Ambassadors' E - news

COME OUT Festival 2011 25 March - 1 April

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Welcome from the COME OUT Festival 2011 Team!

Welcome to the first edition of the Arts Ambassadors' E-newsletter as we prepare for COME OUT Festival 2011! Thank you for registering and we look forward to working with you.

Like our first Arts Ambassadors for this festival, we have a brand new COME OUT team. We would like to formally welcome and thank you in anticipation of the excitement for the arts you help to generate among your students. You belong to the special community of dedicated teachers across South Australia who enthusiastically advocate for the arts and engage their students and colleagues in this unique Festival.



The COME OUT Festival Team

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Rangolis are symbols of Belonging to a culture.

This is an example of art works produced by Yr 10 students from Le Fevre High School, using coloured coconut, under the guidance of teacher Shona Mishra and artist Helen Crawford.

About COME OUT Festival 2011

The COME OUT Festival is Australia's premier festival of contemporary art, performance and creativity for children from birth to age 14. It is the largest event of its kind in the world and has been running biennially since 1975. The COME OUT Festival is the envy of other states and territories in Australia, not just because of the quality of arts performance it presents, but also because of its partnership between Arts and Education.

The theme for COME OUT Festival 2011 is **belonging**.

In 2011 COME OUT will offer quality international, national and local professional theatre and dance productions created especially for children, in celebration of creative 'doing, viewing and thinking'.

Arts Ambassador's Registration

Already we've received an outstanding response to our call for Arts Ambassadors for COME OUT Festival 2011.

We'd especially like to acknowledge our very first registration which came from Unley High School. Rheanna Dougherty is a recent arts graduate with loads of energy and enthusiasm. For her efforts, Rheanna will receive a book voucher for \$30 from Borders.

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State Wide Project - *The Mighty Choir of Small Voices* Phase 1



Photo: courtesy Parafield Gardens R-7 School celebrating their inclusion in the community of Peace Schools.

URGENT

This project is designed to support the COME OUT Festival 2011 theme: belonging

In the first instance, we seek your help to ask your students to send us their concerns, grizzles, gripes, and grievances in order to write a song! Take part in South Australia's first International 'Complaints Choir' project! The submitted concerns will be incorporated into song lyrics that will form a fun, slightly irreverent 'student voice' of South Australia for the COME OUT Festival 2011.

We are looking for a small number of schools to participate in the initial phase of this statewide COME OUT project. If you're interested please note you will need to provide us with your students issues/gripes by Friday 13th August 2010.

Interested?

Please download the [registration form](#) ASAP so we can forward you some more information (alternatively email Sharyn for a copy).

Send the form back ASAP so we can forward you some extra information you may find useful to help elicit students' concerns. We need to receive your students' complaints by **4pm Friday 13 August, 2010**.

Tips for Arts Ambassadors

As Arts Ambassadors, we're hoping you would like to share ideas about how you plan and engage your site in COME OUT festivities. Since this is the first e-news for the 2011 festival, we've come up with a few ideas of our own:

1. FORM A TEAM

Don't try to do it all by yourself! If you don't already have one, form a dedicated Arts or Well-Being Committee in your school. Together you can help each other with plans, timetabling, supervision, transport, budgets, and creative arts ideas!

2. START BUDGETING

Start lobbying or fundraising now if you need to find creative ways of helping your students see a show next year. Despite the best efforts to keep prices down, as with everything, expect a slight increase in ticketed events to next year's festival.

If you're looking for a list of funding and grant opportunities for community initiatives, try the link below. This also includes tips for writing grant submissions.

[Funding and Grants](#)

Did You Know?

Arts education has been shown to develop the following habits of mind:

Persistence: sustaining concentration and attention to a task

Resilience: managing challenges; overcoming frustration and failure

Achievement motivation: the desire to succeed in fulfilling goals and expectations

Engagement: absorption in the content, processes and pleasures of learning.

<http://www.theimagination.net/>

Jamie Kasper, Pennsylvania Dept. of Education

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Combine COME OUT Festival 2011 with your School Camp

For our regional Arts Ambassadors, have you considered bringing students to Adelaide during the COME OUT Festival? Wouldn't a trip to Adelaide make it a *really* memorable experience for those students?

There are a few campsites to choose from: use your favourite internet search engine to find them.

The Warradale Urban Campsite at Warradale (Adelaide South) has been booked for the 24 – 28 March, 2011. Perhaps you are interested in bringing students to the city for the Opening of the Festival on the Friday 25th March?

If you would like this booking, please contact Sharyn Schell ASAP.

(NB The campsite is already booked out for the remaining dates of the Festival.)

Diary Dates

The COME OUT Festival 2011 Official Launch will be held late in the afternoon of Friday, 5 November, 2010.

Make a note in your diary now!

If you're from the country, why not make a weekend of it in Adelaide. Perhaps you have some other school business / purchases / repairs to attend to while you're in town?

Say Thanks!

Do you know an arts teacher in a SA Government primary or secondary school who has changed your child's life?

Say thank you by nominating them for an Education and Arts Ministers' Award. It's easy! Talk to Carclew Youth Arts to find out more.

Visit www.carclew.com.au or telephone 08 8267 5111.

Closing date: Wednesday, 1 September 2010

Whyalla Workshops for 4-7 years 31 August - 3 September 2010

D'faces of youth art, as part of the COME OUT Festival 2011, is developing an original piece of live theatre for 4 – 7 year olds. The premise for this original work is based upon the Festival theme of **belonging**.

To create the story of the work, D'faces will be running workshops with school groups of appropriately aged students within the region. These workshops will be facilitated by D'faces' Artistic Director Susie Skinner and Playwright Stephen House. We are inviting your school to participate in the creation of this new and exciting piece of work.

The workshops are free of charge and will take one to one and a half hours depending on student age and class size and will be facilitated during school hours. Limited sessions are available.

For further information or to book a workshop please call D'faces on 8645 1265 during office hours.

Tell a Friend



Remind your colleagues (preschool as well) to register as an Arts Ambassador if they haven't already.

Download the Arts Ambassadors registration form [here](#).

This E-news is for teachers who are registered Arts Ambassadors and is managed by the DECS Arts Education Manager, Sharyn Schell, working for the COME OUT Festival 2011.

If you have a relevant idea or suggestion that may help others engage in arts curriculum and the Festival, please contact Sharyn Schell by email sharyn.schell@sa.gov.edu.au

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