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## **PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATORS, *ARTS FOR ALL*'S ONLINE DIRECTORY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, EXPANDS**

### **12 new programs from 10 L.A. County providers added**

*Arts for All*, L.A. County's arts education collaborative, has selected 12 new programs from 10 providers for its Programs for Educators online directory. "These training programs are designed to build the skills, knowledge and confidence of teachers — generalists, arts specialists and teaching artists — who provide arts instruction," said L.A. County Arts Commission Director of Arts Education Ayanna Hudson. "Arts education in County schools is vital because creativity and the ability to imagine and innovate are critical skills in the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce."

The directory is accessible to the public at [www.lacountyartsforall.org](http://www.lacountyartsforall.org). All 45 programs in the directory have been vetted by a panel comprised of arts and education professionals. The new programs use animation, dance, visual arts, world music, digital media, singing and songwriting and improvisational theatre not only to help instructors teach the arts but subjects such as science, math, English and social studies.

Providers added to Programs for Educators are

**AnimAction, Inc. - The BOX! Animation Production Studio**

**ARTS at WORK - Integrating Dance and Integrating Visual Arts**

**Celena Turney - Building Capacity in Arts Teaching and Learning: A Process-Centered Partnership for Schools and Arts Organizations**

**Ethnomusic, Inc. - Roots of Rhythm**

**Gramercy Partners, Inc. – The I.D.E.A. Works! "Joy to Learn" Project**

**Mary Pickford Institute for Film Education - The Mobile Film Classroom - Digital Media Storytelling for the 21st Century**

**Music Center: Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County - Artist Teacher Partnership and Professional Development Workshop**

**Southland Opera – Everyday Music in the Classroom**

**Theatre of Hearts/Youth First – Critical Thinking in the Arts: Inference, Creativity and Language Arts**

**The Unusual Suspects Theatre Company – How to Build Cooperative Learning in the Classroom: Addressing Social and Emotional Needs of At-Risk Youth**

*Arts for All's* new Teacher Professional Development Grant Program (<http://www.lacountyartsforall.org/about-arts-for-all/newsroom>), announced in February, will support L.A. County school districts in providing their teachers with the professional development experiences featured on Programs for Educators. The directory is searchable by several criteria related to educators' needs. For questions about the directory, e-mail [artsforall@arts.lacounty.gov](mailto:artsforall@arts.lacounty.gov).

#### **About *Arts for All***

Established by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, *Arts for All* is the dynamic, County-wide collaboration working to create vibrant classrooms, schools, communities and economies through the restoration of all arts disciplines into the core curriculum for 1.6 million public K-12 students in L.A. County. For more information visit [www.lacountyartsforall.org](http://www.lacountyartsforall.org).

The **Los Angeles County Arts Commission**, Laura Zucker, Executive Director, provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. In addition to providing leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*, the Arts Commission administers a grants program that funds more than 350 nonprofit arts organizations annually; oversees the County's Civic Art Program for capital projects; programs the John Anson Ford Theatres and co-produces *Live @ the Ford* on KCET; funds the largest arts internship program in the country in conjunction with the Getty Foundation; and supports the Los Angeles County Cultural Calendar on ExperienceLA.com and SpacefinderLA.org. The Arts Commission also produces free community programs, including the L.A. County Holiday Celebration and a year-round music program that funds free concerts in public sites. The 2011-12 President of the Arts Commission is Ollie Blanning. For more information please consult the Arts Commission online press kit: <http://lacountyarts.org/page/pubnewspress>

**Photo at top:** Professional Development Workshop by the Music Center: Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County, one of the additions to *Arts for All's* Programs for Educators online directory.

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