

# Youth in Arts®

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## **MARIN EMBRACES THE POWER OF ARTS EDUCATION Schools and Nonprofits Lead “National Arts in Education Week” Celebration**

SAN RAFAEL, CA – Marin County schools and arts agencies are coming together during National Arts in Education Week, September 9-18, 2018, to celebrate the accomplishments of young artists and underscore the importance of arts learning for our students.

The second Sunday in September has been designated by Congress since 2010 as the beginning of National Arts in Education Week. During this time, the field of arts education joins together in communities across the country to tell the story of the impact of the transformative power of the arts in education.

This year, a leadership group has formed to plan a dynamic and multifaceted celebration of National Arts in Education Week spanning the county and offering activities for students, teachers, parents and the general public.

Lead agencies include Youth in Arts, the Marin County Office of Education, MarinArts.org, Marin Cultural Association, Marin County Libraries, Marin Theatre Company, and the California Film Institute.

Featured activities include:

- A special training by Youth in Arts for school administrators in arts learning modalities at Marin County Office of Education (September 18);
- Opening of a new exhibit “Kids Imagine Our World” at YIA Gallery in downtown San Rafael as part of Second Fridays Art Walk Downtown (September 14, 5-8pm);
- Professional development in the arts for teachers offered all week at Marin County Office of Education, including the “Rise Up” curriculum based on the musical Hamilton and “Rock whatever...” (September 12-18)
- The world premiere screening of 12 short films produced by teens in California Film Institute's My Place | My Story digital storytelling workshop, held at the Smith Rafael Film Center
- Marin Comics Fest, a month-long celebration of comics art and storytelling throughout September, in partnership with Marin Libraries. Featured artists include Justin Greenwood (9/12 at Blue Moon Comics in San Rafael), Nomi Kane (9/15, 11am-12pm at the San Anselmo Library), and Nidhi Chanani (9/18, 5-6:30pm at the San Rafael Public Library). Full schedule can be found at [marincomicsfest.org](http://marincomicsfest.org).
- Daily art activities at the Marin Makerspace, open to the public, Sept 10th - 14th, 3-5pm. Call for more info: 415-493-4679
- Two open workshops at Marin Theatre Company on September 12: Arts Integration for teachers and administrators, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills through Theatre, geared towards students, families, and teachers.

- Marin Center offers **Teaching by Design: Connecting Frank Lloyd Wright to the Classroom** field trips and educational programming for students and teachers, exploring the unique architectural heritage of the Marin County Civic Center. For information, go to [marincenter.org](http://marincenter.org).
- Breakfast at Marin Center for 100 Arts Education Leaders hosted by California Alliance for Arts Education and the Marin County Cultural Services, Youth in Arts and Marin County Office of Education (September 13)

In addition to activities planned by the leadership group, dozens of schools and arts education groups in the county have been invited to plan their own celebrations of student creativity and arts education impact.

MarinArts.org will host a special calendar that includes all events for the week, featured on their website.

Anyone wishing to become involved with National Arts Education Week in Marin can contact Miko Lee at Youth in Arts at 415-457-4878 or [yia@youthinarts.org](mailto:yia@youthinarts.org). Youth in Arts also has free tools on its website at [youthinarts.org](http://youthinarts.org) for agencies that wish to get involved.

Founded in 1970, Youth in Arts builds visual and performing arts skills through innovative and in-depth programs that foster confidence, compassion and resilience in students of all abilities. Youth in Arts develops capacity among educators and teaching artists, advocate for equitable access to arts education and offer opportunities for youth to share their creative voices.

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