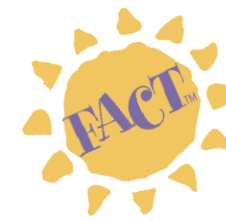




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Fine Arts for Children & Teens

Spring 2009

Dear FACT Friends,
 2009 has gotten off to a good and steady start despite the challenging time. Our board and staff met for a full-day annual meeting in January to review the past year and set the stage for 2009. We were all moved and inspired by the commitment and dedication among the entire group of 25 individuals – art teachers, administrative staff and board members, each of whom brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the organization.

Following seven years of invaluable service to FACT, program director Keelan Wackman has embarked on a new chapter in her life. Moving to Houston with her husband Trey and their son, Colter, Keelan will now be busy setting up their new home – with an art studio for herself and a nursery for their next child due in May. Keelan was first hired by FACT as a part-time art instructor, but quickly rose to program manager and eventually to program director. She played a key role in FACT's significant expansion to Rio Arriba County and helped strengthen FACT's curriculum and assessment tools and processes. We wish her all the best.

Many thanks to all of you for your ongoing generous support. We continue to manage our funds prudently and conservatively while working hard to ensure we have the funding to sustain programs at a time when young people need creative outlets more than ever.

With gratitude,

Julia Bergen, Executive Director



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Enrolling now for exciting **SUMMER CLASSES** at the FACT ARTbarn Studio.

Each week-long session will include supplies and nutritious snacks.

Register at 1516 Pacheco Street, by phone at 992.2787 or online at www.factsantafe.org



Salazar Elementary School artists getting into the paint during a FACT after-school class. Photo by Don Usner.

Ages 5-7

M-F 8:30am-Noon
 June 8-June 12
 June 29-July 3
 July 20-July 24

Ages 8-10

M-F 1:30-5pm
 June 15-June 19
 July 6-July 10
 July 27-July 31

Ages 11-14

M-F 1:30-5pm
 June 22-June 26
 July 13-July 17
 Aug 3-Aug 7

Noteworthy Staff & Board Updates

We welcome Deborah Fritz and Frieda Simons to the FACT Board of Directors. **Deborah** is the owner of Giacobbe Fritz Fine Art and a generous FACT supporter. She was one of the many underwriters of the FACT student notecard project and is currently serving as chair of the 19th Birthday Party committee. **Frieda** has recently graduated from the University of New Mexico School of Law and is now at Simons & Slattery in Santa Fe. We send our best wishes for her wedding, scheduled to be held later in the month in the mountains of Wyoming.

FACT added two new art instructors over the past several months. **Gary Myers** taught at Santa Fe High for 25 years and evening and summer classes for teens at the ARTbarn from 2002-2004. He currently teaches ARTreach classes at Hernandez Elementary in Espanola and leads a mural project with the Santa Fe County Teen Court. Additionally, he is set to begin a six-week ARTbarn figure drawing session for young adults. **Tara Santini** has been an art and printmaking teacher at art centers and studios in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Through the Printmaking Council of New Jersey, Tara provided on-site instruction in elementary and middle schools throughout New Jersey. She was an Adjunct Professor at Northampton Community College where she taught Visual Communications.

Congratulations to FACT art instructor **Shiela Cantrell**, for winning 2nd Place honors in the 8th Annual New Mexico Magazine Photo Contest. Shiela favors black and white silver gelatin photography. Her award-winning entry *The Church at Santa Cruz* appeared in the January 2009 issue of New Mexico Magazine.

FACT merges mathematics with art at Santa Fe Indian School

This spring, FACT art educators have begun teaching an after-school program at the Santa Fe Indian School. For one hour, twice each week, 7th and 8th grade students take part in arts lessons that integrate art history and vocabulary with hands-on art projects that serve to support math applications. The classes foster brainstorming and discussion and include direct demonstration of a diverse range of art materials and artistic technical skills. The six-week session is funded by a 21st Century grant. The Santa Fe Indian School is a residency/boarding school for Native American students from across the Southwest. FACT hopes to continue the program next fall, possibly expanding services to include high school students.

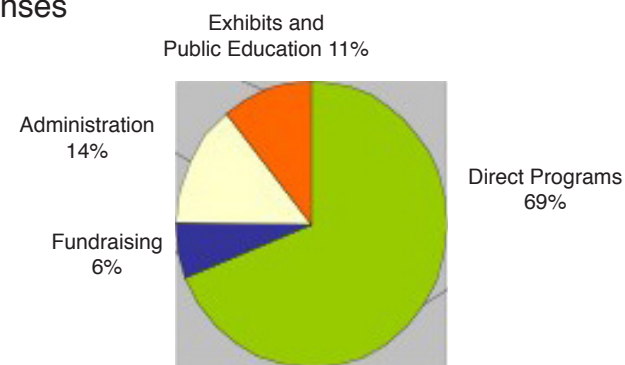
Children's art at its best Creating and exhibiting

Last fall, classes at the ARTbarn and at a multitude of schools across northern New Mexico were filled to capacity with children eager to get messy, to learn, to create and to share their work with one another. A wonderful component to the creation of art at FACT is having it displayed for all to admire. At Santa Fe City Hall, a reception that included a visit from Mayor Coss kicked off an expansive student exhibition that featured kids' art work during December and January. In Espanola, more than 200 works of student art filled the walls of the Bond House Museum, giving children an opportunity to show their community what takes place in art class. Most recently, a black and white photo exhibit of FACT student artists was on display at Verve Gallery of Photography for two weeks in February. Salazar Elementary students making art were creatively captured by the shutter of professional photographer Don Usner. Exhibitions like these are hosted by FACT throughout the year so the public can see the incredible magic that art brings to the children.

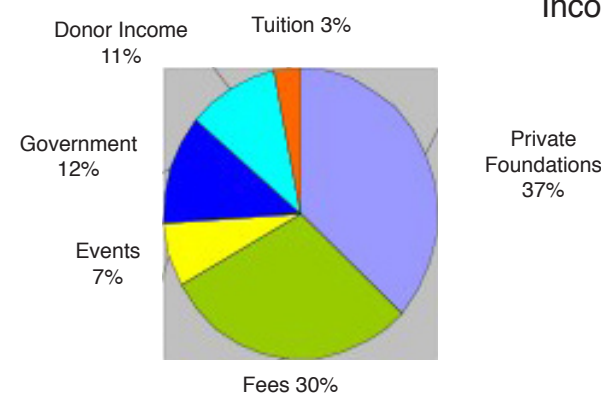
FACT's 2008 community report in brief

In 2008, FACT provided 4,200 children in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and San Miguel Counties innovative art education. Ninety-five percent of students receiving FACT services, receive them at no cost to their families. Without FACT and the help from its community partners, such opportunities to explore and enjoy art would not exist. Though the financial uncertainty continues, FACT has positioned itself appropriately to best meet these challenges. Prudent and thoughtful budget cuts were made without impacting any of our 20+ programs. We accelerated fundraising efforts and sought new sources of funding. We are inspired by the many individuals, businesses, foundations and agencies that continue to invest in FACT. With the Obama Recovery Bill directing \$50 million in support of the arts, we hold additional hope for the future.

Expenses



Income



The buzz
on the street...

"I've always been inspired by my students' expression of their imagination brought about by FACT's program".
Ms. Constantine, Pecos Elementary teacher

"I was born to work in a sketchbook."
1st grade student, FACT ARTreach student

"Nina is doing wonderful work with FACT. I like EVERYTHING about these classes. I peek in the window and watch how focused she is and I am thrilled because normally I call her my "wiggle worm". It's such a great space for creating art and I am very impressed with the quality of teaching."
K. Marie, FACT ARTbarn parent

"I love the presentations and feedback at the end of every class. Very impressive and great practice."
M. D' Angelico, FACT ARTbarn student

"I think art is good for me. Whenever I am bored at home, I can start doing art."
A. Martinez, FACT ARTclub student



Join us in celebrating FACT's Nineteenth Birthday honoring Ron Pokrasso and Mary Ann Shaening!

FACT will commemorate 19 years of transforming young lives through the visual arts on Thursday, March 26 from 4-6pm at the elegant Santacafé, 231 Washington Avenue. The party's hosts, **Santacafé** owners Judy Ebbinghaus and Bobby Morean, are once again donating their exceptional staff and fabulous food. We are additionally grateful to **New Mexico Bank and Trust** for co-sponsoring this event. The guests of honor for this sweet occasion are well known community icons, Mary Ann Shaening and Ron Pokrasso. Mary Ann and Ron have played key roles in the advocacy of youth and of art in Santa Fe. The evening will include a silent auction filled with works of student art and many special offerings ranging from fine dining, cultural events, weekend getaways and much more. Tickets are \$45 per guest.

R.S.V.P. on or before March 19th by calling 992.2787

FACT Spring Programs at a Glance

Espanola ARTreach

- K-6: 8-week sessions at T. E. Quintana, Mountain View, Hernandez, Chimayo and Velarde elementary schools. ARTreach uses a standards-driven curriculum and integrates core-content areas into each art lesson to support learning across disciplines.
- Four workshops/year in every Kindergarten class at Los Ninos Center School focusing on art as an essential component of early childhood development.

Pecos & Tesuque ARTreach

- 7-week sessions for all students. ARTreach uses a standards-driven curriculum and integrates core-content areas into each art lesson to support learning across disciplines.

Santa Fe "Juntos los Jueves" Program with Adelante

- On-going year-round classes for ages 2-16 at César Chávez Elementary one evening a week. Toddlers to teens enjoy artmaking while their parents receive life skills training.

Santa Fe ARTclub

- After school classes for K-6 at Salazar, Agua Fria, César Chávez, and Sweeney elementary schools. In partnership with Santa Fe Public Schools, FACT provides services at no cost.

Santa Fe ARTbarn Studio Classes at FACT

- After school classes for ages 6-8 and 9-12. Six-week sessions meeting once weekly.
- On-going weekly classes for home-schooled children ranging in ages 5-11.
- Six-week session of figure drawing for young adults, ages 13-21. One class per week.

Santa Fe Teen Court - NEW

- As a part of the Santa Fe County Teen Court program, teens attend on-going FACT art classes on Tuesday evenings. A 10' x 24' mural project at the Santa Fe County Courthouse is underway, with a second one being planned.

Santa Fe Youth Development (Detention) Center

- In partnership with Outside In, ongoing year-round classes for incarcerated youth ages 13-21, are held twice weekly.

Santa Fe Indian School - NEW

- After school classes for 7th-8th grade Native American students. Six-week sessions meeting twice weekly.

Santa Fe El Museo

- Saturday morning classes for teens from a range of youth service agencies.

