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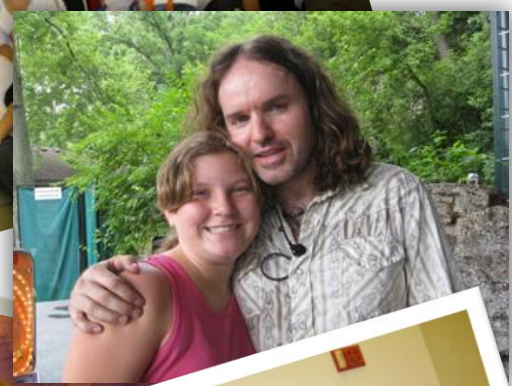
Summer Arts Camp: Song of Myself

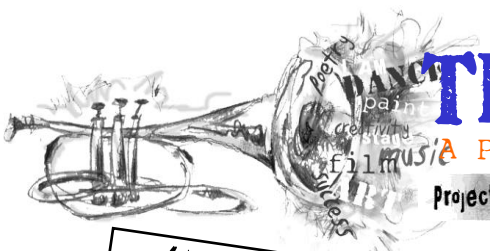
Project Jericho youth have completed another successful Summer Arts Camp! The 2008 Summer Arts Camp began on June 23 and ended with a great final performance on June 29. The 38 participants met in the Performing Arts Center from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Monday through Friday. They also met for a dress rehearsal on site at Veteran's Park on Saturday.

The students were split up into 3 different groups led by area college students: Eliza Waggoner, Suzanne Medwid and Corey Guittar. Each group leader led various group activities and participated in each session with their group. These groups met every day with artists Michael Kelsey, JC Harris, Aurelia Blake and Beth Dixon.

Michael Kelsey blew everyone away with a demonstration on the first day and worked with the participants on music and lyrics for a song that was sung by the entire group at the final performance. JC Harris worked on a different dance routine with each individual group. The dances were then combined and performed in succession during the final performance to create one large dance number.

Aurelia Blake and Beth Dixon worked with the participants on writing poetry which resulted in some of the lyrics used for the song. They also created beautiful backdrops for the stage at Veteran's Park by dying large sheets of fabric with vibrant colored dyes. Their final day was spent designing custom t-shirts for every participant. The final performance was a truly wonderful routine with a great turnout. It was really a great pleasure to have so much support by community members.





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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Family:

Complimentary Tickets: Look out for a mailing on the upcoming 08-09 Season with performances by artists such as Kenny Loggins, The Capitol Steps, and Chris Cagle.

Youth:

Kick Off Meeting: Interested in learning more about our programming for the 2008-2009 school year? Then you won't want to miss our Youth Kick-Off Meeting!! Check <http://www.project-jericho.com> for the date and time.

Bucket Band: Bucket Band rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 PM for beginners and 6:00-7:00 PM for advanced participants. New members are always welcome. Call 328-3869 to sign up. Check the website for the first fall practice dates.

Jericho Jazz: Sessions will begin again in the Fall. Rehearsals are located at the Gary Geis School of Dance. Stay tuned for more details!

Exodus: Audition information will be posted on <http://www.project-jericho.com> In August. Make sure to keep an eye out for the audition dates and times!

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Key to the City

Project Jericho families spent their Tuesdays in May as tourists in their own city. These families met at a different location each day during this four-week module. On the first day, Springfield Preservation Alliance members Kevin Rose and Marta Wojcik led families on a "Springfield Safari" where they explored the architecture of historic downtown and recorded their adventure with photographs. Lead artist Kristi Limes also helped every participant create their own safari passport so that they could keep track of all of their discoveries. On the second day of the project, Barbara Walker, also of the Preservation Alliance, led the participants in "Springfield Sketches". The families met in the South Fountain Avenue area to draw the beautiful historic houses there. The families took these ideas and also began sketching their own dream houses with Kristi Limes. During the third session, the families met at the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Wescott House. The participants took a tour of the house, went on a photo scavenger house and then worked on creating sculptures of their dream houses. On the final day of the project, the participants finished up their sculptures and then created beautiful photo collages. Each unique collage was created with photos that the families themselves took during the module and were placed inside of a window which was salvaged from houses in Springfield which had been torn down. On May 29, over 50 people gathered at the Wescott house to see the families' artwork and to see them each receive a "key to the city" by Warren Copeland, the Mayor of Springfield!

A Note from Scott Dawson

Community Outreach and Education Director

I hope you are all having a WONDERFUL summer!

Sarah put together an amazing Summer Arts Camp in June! We had a waiting list because of the high demand to be a part of this camp. Make sure when we have a project coming up that you contact a Project Jericho Staff member ASAP. Several of our projects in the spring also had waiting lists. It seems we have a LOT of talented youth who are looking for the opportunity to express themselves through Project Jericho.

Some of the exceptional dancers that stepped up their game at the Project Jericho Summer Arts Camp are not going to want to miss EXODUS auditions. Audition dates will be posted on <http://www.project-jericho.com> in August.

We have once again been recognized as a Semi-Finalist for the Coming Up Taller Award that is given out by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. Hopefully, this will be the year that we win! Thank you. Project Jericho gives access to high quality arts experience, but it is really people (staff, artists, volunteers, and participants) that make this program what it is.

This fall is your chance to shine, but don't be left behind. The fall project modules will be incredible and the spots are limited. DON'T MISS THE KICK OFF MEETING, and keep your eye on the website!

I look forward to seeing you all in the fall. Let's make some ART!

— Scott



Inside the Walls, Outside the Box

Green Eggs and Slam

*Would you could you in a box
In a building full of locks
Fully set your spirit free
And become who you hope to be?*

That was the question awaiting nearly 40 detained youth in the Clark County Juvenile detention facility. As a part of Project Jericho's Inside the Box, Outside the Walls program they were introduced to a new form of art on June 20, when professional artist/designer Sherry Ringler began a three week long project. Forty eight dozen egg shells went through a meticulous process of being painted 38 different colors, broken into tiny pieces that were then reformed into a twenty five square-foot, three panel mosaic. This piece will hang in the main hallway of Juvenile court and represents the themes of "A Fresh Start – A New Beginning"

An additional component was a week long poetry session that culminated in a poetry slam. A poetry slam entails people reciting original poetry they've written and then judged by the quality of the writing as well as the level of presentation. The youth worked with poets Aurelia Blake and Fred Kirchner in exploring the power of the written word. The poetry revolved around home and family. The presentation was attended by probation officers, court and detention staff as well as community members.

The mosaic will have its official unveiling in September.
Stay Tuned!

PJ POETRY CORNER

The Walls of my House by Robert P

The house in which I live
Whispers agony and fear.
It whispers painful memories
Of which I hear about all year.

It reminds me of my past mistakes,
And speaks of all my wrongs.
It boasts of all the pain I've caused,
And of the road I've chosen that is so long.

I try to keep from hearing,
And to turn the other way.
But, the memories are here forever,
And in my head to stay.

All I want is to be normal,
For the past to disappear.
But, for me, it is too late
I hope my story you will hear.

My House by Rivr N

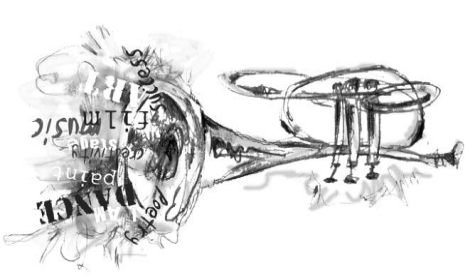
My house says stuff,
That I can't hear.
It's all there,
But no one is;
Dad is working,
His girlfriend talking
On the phone to him.
No one to talk to me.
I want to talk with someone,
But no one
Is there.



For more poetry and PJ art, visit
www.project-jericho.com

Project Jericho is a collaborative program of the Clark State Performing Arts Center and the Clark County Department of Job and Family Services with additional funding provided by the Ohio Arts Council and the Turner Foundation. Project Jericho's "Inside the Walls, Outside the Box" program at the Clark County Juvenile Detention Facility is funded, in part, by RECLAIM Ohio, the Ohio Department of Youth Services and the Clark County Juvenile Court.





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Bucket Band Summer Residency

From June 23-29, twenty-six students participated in the Bucket Band Residency with Michael Kelsey. Both returning members and brand new recruits had a great time having hour long jam sessions all week with guitarist Michael Kelsey. Some sections of the piece were more traditional bucket band while in other sections they students imitated thunder and rain to sound like a storm. Michael Kelsey even invited a few of the participants up to play on his guitar during the performance. The end result was a wonderful collaborative piece that was performed onstage at the Veteran's Park Amphitheater in front of hundreds of people at the Summer Arts Festival.

Bucket Band will begin again at the end of August. New members are **always** welcome. Call 937/328-3869 for more information or to sign up!!

