

THE EWC ARTS PROGRAM OUTREACH TO THE SCHOOLS

Helping youth realize their place in our diverse world

Each year the East-West Center Arts Program provides thousands of students in schools throughout Hawai'i with front-row seats at exhibitions, demonstrations and performances of art and culture from Asia and the Pacific region. Through innovative art, music, dance and theater presentations, children encounter artists and performers from diverse cultures. From these experiences they gain an awareness of the amazing traditions of their neighbors in the world.

Elementary school students mingle with artists from the rainforests of Sarawak on Borneo, who share folk tales, perform their traditional music and teach the children several dances. High school students converse in Mandarin with Xuan Ke, noted artist from the southwest Chinese province of Yunnan. Children of all ages are captivated by the stunning mask-like makeup of the Lifou Island dancers from New Caledonia.

Throughout the year, the Arts Program involves young people in its activities, with a particular effort to reach at-risk youth and underserved regions and schools. Because the arts play a vital role in the education and development of youth, the EWC is committed to increasing these outreach activities. In conjunction with exhibitions and performances, school groups attend artistic demonstrations at the Center; when possible Visiting Artists visit schools, both on O'ahu and the Neighbor Islands.

An Arts Outreach Assistant works with teachers and K-12 schools to supplement arts curriculum and present activities that support state and national standards.



Chinese-Korean child prodigy Li Qing, EWC Visiting Artist



Elementary student tries on a Javanese dance headdress

**“The dancing was really cool!
The best part was seeing
my friends get up and have fun.
I'd like to learn some day
to play the flute.”**

10TH GRADE STUDENT AT A
KOREAN MASK-DANCE THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Activities

Often in collaboration with other educational institutions, the EWC Arts Program offers:

- Tours of exhibitions in the EWC Gallery for school and community groups.
- In-school visual and performing arts demonstrations by Visiting Artists.
- Arts forums and workshops for college-level students and the public.

Resource Materials

The arts team provides written materials and exhibition labeling to help students better understand the people who create the art works and performances. Occasionally EWC events are documented through videos and other means for use on public access television and in university classrooms.



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The Arts Program presents performances and exhibitions to audiences of diverse backgrounds and ages, illuminating cultural values and art forms of national and ethnic groups in the region.

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