



community school of music and arts

# in the schools



## • art4schools •

**CSMA's award-winning *Art4Schools* program develops hands-on technical skills, an understanding of the language of visual arts and an appreciation and cultural understanding of art and its history. We engage and inspire students through drawing, painting, sculpting and ceramics.**

CSMA's professional visual arts instructors guide and encourage learning and creative expression through skill-based, sequential lessons in a variety of art methods and techniques. Art classes develop basic technical skills as well as teach concepts such as line, shape, value, form and color. Lessons are often inspired by a master artist or a cultural/historical context that encourages students to explore and view life from other perspectives. Lessons coordinate with classroom studies, becoming an integral part of the students' school day. In addition to developing students' creativity, skills learned through

- visual arts improve achievement in other subjects,
- build self-esteem, expand cultural curiosity and
- enhance critical thinking abilities and creativity.
- All CSMA art lessons meet the California State
- Standards for Visual Arts.

• [arts4all.org](http://arts4all.org) •



Art4Schools artwork, grade 2

Lessons are inspired by a variety of themes:

- **Art from World Cultures** presents hands-on lessons inspiring students to explore diverse cultures and perspectives.
- **Ceramic and Sculptural Arts** teach basic techniques in building form and developing 3-D concepts, providing a means for creative expression.
- **Art by the Masters** inspires lessons from line and color to self-portraits, giving students an historical context for their own creations.



Art4Schools artwork by Addison C, grade 4

## OUR ART4SCHOOLS PROGRAM OFFERS:

- Sequential, skill-building and age appropriate art curriculum taught by professional art instructors
- Full program administration including hiring, training and teacher scheduling
- Partnerships with schools on scheduling and evaluation
- All art materials and supplies
- Art exhibition opportunities

Year-end student art exhibitions present more than 15,000 pieces of art created by every child in our program. Through exhibitions, students experience the joy and pride of sharing their artistic accomplishments with family and friends. Shows throughout the year exhibit student work at libraries, local businesses, school district offices and more.

## PROGRAM FEES

Art4Schools programs are offered on a contractual basis. Fees are based upon the duration of the program and the number and length of classes. CSMA's in-school programs are made possible through the collaboration of school districts, individual schools, parent organizations, and community and government resources. Programs may also receive support from CSMA donors and sponsors depending on need and circumstances. Please contact CSMA to discuss specific costs and fees for our in-school visual arts programs.



Ceramic self portraits, grade 5

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