

ARTS, INQUIRY AND IMAGINATION

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Since its launch in 1997, McCallum Theatre Education (formerly known as McCallum Theatre Institute) has served over 580,000 students with performances and arts education experiences. In close partnership with local education agencies, McCallum makes the arts available and accessible to youth in the area through its dynamic education programs. In addition, the Choreography Festival and Open Call Talent Project serve as powerful vehicles for developing artists and present exciting and affordable performances open to the general public.

"It is such a wonderful opportunity for our students to be part of this program. Children need to be exposed to the arts and what better way than to partner with the McCallum."

DINA REIGLE, TEACHER, RANCHO MIRAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RANCHO MIRAGE



FIELD TRIP SERIES

The **Field Trip Series** provides free attendance to music, dance and theater performances at the McCallum for close to 20,000 school children from the Coachella Valley, the High Desert, and beyond each year. Resource materials for teachers are available to download from the McCallum web site to help make the experience for students as meaningful as possible. For many students, visits to the McCallum Theatre are their only encounter with the performing arts, and serve as an introduction to the world of live performance.



AESTHETIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

The **Aesthetic Education Program** places the arts at the center of inquiry-driven learning experiences that include attendance at McCallum performances and exhibits. Teachers and students who partner with McCallum Theatre Education are encouraged to be curious, ask questions and rigorously explore works of art to awaken imaginative learning. Designed to cultivate perceptual abilities and higher thinking skills, this year's program serves over 300 classrooms and over 7,700 students in 25 local schools. Our Teaching Artists facilitate close to 2,300 individual workshops in partnering classrooms across the valley, preparing students for deeper and more meaningful encounters with works of art.

"The workshops with McCallum Theatre Education's teaching artists help my students to communicate their ideas more clearly and in a very detailed manner. The partnership is important because it opens students up to an entire new world of art and music and for many it is a new way to express their thoughts."

ANGELA KUPERSTEIN, TEACHER, GEORGE WASHINGTON CHARTER SCHOOL, PALM DESERT



“Open Call inspires people of all ages who love the stage to dream big and to push themselves to be the best they can be. I will never forget the time I spent working with other performers from our own community in such a professional setting. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to inspire my students and to share my craft and talents.”

JAVIER TRIVISO, OPEN CALL 2017 GRAND PRIZE AWARD WINNER



CHOREOGRAPHY FESTIVAL

The only festival of its kind in Southern California, McCallum’s **Choreography Festival** is dedicated to the advancement of dance as an art form and the promotion of quality choreography. It introduces aspiring amateur dancers to the possibilities of dance as a career by providing opportunities for learning and performing, and networking with professional dancers and choreographers. The festival includes a choreography competition with two performances open to the general public, educational workshops and residencies such as the annual East Valley Dance Project, The Studio Project, master classes, and lifetime achievement recognition. The 20th annual festival takes place at the McCallum November 11-12, 2017.

OPEN CALL TALENT PROJECT

Open Call is a talent project/competition for singers, dancers, musicians, jugglers, mimes and other aspiring performers. The project is open to all residents 8 years of age and older, living within a 45-mile radius of the McCallum. Finalists have the opportunity to work with the Theatre’s professional artistic and production staff in a week-long rehearsal process providing opportunities for learning and growth, and as a result perform on the McCallum Theatre stage. This annual event has become an audience favorite at the McCallum. Finalists of the 2018 competition will be presented at the McCallum in four performances on April 19, 20 and 21.

TOURING INITIATIVE & OTHER COMMUNITY OUTREACH

McCallum Theatre Education collaborates with other desert arts groups and municipalities on a variety of programs that include artist



residencies, master classes, pre- and post-show lectures, workshops, and a touring initiative that brings high-quality performances to local public schools, libraries, and senior recreation facilities.

“East Valley Dance Project helped me feel great about myself. Sharing the dance with other people built up my confidence. I learned how to work as a team and keep going if I made a mistake.”

DULCE RAMOS, 11TH GRADE STUDENT,
DESERT MIRAGE HIGH SCHOOL, THERMAL



For more information on any of these programs, please call **760.346.6505 ext. 143** or visit our website at www.mccallumtheatre.com/index.php/education

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