



Art & Education! Bringing Artists to the Classroom

The Westlake Public Art Society (WPAS) in combination with Westlake Academy is hosting a new *Artist In Residence* program. We are seeking approximately 8 artists to be paired with classes (K-6) at Westlake Academy to produce a completed piece of artwork for the auction at the annual Gallery Night Gala, a fundraising event for Westlake Academy. WPAS is looking for artists in a variety of mediums including but not limited to; paint, fiber, clay, glass, etc.,. Proceeds from Gallery night auction items benefit Westlake Academy.

The artists will be invited to attend and showcase their work at the Gallery Night VIP, held prior to the Gallery Night Gala!

WPAS will select artists from submission forms below. Each artist will be granted a \$200 stipend as well as reimbursement up to \$100 for art supplies. The 4 week program will take place in January and February 2012, with the finished work completed for the Gallery Night auction on a Saturday in February 2012.

Artists will complete work in the classrooms, coordinating dates and times with the teachers allowing for flexible scheduling. During their visits, artists will share their artistic visions with the class and assist them in the creation of their group project(s) for Gallery Night.

Please submit the following information for consideration by Tuesday 1/10/2012 to bryan.biddle@westlakearts.com for presentation to the WPAS Directors. You will be formally notified of acceptance on 1/13/2012. In class projects begin 1/23/2012 and end 2/24/2012:

Name: _____
Website: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Medium: _____
Description of Work: _____

WPAS Artist In Residence Benefits and Goals

- The kids will get to create art with the added expertise of a real professional artist
- The teachers and room mothers are relieved of the burden of coming up with a new and creative project for the kids to make
- The funding challenge is mitigated by the generosity of WPAS grants to each grade for the project
- WPAS will be actively participating in one of the most successful fundraising events in the school and promotes public art as outlined in its mission statement. There will be significant PR for the event which will promote the Society in Westlake and WA.
- The artists will have the opportunity to share their craft with enthusiastic students and exhibit the art the students create along with any other pieces that they chose to donate to the cause.
- Westlake Academy will benefit in receiving the highest auction receipts in history!

Event Details

The event is set for 3/3, 6:00 at the Westlake Marriott Solana. The theme is "The World Comes to Westlake", a chic nightclub setting for an international food, wine and art extravaganza. There will be international food stations and both specialty and standard bars located throughout the space. We are also planning live music, silent and live auctions, an international wine pull, and a Passport/Hidden Treasures game. Guests will be invited to dress in vintage or international costumes.

The VIP event is set for 2/17 at a home in Vaquero. This would be a prime opportunity for artists to meet and mingle with Westlake supporters who undoubtedly are art collectors.

The setting is art deco lounge (think 20's vintage travel posters), with different countries represented around the room. The concept is each WA grade adopts a country and that country is reflected in the decor, artwork, and food and drinks in that area. For example, 4th grade might choose Russia. The food in that area would be caviar and a signature vodka cocktail. The kids would create Russian nesting dolls with the artist's assistance.

Thank you so much for participating in the first annual Westlake Public Art Society *Artist In Residence* program and for supporting Westlake Academy with your time and talents!

Bryan Biddle

President, Westlake Public Art Society