



## THE CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

### BOARD MONTHLY UPDATE- June

#### SPOTLIGHT ON ADVOCACY

May was an active month for arts education advocacy at CAE. The month began with a meeting of the Board Advocacy Committee on May 2nd, where committee members began finalizing CAE's legislative/policy agenda, discussing and evaluating various initiatives to bring to the state, local and even federal levels.

Highlights from the past month's advocacy activities include:

**May 1: Kira Raffel and Sarah Keh participated in NYC DOE's middle school action plan research phase** in a session on effective community-school partnerships along with representatives of the Brooklyn and Manhattan Historical Societies, the Children's Aid Society and others at Central DOE offices. The session was facilitated by Deputy Chancellor Lyle's aide, Tom Huser.

**May 16: Representing CAE as Coalition members, Richard Kessler and Kira Raffel attended a Keep the Promises Coalition press conference with Assemblyman Sheldon Silver**, where they called on the City to maintain the education budget and keep its promised allocations as has the state.

**May 21: Director of Research and Policy Doug Israel testified at the City Council Finance and Education hearing on the capital budget for the Department of Education and the School Construction Authority.** The hearing focused on the construction of new schools and efforts to alleviate overcrowding. CAE's testimony highlighted the lack of available in-school arts spaces and called for greater accounting of these spaces, as well as the creation of new spaces in existing schools.

**May 30-31: The Coalition for Educational Justice, Alliance for Quality Education and others hosted a Mayoral Control retreat that gathered education reform and child advocacy groups** to create a coalition that will advance policy recommendations in the face of transitioning mayoral control. **Kira Raffel represented CAE** at the two-day retreat.

For more detailed information on CAE's current advocacy and public policy work, contact:

Kira Raffel at (212) 971-3300 ext. 324 or [kira@caenyc.org](mailto:kira@caenyc.org)

Doug Israel at (212) 971-3300 ext. 304 or [doug@caenyc.org](mailto:doug@caenyc.org)

The June calendar of events holds some terrific opportunities for Board members to witness CAE in action. We hope to see you at some or all of our June events.

Best,

Richard

## **COMING UP IN JUNE**

### **YEAR-END EVALUATION MEETING FOR PS 37R TEACHING ARTIST TRAINING INSTITUTE**

Participants will convene for a final gathering to reflect on the 2007-08 Teaching Artist Training Institute, the professional development program for educators working with special needs students. **The meeting, which is open to Board members, provides the rare opportunity to learn firsthand about the successes and challenges educators face when working with students on the autism spectrum.**

**Date:** June 4, 2008

**Time:** 3:00pm-5:00pm

**Location:** PS 37R, 15 Fairfield Street, Staten Island

To attend, contact: Elyse Cogan at (212) 971-3300 ext. 333 or [elyse@caenyc.org](mailto:elyse@caenyc.org)

### **SPRING 2008 CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CULMINATING CELEBRATION**

Come and celebrate the accomplishments of CDP's Spring 2008 students, teachers, and program mentors. The event program will include keynote speaker Dariana Castro, a graduate of both CDP and the New York City public school system who currently serves as the Coordinator of Special Programs at the International High School. CAE Board member Carol Lowenson will present five outstanding graduating seniors with the Edward R. Wiener Arts Scholarship award. **The CDP Culminating Celebration is one of CAE's most uplifting events- we hope you will attend.**

**Date:** Monday, June 9, 2008

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m

**Location:** Con Edison

4 Irving Place (between 14th and 15th Streets)

New York, New York 10003

To RSVP for this event, please call Lukeem Hanton at (212) 971-3300, ext. 350 or email [lukeem@caenyc.org](mailto:lukeem@caenyc.org)

### **CAE TO PRESENT AT THE EMILY HALL TREMAINE FOUNDATION'S THIRD GENERATION (G3) ASSOCIATES MEETING**

Every year the G3 Associates, a branch of the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation's grantmaking associates, gather in New York City to discuss Foundation issues as well as their grantmaking practices. **On Saturday, June 14th, CAE staff member Elyse Cogan will give a presentation on CAE's school-based programs that receive support from the Foundation:** The Arts Academy at PS 37R and its concurrent Teaching Artist Training Institute, Promising Practices II, the Principals Institute, and the School Arts Support Initiative. Lori Sherman will also be in attendance

**Date:** Saturday, June 14th

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00PM

**Location:** Roosevelt Hotel, 45 East 45th Street at Madison

If you would like to join Elyse and Lori in meeting and speaking with associates of the Tremaine Foundation, please contact Lori Sherman at (212) 971-3300 ext. 311 or [lori@cae-nyc.org](mailto:lori@cae-nyc.org)

### **FINAL 2007-08 GATHERING FOR SCHOOL ARTS SUPPORT INITIATIVE PARTICIPANTS**

**CAE Board members are invited to join the three School Arts Support Initiative (SASI) grantees as they come together and share their past years' work at the final gathering of SASI's first year.**

Program participants will discuss what's ahead for 2008-09, giving Board members the opportunity to witness the planning process as SASI gears up for its second year. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided.

**Date:** June 24, 2008

**Time:** 9:00am-1:00pm

**Location:** JHS 231Q: Magnetech 2000/Tri-Community Junior High School

To attend, contact: Elyse Cogan at (212) 971-3300 ext. 333 or [elyse@caenyc.org](mailto:elyse@caenyc.org)



14 Penn Plaza | 225 West 34th Street | Suite 1112 | New York, NY 10122  
Phone (212) 971-3300 | Fax (212) 268-5266 | [www.cae-nyc.org](http://www.cae-nyc.org)