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Center for World Music wins grant from California Arts Council

San Diego, CA, August 25, 2015 - On July 16, 2015 the California Arts Council (CAC) announced the investment of more than \$4 million in arts education across the state. The Center for World Music is one of fifteen San Diego based arts organizations to be funded through the CAC Artists in Schools grant program. The Center will receive \$11,400 in support for World Music in the Schools, a program that integrates world music and dance into arts learning for San Diego students.

The CWM will use the grant to support four year-long, in-depth residencies providing instruction by professional native/native trained artist-teachers in four selected K-8 San Diego area schools. Traditional music and dance from India, Africa, Iran, and Indonesia will be represented. Weekly classes will be offered to both beginning and advanced students. All classes will be hands-on, providing group dance and music lessons.

“This program is deeply appreciated by schools and students, and in high demand,” said Monica Emery, the Center’s executive director. “It is especially important in an environment in which funding for arts education has been drastically cut.” Emery cited studies demonstrating the positive effects of music education on self-esteem, discipline, and academic achievement.

ABOUT

The Center for World Music is a nonprofit organization fostering intercultural awareness and understanding through in-depth encounters with the world’s performing arts traditions. To that end, we sponsor educational outreach, performances, and cultural programs abroad. For more information, contact the Center’s executive director, Monica Emery.

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