



Tools For Tomorrow

FREE, after-school and online arts literacy programs integrating Creative Writing, Art, Music, and Theater for children ages eight to eleven.

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ANDERSON CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION FUNDS SUMMER PROGRAM

Partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Cathedral City - Scott Robinson, CEO

TFT Teaching Artist **Sara Waters** engaged 66 students over 8 weeks at the BGCC in an art experience that included: a name sign, a poem and a self portrait. Musician **David Hirsch** introduced the children to *The Firebird Suite* and *The Marvelous Toy*, inspiring them to design their own toy and write their own story.

Included in the 8 weeks was creating an origami wreath, (purchased by generous donor **Jeffrey Kramer**). They learned about Kandinsky, abstract art, received art kits and the book, *The Noisy Paint Box*, written by Barb Rosenstock (Author), illustrated by Mary GrandPre.

2024 VISION for the FUTURE AWARD GALA TO HONOR JOE GIARRUSSO

Joe Giarrusso has a passion for giving back. A classical composer and pianist, Joe's music has enriched children throughout Coachella Valley. He has served on the boards of **Coachella Valley Repertory Theatre, The LGBTQ Community Center of the Desert, Tools For Tomorrow**, and is currently Board President of the **Palm Springs International Piano Competition**.

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Celebrate Friendship!

Honoring
JOE GIARRUSSO

2024 VISION FOR THE FUTURE
AWARD GALA

Monday, February 26

AGUA CALIENTE RESORT CASINO
RANCHO MIRAGE

To Reach, Teach and Inspire Children through the ARTS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Judith Antonio

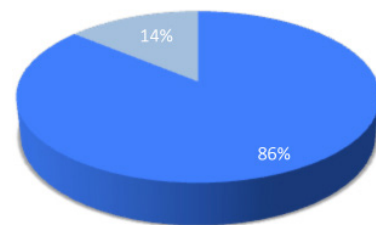
We have been very fortunate to be able to expand the Tools For Tomorrow program to 27 schools this year. We are so excited to be able to reach more students than ever thanks to the support of our wonderful donors. It has been my pleasure to volunteer in the classroom this fall and see first

hand the progress of the students week after week, not just artistically but in self-confidence and self-control. They listen to directions and enjoy their classmates. If you have a few hours of free time one afternoon a week, we could use more volunteers.

As you can see we have some great events lined up for this year. These events are not only about raising money but to make our community aware of the role TFT serves as a charity in helping build the citizens of tomorrow. If you are not already a member of the VISIONARIES, please consider joining. On February 26, we will honor the talented Joe Giarrusso. The exceptional and much appreciated Joyce Bulifant is back to direct the children's program as well as distinguished singers Francesca Amari and Gilmore Rizzo. Put on your party clothes and come **Celebrate Friendship!** with us. You are our friends and we are grateful for your friendship.

Judith Antonio

TFT BUDGET ALLOCATION



86% TFT Program 14% Overhead

Tools For Tomorrow maintains an investment fund started by our Founder, Rachel Druten and her family. It is Rachel's dream that the investment fund will one day cover TFT's administrative expenses.



Flowers inspired by Henri Matisse - Freyja, Grade 4

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CELEBRATES 15 YEARS



Andrea Hecht

This year we celebrate Rachel Druten, our founder's 90th birthday and Tools For Tomorrow's 25th year. I too am celebrating, blessed to be a part of TFT for 15 years.

As I was preparing for our VISIONARIES Picasso Party, combing through artwork and writing samples, I found an article written by Rachel.

"In these days of war and uncertainty, all children need their spirits lifted and their souls enriched. All children need a vision of hope and possibility for their own lives and for this troubled world." - Rachel Druten, 2003

TFT's after school "Creative Clubs" provide our students with an opportunity to express themselves in a safe environment. Students are learning about different artists, musicians, writers, and the challenges they encountered. Our teaching artists introduce ideas and skills to inspire our children to create their own works of art.

TFT provides social emotional learning through the arts and a vision for the future.

We could not **"Reach, Teach and Inspire"** our children without your help. Thank you! Andrea Hecht

WELCOME OUR NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Emily Culhan

It is an exciting time at Tools For Tomorrow as we have become Extended Learning Opportunity Program partners with the Desert Sands and Palm Springs Unified School Districts. As an ELOP partner, we are at more schools and serve more students for more sessions. This year we will have an integrated arts program at twelve Desert Sands schools and fifteen Palm Springs schools, as well as continuing our specialty Theatre Program at Harry S. Truman Elementary School! We also piloted a new summer program at the Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City that was a fantastic success. Our teaching artists are engaged, excited, and focused on helping students explore their creative potential.

As a new member at Tools For Tomorrow, I am so impressed by the energy and caring effort of all the staff, volunteers, board members, and VISIONARIES. I am excited to be a part of such an amazing team that works to bring the arts to children. Emily Culhan

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers in the Tools For Tomorrow classrooms are an important part of our success. Volunteers help the teaching artist by working one-on-one with students as they create their projects and assisting with set-up and clean-up.

Volunteers for the Theatre Program help students embrace acting by learning their lines and playing theatre games to develop their focus.

As a volunteer, you help create a positive environment, encourage creativity, and ensure a smooth learning experience. Your help in the classroom is appreciated by the children and the teaching artists.

To learn more about volunteering:

Contact Program Director Emily Culhan at 760 601-3954 or emily@toolsfortomorrow.org



AFTER SCHOOL MUSICAL



Theatre Troupe Performance by the students at Harry S. Truman Elementary School in La Quinta, CA

This show was created through improvisation. It included games and character work. Through honest and open discussion, trust, play and collaboration, the musical evolved into a message with achievable solutions on the widespread issue of bullying.



Director: **Melanie Blue**
Musical Director: **David Hirsch**

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SPOTLIGHT AWARDS



Beth Anderson

Rachel Bryant Druten Founder
Teacher of the Year



The Rev. Deborah Seles

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AGUA CALIENTE RESORT CASINO - RANCHO MIRAGE

Monday, February 27th 2023

2023 Vision for the Future Award Gala HONORING Jeff McDonald & Charles Thomas

- Performances by GENNINE FRANCIS AND HER FANTASTIC BAND
- GUILTY PLEASURES CABARET • LINDA RIDER • DAVID HIRSCH
 - TOOLS FOR TOMORROW STUDENTS • Emceed by PATRICK EVANS



2024 VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARD GALA

Celebrate Friendship!

WITH TOOLS FOR TOMORROW



Honoring
JOE GIARRUSSO



FRANCESCA AMARI

GILMORE RIZZO

Master of Ceremonies KESQ'S PATRICK EVANS
Dinner Show Directed by JOYCE BULIFANT
Featuring TOOLS FOR TOMORROW STUDENTS

Monday, February 26, 2024

SILENT AUCTION

LIVE MUSIC

DINNER & SHOW

Venue Sponsor: AGUA CALIENTE RESORT CASINO SPA - RANCHO MIRAGE ☆ DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM

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To Reach, Teach and Inspire Children through the Arts



CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT THE ROOST LOUNGE, CATHEDRAL CITY

The Roost Foundation Raises \$25,000 for TFT Programs this Year



Suzanne Fromkin

In July 2023, jingle bells rocked The Roost Lounge. Pianist David Hirsch welcomed over 160 guests with holiday tunes. Brunch was provided by Lulu's Catering & Events. Ethylina Canne hosted the drag show, with Paris costumed as a white and silver reindeer. Blond bombshell Kalista performed "Jingle Bell Rock" while Marina Mac topped off the show as The Grinch! Roost co-owner Jeff McDonald, and TFT event co-chair Robin Nugent held a Fund-a-Need paddle raise and auctioned off baskets of Esparza Fresh Salsa, Ketel One Vodka and CV Repertory Theatre subscriptions. The dinner concert featured renowned singer/actress Lindsey Alley accompanied by Emmy Award winning composer William Kavanaugh. Turkey dinner was catered by Trilussa Ristorante. All-holiday wreaths were auctioned off. Rainer Bergmann and spouse Carolyn Izu won Cherie Liebelt's first prize-winning dragon wreath.



VISIONARIES MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024



Terri Neuman

Have you joined the VISIONARIES or renewed your membership? If not, now is the moment! You wouldn't want to miss the wonderful events planned for this coming season.

Two membership levels are available.

Picasso: \$250 pp/Couples \$500
(Includes invitation to a private membership party)

General: \$150 pp/Couples \$300

Thank you all for your generous support and advocacy. You are partners with Tools For Tomorrow in making a difference in our Valley: one child at a time.

Terri Neuman, Membership Chair

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Beth Anderson

Beth Anderson - A SoCal native who has lived in the Coachella Valley off and on since 1971. Beth is an artist with a career in the travel industry. She is a volunteer with The Girlfriend Factor, a teacher with Tools For Tomorrow and a member of the TFT Board of Directors. She says, "I feel like I found my calling and I couldn't be happier".

Diana Richards was Administrative Assistant of Palm Springs Life Magazine. She was a member of National Charity League and Sustainers. But, as past Vice Chair of Agua Caliente Cultural Museum Board, and past Committee Chair of Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians tribal enrollment, she brings a unique cultural perspective that will enrich the TFT Board.



Diana Richards

2023-2024 VISIONARIES Members

PICASSO CIRCLE
Karen Ackland
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PICASSO PARTY

Honoring David W. Bryant

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

OUR DIFFERENCES MAKE US ALL THE SAME
by Students of Herbert Hoover Elementary School



Teaching Artist **Piper Scott** developed a "hands-on" project to convey to the students through art that skin color, hair color and texture, the shape of eyes, freckles, if you need glasses, etc., that

"Our Differences Make Us All the Same"

Ms. Scott cut unstretched canvas into approximately 16" x 20" pieces. (also slightly different, but the same.) Then, she designed and pre-painted the backgrounds and people in basic shapes. The students added all the details of the faces and hair, and leaves in the background with paint pens and sharpies.

"I am very proud of the students that embraced an idea I had and took it to an extraordinary level of art! Today they wanted to keep working on it! I think they loved the 3 week experience." - Piper Scott, Teaching Artist

FIELD TRIP to DESERT X 2023
Docent **Walter Gendell** invited TFT Students from Ronald Reagan Elementary School to explore the international contemporary art exhibitions that engage with our desert environment. Students toured *No. 1225 Chainlink* by Rana Begum, *Immersion* by Gerald Clarke, and *Amar A Dios En Tierra De Indios, Es Oficio Maternal* by Paloma Contreras Lomas. Walter gave easy-to-understand explanations & Desert X Art Kits.



TEACHER FEATURE - Sara Waters, Graphic Designer & Teaching Artist



Creating has always been important to Sara, as this is how she makes sense of and connects to the world around her. She is a multifaceted artist whose talents extend beyond graphic design, such as photography, cake decorating, stained glass, and handmade cards and paper crafts.

With her insatiable curiosity and creativity, Sara challenges and inspires her students, encouraging a sense of wonder as they explore concepts and develop confidence through accomplishment.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to help children recognize and nurture their unique talents and interests, and to celebrate their individuality through the arts."

- Sara Waters, Teaching Artist

Zentangle Art

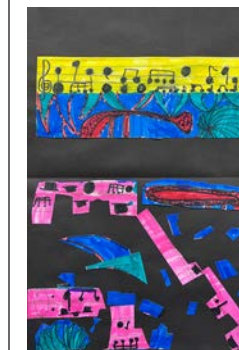


Brooklyn, Grade 5



Jesus, Grade 5

Composed / Decomposed Musical Art



Bella, Grade 4



Delilah, Grade 3



Arianna, Grade 5

Inspired by the music lesson, Chantal drew a picture of herself on stage, singing and playing trombone for a cheering audience, with eager fans waiting outside to see her perform!



Chantal, Grade 3

All About Me Poems



Fernanda, Grade 4



Josiah, Grade 3



Sofia, Grade 4

My name is Matthew.
I like ice cream.
I do not like cookies.
My favorite movie is *Inside Out*.
I want to be a gymnast when I grow up.
I wish I had a puppy.
I am amazing because I am a nice person.
My favorite color is blue.
My favorite animal is a fish.
My favorite food is pancakes.
Matthew, Grade 3

My name is Sashielle.
I like to do art and draw.
I do not like horror movies.
My favorite book is *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.
I want to be an artist when I grow up.
I wish for everyone to be nice.
I am amazing because I always make people laugh.
My favorite color is navy blue.
My favorite animal is a dog.
My favorite food is pizza.
Sashielle, Grade 3



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR RETIRES



David Hirsch

For more than 10 years, **David Hirsch** has shared his passion for music and the arts with TFT students. He joined TFT in 2013 as a Teaching Artist

and was promoted to Program Director in 2017.

David introduced TFT's first Theatre Troupe Program. With the help of a theater director and volunteers, the children were able to create, produce, and stage a charming play they called "The Rehearsal". The children performed at our Vision for the Future Gala and several more TFT Theatre Programs emerged.

His patience and perseverance helped TFT navigate the online world when the pandemic forced us all to reinvent ourselves and our teaching methods.

David is a child-centered educator who cherishes the spirit of autonomy and creativity that TFT provides for students and teachers.

David will continue as a guest teaching artist. He wrote, "The most rewarding part of the program for me is interacting with the children."

IDYLLWILD ARTS AWARDS FOUR SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS TO TFT STUDENTS

Hi! I'm Mya, and I was a student at Idyllwild Arts for a week. It was an amazing experience that I think you should know about it.

I was in "Arts of Many Cultures". We made masks, Alebrijes, clay houses, dyed tote bags, drew still lifes, and paintings in our free time. My teacher gave us tips on how to do different techniques on our projects. He also helped us with setting things up.

Idyllwild Arts is a great place to study the arts, and learn skills that will last a lifetime. I am very grateful for the opportunity I was given by Tools For Tomorrow.

It was definitely an amazing experience I will never forget. - *Mya Nieto, TFT Student*



VISION FOR THE FUTURE AWARD RECIPIENTS



- Jeff McDonald & Charles Thomas - 2023
- Sandra C. Woodson - 2022
- Susan Stein - 2020
- Lucie Arnaz - 2019
- Linda Rider - 2018
- Barbara & Jerry Keller - 2017
- Charlie Pasarell - 2016
- Harold Matzner - 2015
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- Michael Childers - 2012
- Carol Channing - 2011
- Mary T. Roche - 2010
- Steven Nash - 2009
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HONOREES

David W. Bryant
2023 - Picasso Party

Phyllis Eisenberg
2020 - Vision Event
Honorary Chair
2013 - Fiddler on the Roof
Sing Along

Joyce Bulifant
2017 - Up Close & Personal
Book Signing, "My Four
Hollywood Husbands"

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Rev. Deborah Seles - 2023
Suzanne Fromkin - 2022
CJ Westrick-Bomar, Esq - 2019
Irma Smith - 2018
Joyce Bulifant - 2017
Nancy Bleiweiss-Nevil - 2016

Jennie Inch
2016 - Musical Memories
Dance Party

Patty & Arthur Newman
2015 - Sunday in the Park

Rachel Druten
2014 - Founder
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PALM SPRINGS CULTURAL CENTER

Thursday, February 29, 2024

DOORS: 5:30 PM | CONCERT: 6:00 PM | RECEPTION: 7:30 PM

Featuring performances by our stellar and talented Board of Directors, in addition to members of our desert musical community, this concert will showcase a diverse program of popular classical favorites, as well as the brilliant compositions of our President, Joe Giarrusso. Performers will include Artistic Director Laureate John Bayless, French hornist Bram Conley, mezzo-soprano Elaine Wang Meyerhoffer, pianist Howard Schreiber, vocalist Debra Pollock, Giorgi & Anna Latso piano duo and Artistic Director and Pianist Robert Koenig.

A DESSERT AND COCKTAIL RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW.



BEHIND THE SCENES
FREE Art Kits for TFT Students

Any time you stop by the Tools For Tomorrow office you are sure to see art supplies everywhere! We have updated the supplies in the art kits to include 24 crayons, 16 markers, 12 oil pastels, 12 watercolor pencils, 10 paint brushes, and a watercolor pan set. Students also receive a sketchbook, lined notebook, glue stick, pencil, and eraser.

With three sessions, we are constantly assembling art kits. We could not do this without the wonderful dedication of our Board Members and Volunteers.

For the fall session, 445 art kits were created. This means that volunteers organized 7,120 markers, 6,230 oil pastels, and 5,340 watercolor pencils! For the winter session we will be creating 360 art kits and for the spring session we will be creating 400 art kits.

THANK YOU to the TFT Board Members and Volunteers who assembled Art Kits.



Volunteers Assembling Art Kits in the TFT Office



Emily Culhan & Sara Waters recruiting students at an Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Rush Event

Judy Mathes & Andrea Hecht recruiting volunteers at Trilogy WOW



Teacher & Volunteer Appreciation Lunch Honoring Ellen Brenner and Billy Makuta for 22 Years of Teaching with TFT



Teaching Artists - Training and Team Building

We have an amazing group of 16 teaching artists with 11 actively teaching for the fall session. Teacher training and orientation sessions took place in August. We reviewed logistics and classroom management, as well as shared lesson plans and experimented with supplies in the art kits. Teaching Artists will continue to meet in between sessions to share classroom experiences and collaborate on lesson plans.

IN MEMORY OF LONG-TIME SUPPORTERS



Anne & Bob Hopkins

Bob joined the TFT Board in 2007 and served as the Chief Financial Officer for 12 years. He was a dedicated volunteer who gave many hours to support TFT's staff and financial well-being. Bob passed away on February 18, 2023.

Bev inspired all who knew her. She will be remembered as a remarkable woman who left an indelible mark on our community. Bev passed away on July 10, 2023.



Bev Schow



Mary Lynn Rose

Mary Lynn, an active "Friend of Tools For Tomorrow," gave her time and talent to promote our sustainability and growth. She passed away in November 2022.

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Dusty Wings Presents Check to TFT

Dusty Wings of the Desert Board President Carrie Coons and Vice President Althea Heagy presented an \$8,000 check to Tools For Tomorrow Board President Judith Antonio at an April 8 luncheon at Chaparral Country Club.

Antonio expressed gratitude for Dusty Wings' support of TFT's free after-school arts literacy program in Coachella Valley elementary schools.

Dusty Wings Board President-Elect Jean Carrus introduced TFT's Executive Director, Andrea Hecht, who spoke about how volunteers can assist Teaching Artists in the classrooms, ensuring that students feel "seen"; help with social media; assembling art kits; and more.

Dusty Wings is a fellowship of airline flight attendants brought together through shared-life experiences, offering bonds of friendship and camaraderie, while supporting our philanthropies in the desert. Since its founding in 1983, Dusty Wings has donated approximately \$1 million to charities in the desert.



"Around Our World" with Tools For Tomorrow



At Two Bunch Palms Elementary School in Desert Hot Springs, our Teaching Artists Billy Makuta and Ellen Brenner worked with our students to develop and present a program for their school titled "Around Our World with TFT".





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How do we operate?

We employ qualified Teaching Artists in creative writing, art, music and theater using a professionally designed curriculum.

Where are classes held?

Classes are held five days a week in-person at individual schools and online, after regular school hours.

What is the cost to each child?

Classes are FREE! All supplies, musical equipment, and snacks are provided by **Tools For Tomorrow**.

Which schools can we serve?

All Coachella Valley elementary schools are eligible. We are currently operating programs in Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, and Thousand Palms.

What are the program costs?

\$12,000 supports the full program in a school for one school year.

! TFT KIDS NEED YOU !



**SUSTAINABILITY IS CRITICAL
to maintain the program and qualify for grants**

*If you would like to help underwrite the costs of printing and mailing,
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TFT is excited to be working with the students at the following schools:

Cathedral City:

Agua Caliente Elementary School
Cathedral City Elementary School
Landau Elementary School
Rio Vista Elementary School
Sunny Sands Elementary School

Desert Hot Springs:

Bella Vista Elementary School
Bubbling Wells Elementary School
Cabot Yerxa Elementary School
Julius Corsini Elementary School
Two Bunch Palms Elementary School

Indio:

Andrew Jackson Elementary School
Carrillo Ranch Elementary School
Dr. Reynaldo J. Carreon Academy
Herbert Hoover Elementary School
James Madison Elementary School
Martin Van Buren Elementary School
Richard Oliphant Elementary School
Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School

La Quinta:

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School
Harry S. Truman Elementary School

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Ronald Reagan Elementary School

Palm Springs:

Cahuilla Elementary School
Katherine Finchy Elementary School
Vista del Monte Elementary School

Rancho Mirage:

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Thousand Palms:

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February 26, 2024

*CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP!
honoring Joe Giarrusso*

February 29 - March 3, 2024

La Quinta Art Celebration

April 3, 2024

*FLYING HIGH with DUSTY WINGS
honoring Irma Smith*

July 21, 2024

Christmas in July at The Roost Lounge