

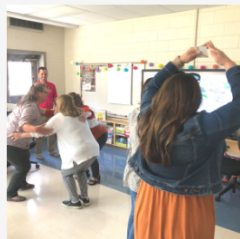
**Newsletter | October 2024**

Read how ArtsNOW brought learning to life this month!

**Midlands, SC: Strong Start for New Partnerships in the Midlands**

At **Saluda River Academy of the Arts**, Dance Consultant Chris Crabb led teachers and students in dance integration, guiding them to explore how movement can enhance instruction and learning. In several classrooms, this was achieved by creatively combining movement with mathematical concepts, helping students grasp abstract ideas through physical expression.

Theatre Consultants Barry Stewart Mann and Keighly Brown brought big energy to **Boundary Street** and **Reuben Elementary Schools** in Newberry County. At Reuben Elementary, Barry took students on an imaginary journey through history. Keighly had students at Boundary Street Elementary use pantomime to depict comparative and superlative adjectives.

**Athens, GA: Supporting STEAM Learning in Georgia**

Educators, leaders, and STEM supporters from around the state gathered at the Georgia Department of Education STEM/STEAM Forum. The ArtsNOW team was proud to provide resources on incorporating the arts into the classroom!

Project Manager Kim Mercer and Curriculum and Instruction Specialist Katy Betts presented a collaborative session on how to integrate the arts with Georgia's Standards of Excellence, providing hands-on opportunities and rich discussion of best practices for arts-integrated learning.

We enjoyed connecting with current partners from around the state, long-time collaborators from other organizations, and making new connections with supporters of the arts!





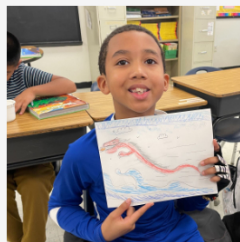
## Moncks Corner, SC: **Bonner Builds Knowledge Through Dance Integration**

As part of our Arts Grow SC project, ArtsNOW Dance Consultant Julie Baggenstoss led staff at **H.E. Bonner Elementary** through a dance integration do-si-do during their professional learning session to find natural connections between core content and dance. Kindergarteners used pathways to dance the shapes of numbers while counting. Fourth graders choreographed and performed movements to show different types of matter.



## East Point, GA: **Representing Myself**

Students at **Hamilton E. Holmes Elementary** explored character traits as they looked inward and thought about their own character. Visual Arts Consultant Shannon Green challenged students to describe their likes or characteristics without words. Fifth grade created Tiny Doors to express themes of love, friendship, and hard work they see in book characters and themselves. First-grade students created a collage of hand portraits that represented parts of themselves they loved. Creating their favorite food out of model clay was a challenge that third-grade students were happy to accept. It was a great day of exploring character traits!



## Johns Island, SC: **Angel Oak Elementary Receives Top Honor**

At the annual Palmetto State Arts Education Conference, ArtsNOW Leadership School **Angel Oak Elementary** was named the 2024 SC School of Excellence in Arts Education. This award recognizes schools that have done an outstanding job of making the arts essential to the education of their students. Principal Judith Condon and Instructional Coach Katie Erickson attended the awards luncheon to receive the award on behalf of the school. ArtsNOW President & CEO Pamela Walker was honored to submit a letter of support

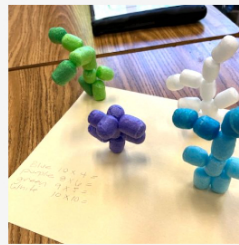
outlining Angel Oak's leadership and commitment to excellence in the arts.



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## Atlanta, GA: Creativity and Collaboration with Visual Arts

Collaboration and creativity were in full force at **M. Agnes Jones Elementary**! Visual Arts Consultant Shannon Green helped broaden teachers' understanding of the design process, elements of art, visual literacy skills, and how to use them in the classroom. Teachers especially loved the group art-making task, led by prompts from grade-level math and ELA standards - resulting in beautiful garden scenes! Students explored neon oil pastels and built sculptures from packing peanuts. They used model magic to incorporate seed-producing & non-seed-producing plants into a landscape.



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## Summerville, SC: Building Connections at the PSAE Arts Integration Conference

The ArtsNOW South Carolina team attended the annual Palmetto State Arts Education conference. Regional Director Regi Strickland presented "The Who, What, and Why of ArtsNOW," introducing school representatives to the organization's work and partnerships. Project Manager Christopher Crabb led "Math Moves," showcasing strategies to integrate dance into elementary math. The team co-presented a session for kicking off with arts integration, offering techniques from various art forms. The conference provided an excellent opportunity to network with schools and partners across South Carolina, advancing our efforts to engage students and equip educators.

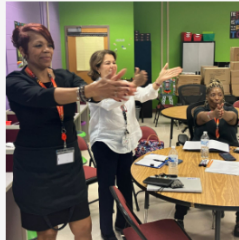




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## Atlanta, GA: The Power of Music

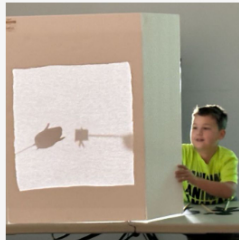
ArtsNOW Music Consultant Dr. Maribeth Yoder-White engaged teachers and students at **Usher-Collier Elementary School** in the power of integrating music with core subjects through soundscapes and rhythmic speech. During demonstration lessons, teachers learned how to use these techniques across the curriculum. Students used rhythmic speech to summarize and sequence informational text as well as understand prime and composite numbers. Through body percussion, students discovered sound to deepen reading comprehension and understanding of place value. One teacher shared, "I saw students who don't normally participate in class actively engaged in the lesson with smiles!"



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## Savannah, GA: Imagination in Action

ArtsNOW has joined forces with Georgia Tech CEISMC Savannah to organize a Saturday camp focused on Campfire Stories. Participants created shadow puppets and engaged in improvisational storytelling. This interactive experience combined creativity and technology, encouraging campers to express their ideas through art and performance. With a focus on collaboration and innovative thinking, the camp offered a fun and enriching environment for young storytellers to develop their skills. The morning was full of creativity, exploration, and imagination!



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## Register: Demonstration of Learning Days

Registration is now open for  
ArtsNOW Demonstration of Learning Days for 2024-2025.

Visit ArtsNOW Leadership Schools and see arts-integrated lessons in action during one of our eight dates to showcase different types of schools in Georgia and South Carolina.

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