

# Bainbridge Performing Arts 2009-2010 Season

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## **BPA Gallery: Celebrating Community Partnerships for Arts in our Schools February at Bainbridge Performing Arts**

**“KEEP THE ARTS ALIVE! in our Schools” Reception & Benefit: Thursday February 18 @ 6:00 p.m.**

The Bainbridge Island Arts Education Community Consortium (BIAECC) celebrates its 11<sup>th</sup> year supporting arts learning in our schools through dedicated community partnerships. This mixed media exhibit highlights the work of professional artists in the visual arts, poetry and the performing arts, shown together with examples of student work from in-classroom residencies and the Teen Apprentice program. The work of classroom teachers created through inspired mentorships with local artists will also be exhibited. The artists share reflections on their art and the relationships built between the professional artist, students, and classroom teachers. This exhibition celebrates the lively teaching and learning that happens through an arts-infused curriculum, for enrichment of the entire community.

“KEEP THE ARTS ALIVE! In our Schools” special reception and benefit for BIAECC will be held on Thursday evening February 18, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with appetizers, soft drinks, and wine. The whole community is welcome! Please come and celebrate with the artists, classroom teachers and students this remarkable program and the people who make it happen! Sale of work by the artists will benefit BIAECC. From 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. special performances highlighting the performing arts will feature student and professional artists including the Urvasi Dance Ensemble, Odissi classical dance of India, who have supported the World History and Cultures studies in our schools for four years.

Administered by the Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council, BIAECC was awarded recognition by the Washington Association of School Administrators for Outstanding Community Leadership and Service to Education and the Young People of Washington in 2009.

The BPA Gallery showcases regional artists in monthly rotating exhibits in the C. Keith Birkenfeld Lobby at BPA, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. Admission is free, and gallery hours are 10:00 a.m. –

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4:00 p.m. Tuesday – Friday, plus one hour prior to each performance. For additional information, contact **Steven Fogell** at 206.842.1163 or [sfogell@bainbridgeperformingarts.org](mailto:sfogell@bainbridgeperformingarts.org).

BPA is supported, in part, by the **Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council** and the **City of Bainbridge Island**.

Find out more about BPA at [www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org](http://www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org). Check online for the latest on theatre and symphony auditions, complete theatre school and adult class offerings, performance listings, tickets, cast lists, video promos, posters, press, and more. Click on “Join Mailing List” to receive electronic performance announcements and behind-the-scenes news.

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