We are pleased to introduce you to the Center For the Arts Eagle Rock and its Executive Director, Melinda Ann Farrell. Melinda is a documentary filmmaker, curator, and educator who has dedicated her career to providing artistic enrichment opportunities to underserved students, at-risk youth, emerging filmmakers, writers, and visual artists. She is a passionate advocate for access to the transformative power of the arts to engage and enrich diverse communities and individual lives.

In her role as Executive Director of Center for the Arts Eagle Rock (CFAER), Melinda is responsible for creative, strategic, and fiscal oversight of CFAER's core programs, exhibitions, and events, working collaboratively with a treasured collective of artists, program staff, and the community. Today we would like to introduce you to some of the key programming that has established CFAER's mark on the community as well as some important events coming soon!
At CFAER, Melinda has curated the exhibition, Little Masters, celebrating the youth artists of After School Arts: Imagine Studio, the organization’s signature arts education outreach program offered free of charge in 19 Title 1 schools throughout Northeast Los Angeles. The salon-style exhibition, now a yearly offering, showcased over 300 works in painting, drawing, sculpture, and comic book design. Melinda is also overseeing Center for the Arts Eagle Rock’s public programming for CURRENT: LA FOOD, public art triennial. The Center’s initiative “The Art of Food: A Recipe for Community” will present a day of culinary-inspired arts activities including live drawing and painting, a food poetry slam, artisan chocolate making and vegetable printmaking in the Exposition Park Rose Garden on November 3, 2019. More about “The Art of Food: A Recipe for Community” will be shared in future newsletters. Today we would like to focus on the BALAY/BAHAY events happening in the next month, including a film screening of "HOW TO MAKE A RAINBOW" happening this Friday August 30th!
'BALAY/BAHAY: Creating Community' is a year long initiative that highlights the creative talents of the Filipinx-American community. This series of programming emerged out of the 'BALAY/BAHAY: Creating Our Home,' a FilipinX-American visual art exhibition curated by Nica Aquino, that examined the meaning of home last year at CFAER. Eagle Rock is home to the largest population of Fil-Ams in Los Angeles. This year long project will provide a hub for the community
to create, engage in cross-cultural dialogues, learn about Philippine culture through the arts and celebrate Filipinx-Americans’ history and contributions to Northeast Los Angeles.

This programming has been made possible by the California Arts Council; Department of Cultural Affairs, City of Los Angeles; and the Eastside Arts Initiative.

This Friday August 30th, CFAER will present the tender documentary, 'HOW TO MAKE A RAINBOW.' Directed by Ryan Maxey, 'How to Make a Rainbow' tells the story of mother-daughter duo, Jade Phoenix Martinez & Alaizah Rayne, as they navigate gender identity, homelessness, and the struggles of daily life. Filmed over the course of 2 years, Jade goes through transitioning and must confront the impact that this has not only on her own reality, but also on Alaizah's. This is a free screening and Q&A with Jade and Alaizah, moderated by Danielle Elizabeth Stevens. All ages are welcome. Doors open at 6:30PM & programming starts promptly at 7:00PM. RSVP at (323)561-3044 x 222 or info@cfaer.org.

Read more: vimeo.com/blog/post/staff-pick-premiere-how-to-make-a-rainbow/
CENTER FOR THE ARTS EAGLE ROCK PRESENTS

“HOW TO MAKE A RAINBOW”

Film Screening and Q&A with:
Alaizah & Jade Phoenix Martinez
Moderated by:
Danielle Elizabeth Stevens

Free | All Ages Welcome
Friday, August 30, 2019
Doors Open 6:30PM

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This screening is part of BALAY/BAHAY:
Creating Community, a year long exploration
of Filipinx-American multidisciplinary arts.
The BALAY/BAHAY programming will continue Saturday, September 28 at the Eagle Rock Plaza for a FREE community workshop, BALIKBAYAN BOX: A CARE PACKAGE WORKSHOP, with artist, Sara Chao! In this workshop, learn about the ultimate Filipinx care package, the Balikbayan Box, with artist Sara Chao. In Tagalog, the word “balikbayan” means repatriate, a Filipinx returning back to the Philippines from abroad. Filipinxs living abroad will send these care packages home between visits, filled with food, clothes and toys. During the workshop, you will get to make a special care package for a loved one using collage and fabric materials, letter-writing supplies, and more. This workshop is FREE, all ages, materials provided & ALL cultural backgrounds are welcome!
The Fall 2019 Workshops are now open for registration. With workshops for all ages, and in all mediums, everyone can explore a new skill at Center for the Arts Eagle Rock this Fall! Sign up today for Drumming, Mask Making, Dance, Textile Design, Ceramics, and more.
**MONDAYS**

**YOUTH PAINTING**
Ages 8-12
September 30 - November 4th
Instructor: Kessidy Persoa
Learn the basics of painting in this six session workshop. We will study works by master artists to learn the fundamentals of painting and create our own original works.

**ADULT PAINTING**
Ages 16+
September 30 - November 4th
Instructor: Kessidy Persoa
This six session workshop is a great opportunity for new and seasoned artists to develop an original painting project. Our teaching artist will introduce new painting techniques, assist with concept development, and lead exercises that cover the basics of working with acrylic paints.

**TUESDAYS**

**MASK MAKING ALL AGES**
October 1 - 22nd
Performance on October 25th
Instructor: Leslie Gray
Learn basic mask making skills in this five session workshop. We will learn about the significance of masks in other cultures and some of the stories behind important characters. Each participant will build their own mask and take part in a culminating performance.

**GRAPHIC MEMOIR**
Ages 16+
September 24 - November 12
Instructor: Charlotte Hildebrand
Everyone has a story to tell, and the graphic memoir is the perfect vehicle to tell it. In this eight session workshop, we will participate in writing and drawing exercises, group critiques, and work towards finishing the first chapter of your personal graphic memoir. The class is open to artists and writers of all skill levels.

**WEDNESDAYS**

**CERAMICS**
Ages 8-12
September 18 - October 23
Instructor: Luke Davis
Learn how to hand build ceramics in this six session workshop. Projects include functional and sculptural art. Students will experience the entire build, glaze and fire process from start to finish.

**TEXTILE SURFACE DESIGN**
Ages 16+
September 4 - October 9
Instructor: Connie Rahman
This six session workshop will cover various surface design techniques, including block printing and shibori folding. Each participant will design a pair of cotton fabric that can be used in our Sewing workshops (October 16 - November 30) or taken home for future projects.

**THURSDAYS**

**GLOBAL RHYTHM**
African Hand Drumming
All Ages
September 26th - November 7th, No class on Halloween Performance on November 12th
Instructor: James Waterman
Explore different instruments, rhythms and drumming styles in this six session hand drumming workshop. Participants will get to play various African percussion instruments, including the Zimbalombe marimba, in this ensemble workshop. This workshop is open to musicians of all levels, and families are encouraged to join. This workshop culminates in a Global Rhythm performance on Sunday, November 10 that will feature professional African drumming ensembles from Los Angeles.

**FRIDAYS**

**ENERGETIC DANCE**
Ages 8-12
September 13 - November 1
Performance on November 1st
Instructor: California Dance Institute
Join the team from the heralded California Dance Institute for a fun filled dance class! This class will introduce the fundamentals of movement, rhythm and music in a structured, energetic dance environment with live musical accompaniment. Each week, students will learn theater dance combinations and explore movement in a safe environment that encourages confidence and experimentation.

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**FALL WORKSHOPS 2019**
For more information, please visit CFAIR.org/WORKSHOPS
Questions? info@cfair.org or call (323) 561-3044 x221
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For more current and upcoming programming including community yoga, poetry and more visit the Calendar of Events on the CFAER website!

We invite you to follow Center For the Arts Eagle Rock on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, where they will be sharing up to date information on their current and upcoming programs and opportunities. Follow to www.cfaer.org for more information.
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