

YOUNG IMAGINATIONS*Placing the arts at the core of
the educational process*

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We are very pleased to report that Young Imaginations has had another successful year in its mission of presenting arts-in-education classes in Northern California schools. While the US economy continues to regain ground lost in the Great Recession, arts-in-education is still struggling to recover lost territory. Despite this problem, Young Imaginations brought music and dance to over 4,000 children in 25 schools and helped demonstrate the need to reinstate the arts as part of a core curriculum.

Young Imaginations budget for FY 2013-2014 showed a net loss (see diagram) although we continue with our fundraising, explore new financial possibilities, and make changes necessary to project a net gain for the upcoming 2014-2015 fiscal year. Our draft projected budget for 2014-2015 will show a net gain of over \$12,500.

Thanks to all of you who have helped Young Imaginations to complete 27 years as a non-profit arts education agency. Over the past ten years YI has raised over \$930,000 from foundations and grants and almost \$350,000 from individual donations, while many other non-profits have curtailed operations or ceased to exist altogether. The split between contributed and earned income for FY 2013-2014 was 56% - 44%, reflecting the difficulty that schools face in attempting to fund arts education. For Young Imaginations, this meant that 84% of all contributed and earned income was devoted to children's classes.

To enable Young Imaginations to continue to bring multicultural music and dance programs to approximately twenty schools in the Bay Area and rural locations to the north, we must continue with determined fundraising and cost management efforts. Randall K. Wong, Doctor of Musical Arts, will lead the agency as we move into FY 2014-2015. He will serve as our new Administrative Director, bringing fresh ideas and energy to school programming and curricula, while also helping turn the corner on the financial front as we move forward into the 28th uninterrupted year of educational leadership through Young Imaginations.

Economic reports suggest that it will take until 2020 for public school funding to return to the pre-Recession levels of 2007-2008. We cannot wait. We must never forget that our children are the future. The arts are vital to the education of all children. We maintain our dedication to a tradition of excellence and a commitment to equity in access to arts education for the children of Northern California.

All of us at Young Imaginations express a big thanks to all who have generously supported our work over these past years and ask that you continue with your donations of money and your volunteer commitments. Do spread the good word amongst your friends and colleagues.

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Park Elementary
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Strawberry Elementary
Tamalpais Valley Elementary
Union Elementary

East Bay

Grand Lake Montessori Preschool

Rural Schools

Lakeside School
McCloud Preschool
McCloud Elementary
McCloud High School

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS

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TOTAL REVENUE: \$184,208



TOTAL EXPENSES: \$203,668



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