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## Arts Expo 2010 showcases Lafayette students' talents

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LAFAYETTE — The artistic talents of Lafayette Parish School System students take over downtown Saturday.

From 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Student Arts Expo 2010 will feature the visual and performing art talents of students from every school in the district.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 2 p.m. at Parc Putnam across from the federal courthouse, where chalk art displays will be judged.

Throughout downtown, businesses and galleries have opened their doors to exhibit students' artwork and for musical and theatrical performances.

"We received an overwhelming response — not only from the schools but businesses downtown," said Renée Roberts, education director for the Acadiana Center for the Arts.

More than 25 sites are part of the expo, she said.

The event is held in partnership with the Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette Parish School System, Downtown Lafayette and Lafayette Consolidated Government.

Roberts said the event is an outcome of an audit of community and school arts education programs that was released in 2009. One of the revelations of the audit was the community's lack of knowledge about arts programs in the community and schools, she said.

The expo showcases how art is used to enhance students' learning in the classroom, Roberts said.

"We have an unbelievably rich art experience happening in our schools," she said.

Schedule of events listed by downtown location:

Acadiana Center for the Arts:

### **Art House**

- 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Acadian Middle band and chorus.
- 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: J. Wallace James Elementary fifth grade, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."
- 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Carencro Middle, "Fabulous," from "High School Musical."
- 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.: L.J. Alleman Middle theatre, "Much Ado About Nothing."
- 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Lafayette High performing arts dancers.

### **Agave Restaurant**

- 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Evangeline Elementary, solo accordion.

### **A Spot for Tea**

- 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: L.J. Alleman Middle, spring piano, guitar and strings performances.
- 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Edgar Martin Middle, choral performance.
- 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.: Ridge Elementary, spring chorus concert.

### **Chase Tower Lobby**

- 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Lafayette High performing arts dancers.
- 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.: Lafayette High chorus.
- 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Lafayette High string ensemble.

### **Cité Des Arts**

- 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Carnival of the Arts: Three Rings of Talent (music and theatre performances by the Lafayette Parish Talented Arts students will alternate every hour).

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- 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.: L.J. Alleman Middle percussion ensemble, "Baja."
- 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Myrtle Place Elementary musical, "The Three M's: Music, Math & Money."
- 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Acadiana High jazz band.
- 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Plantation Elementary choral group and band ensemble.
- 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Carencro Middle marching band.
- 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.: Lafayette High jazz band.
- 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Lafayette High performing arts theatre, "A Year with Frog and Toad."

For locations of specific school exhibits and for a map with event locations, visit:

<http://www.acadianacenterforthearts.org> and click on the "Student Arts Expo 2010" link.

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