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An Educational Collaboration of Arts • Industry • Community

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The Crucible's Fall Open House Celebrating Art and Community

September 6, 2008 12-6 PM



Experience the excitement of innovative collaboration first hand at our annual Fall Open House; it's an extraordinary celebration of both art and community in our 56,000 square-foot industrial arts studio in West Oakland. If you've ever wondered what goes on behind that big roll-up door at The Crucible, this is the time to come visit and get acquainted.

Featuring an expo of over 35 community organizations that bring vital and important services to our diverse neighborhood, and an art show highlighting the talents of our students, it's a wonderful way to experience all that is good about West Oakland. This is a family-friendly event with performances by local talent, food and fun for all ages—and it's FREE!

You'll be able to see work in progress on our newest collaborative project, made possible by a grant from the NEA -- an artistic and functional wheelchair ramp designed and built by Crucible youth students and faculty.

Visitors can watch live demonstrations of many of the skills taught at The Crucible, like glass working, metal casting, blacksmithing, and welding, and can learn more about classes where anyone can learn to make art of their own. Browse through our well-equipped studios and see all the tools and machinery available for turning ideas into art, chat with our friendly instructors, and enjoy an afternoon of exploration and possibilities.

About The Crucible

The Crucible is a non-profit arts education center that fosters a collaboration of arts, industry and community, teaching and showcasing fire, metal, glass and light art in the East Bay for over five years. The Crucible offers more than 700 classes to over 5,000 students annually in everything from bronze casting to neon, welding to glass working, blacksmithing to fire dancing. Dedicated to the creative use of fire and light, The Crucible is known for its innovative and stunning public events and fundraisers, uniting artists from diverse disciplines. For more information, visit <http://www.thecrucible.org>.



FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

WHAT: **The Crucible's Fall Open House; Celebrating Art & Community**
September 6, 2008 12-6 pm

WHO: The Crucible's talented students and faculty with community organizations serving West Oakland.

PRICE: FREE!

WHERE: **The Crucible, 1260 7th Street, Oakland, CA 94607**
(2 blocks from W. Oakland BART)

Event Activities Include:

- An expo of organizations committed to serving Oakland communities
- Metal pour in our foundry
- Food & Refreshments
- Fire performances, music and dance
- Live demonstrations including welding, glass working, metal casting, and blacksmithing
- Student art show
- Fun, prizes and more

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