

# Arts and Entertainment

# the FAB5



Tacoma Art Place (TAP) is a non-profit art organization (with 501(c)3 charitable status) with the mission is to provide access to equipment and training that will allow more people to affordably explore their creativity and artistic ability.

Open from 2007 to 2012 TAP will be focusing on the outreach arm of its core function, "to reach underserved groups with arts programming," through artistic pursuit in the Tacoma area. Mobile units will reach out to local schools, community centers, everywhere art can make a difference.



For over 25 years Ethnic Fest has celebrated culture and community of Pierce County. This South Sound tradition will be held every July at Wright Park in downtown Tacoma.

Ethnic Fest offers everything from Bulgogi to Gelato, reggae to rumba, and is enjoyed by tens of thousands of people each year. Festival goers can feast on exotic flavors, vivid costumes and dynamic rhythms as they experience two full days of music, dance, art, and foods from around the world.

Performance stages spotlight music such as Brazilian drum and dance, Celtic and Irish music, jazz, reggae, and much more. Ethnic Fest's rich blend of cultures and musical celebrations brings people to their feet. Food vendors featuring tasty treats from a variety of cultures will satisfy festival-goers' appetites while craft booths highlight handcrafts, clothing, art, and jewelry from local artisans. Community information booths will feature local agencies along with the resources and services that reflect Tacoma's diversity.



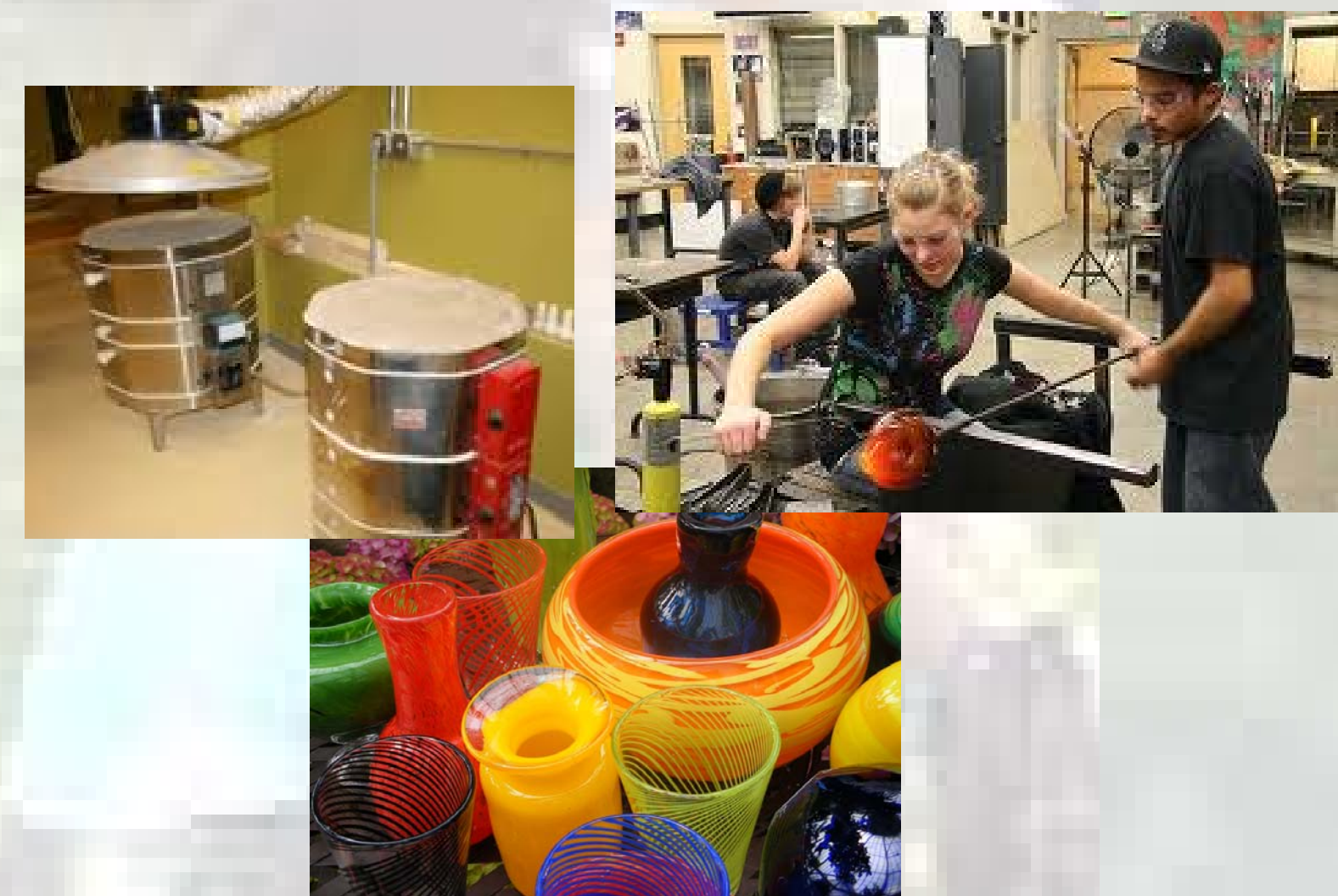
In 2005, responding to the lack of relevant creative outlets for undeserved youth (especially youth of color) Fab-5 created L.I.F.E. (Living In Free Expression) — an intensive series of urban arts workshops designed to allow youth to develop and explore their unique voices through a variety of different urban arts mediums (DJing, legal graffiti, break dancing & the lyricists lounge).



## HILL ART TOPISTS

Established in 1994 with the help of Dale Chihuly, Hilltop Artists is a 501(c)3 non-profit glass arts program that provides classes and individualized instruction for over 500 students each year.

Hilltop Artists provides youth, ages 11-20, with hot glass instruction, related arts training, and adult mentors focusing on increasing students' academic and interpersonal success. Supported by a growing body of research on the correlation between involvement in the arts and the development of critical protective factors - self-esteem, civic involvement, academic success - Hilltop Artists offers a unique model for using art as a means for violence prevention and intervention with youth that has outstanding results. No students are refused services based on their past behavior, grades, disabilities, or artistic talent. All of our programs are tuition-free.

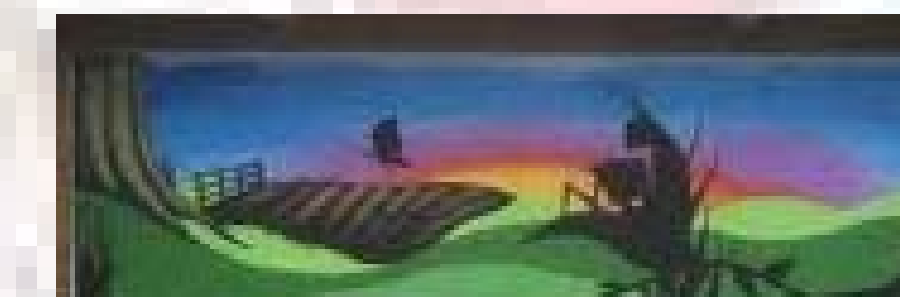


## write@253

Write@253's mission is "to inspire the writer who lives in everyone, by nurturing creativity and celebrating the tremendous talents of our community."

- We offer afterschool homework help and writing tutoring to K-12 students in resource-challenged neighborhoods,
- Provide evening and weekend workshops that focus on creative, academic and professional writing,
- Train tutors to work with K-12 teachers on their writing projects and help them get excited about writing,
- Offer fun, engaging field trips focused on writing and publishing for K-12 students,
- Recruit local and nationally-recognized writers to support our efforts through workshops, field trips, and helping us to raise money

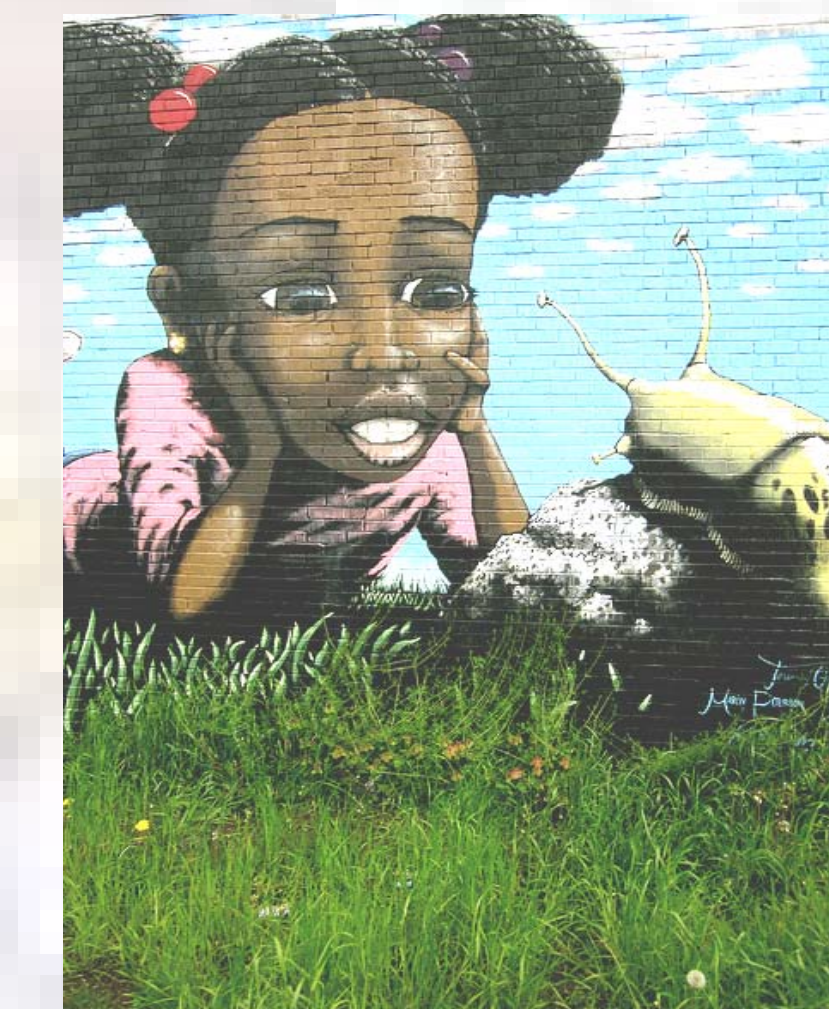
We work with other community groups to support Tacoma students and their writing.



McCarver School mural  
Jeremy Gregory



1145 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Morgan Alexander



2143 MLK Jr. Way  
August 2012  
Jeremy Gregory



A dream come true  
907 MLK Way  
Bob Henry



DASH Center for the Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality arts education to all people, creating youth programs that directly counteract gang and other negative influences, and opportunities for minority artists to showcase their works.

The DASH Center for the Arts is a home for people, primarily youth, to develop natural talent, confidence, and self-esteem, as well as acquire the skills necessary for a career in the arts.

On April 11, 2003 DASH Center for the Arts was born. DASH started as an acronym, standing for Dancing, Acting, and Singing in Harmony. For a long time, those three skills were the organization's primary focus. However, since entering DASH Center's current facility on MLK Jr. Way in 2006, DASH has grown beyond simply dancing, acting, and singing to encompass empowerment, determination and encouragement. No matter how much DASH grows, its original mission and youth-focus will not change.

