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Farragut Students Display, Sell Art at ARTWORKS! Fundraiser

(Culver City, Calif.) –Farragut Elementary School students have critiqued and selected their best artwork to display in the 500-piece gallery art show called “ARTWORKS!” on Saturday, April 25 in the Helms Bakery Complex at 8723 Washington Blvd. from 6 to 9pm. An additional 100 pieces of professional art from local artists will also be on display as part of a silent and live auction that will include gift certificates from local businesses.

The ARTWORKS! adults-only gallery show is a fun-filled evening of art, a live and silent auction, cocktails, jazz and hors d’oeuvres. It is widely attended not only by parents but also by arts supporters, city officials and the community. This great space is provided by art supporters Walter Marks, Inc., and admission is \$10 per person. Always popular is a cocktail bar provided by City Councilman Mehaul O’Leary of Joxer Daly’s complete with drink specials like "Picasso's Plunge". Mouth-watering hors d’oeuvres by Caffè Roberto. An extraordinary cheese display by Surfias and desserts by Hotcakes Bakes. Flowers by Culver Center Flowers. And, musical entertainment by Mr. Pascoe’s Jazz Trio and a silent and live auction of professional art at great prices. Childcare is available for \$20 per child at the nearby Josephson Academy of Gymnastics with pre-registration for school-aged students only. On the following day, Sunday, April 26, it’s “Community Art Day” with free arts & crafts activities for all ages. The free art exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday for general viewing by children, families, and the public.

ARTWORKS! co-chairperson, Bonnie Wacker, said, “The hottest item last year was a Tinker Bell animation cell by Warner Brothers inker Martha Sigall which sold for \$900. This year she is donating another cell of Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck and she is giving the winner a tour of her collection. We anticipate that our most popular items this year will be a BMW bike cruiser and Sony Premiere tickets.”

Kathleen McKernin, ARTWORKS! co-chairperson said, “This year we are adding a cocktail lounge area complete with cocktail tables and chairs from the Sony Studios props department and Omega Cinema Props. Our featured area this year will be our new and expanded "Artworks! Bazaar" area with jewelry, hand knit American Girl hat & scarf

sets, handmade stationery, organic jam and over the top terrific boutique items from professional crafters. As well as, our "Kids Boutique" area with hand printed towels, bags, decoupage glassware and printed stationery all made by Farragut students.”

Last year, more than \$17,000 was raised to support the arts at Farragut Elementary School. Funds went to pay for an art teacher’s salary and provided all the necessary art supplies to fund the entire program for the year. Without this fundraiser, the art program at Farragut would not exist. All proceeds from the ARTWORKS! event will go to the Farragut Fan Club, the sponsoring organization for the art program at Farragut Elementary School.

“Our theme this year at ARTWORKS! is “Community”. It’s a coming together of our parents, students’ art creations and the community to celebrate the arts.” said Principal Barbara Brown. “Farragut is an ‘arts and technology focus’ school. We are not only able to give our students classes in art, but music appreciation classes as well. We enjoy leading the way in providing an arts education for every student.”

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