

# Artists In The Schools Program (AITS)

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# Artists in the Schools (AITS) Program

- Provides grants to Hawaii's schools for arts residencies with professional Teaching Artists from the HSFCA's Artistic Teaching Partners Roster
- Addresses Fine Arts standards from the Hawai'i Content and Performance Standards III, and when desired, integrates the arts with other core subject areas

# AITS Objectives

- Engage students deeply in the artistic processes of creating, performing/exhibiting/sharing, and responding to art



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- Build students' 21st Century skills – critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration – through arts learning



# AITS Grants



- School contributes 10% of grant
- Residency is during school day
- Minimum 8 sessions for elementary students
- Minimum 5 sessions for secondary students

- Hawai'i K-12 public schools, including charter schools, are eligible
- Maximum \$6,000 grant annually per school

# Residencies in...



# Music





# Dance



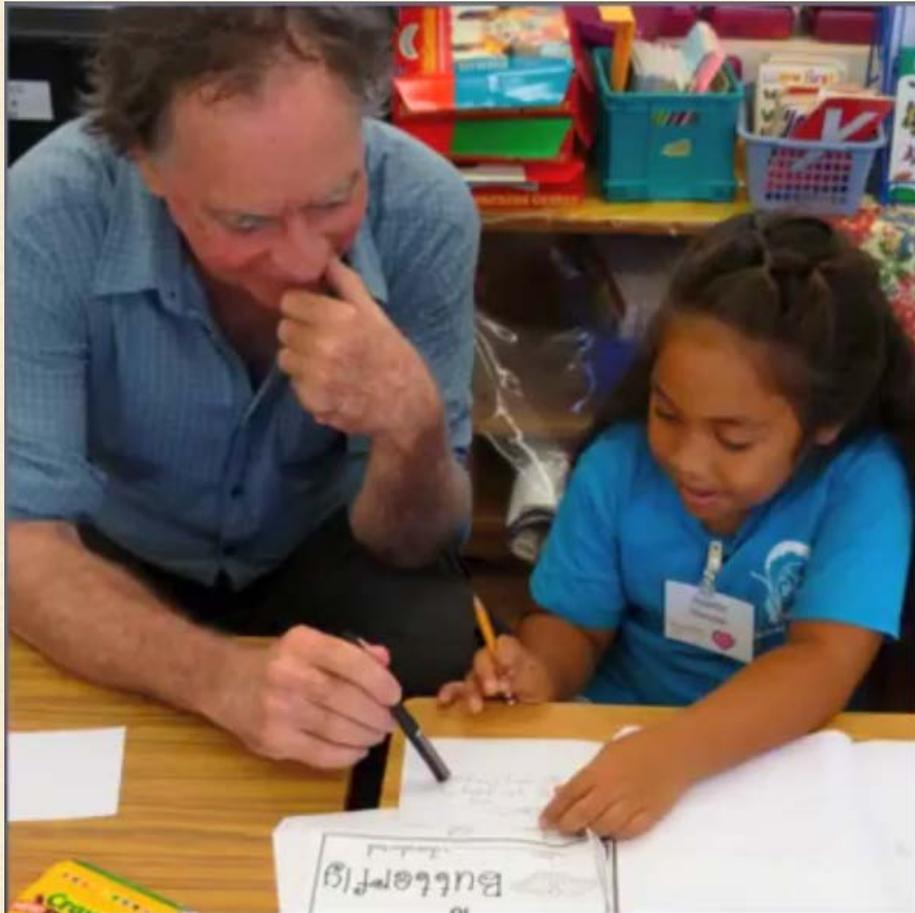
# Drama





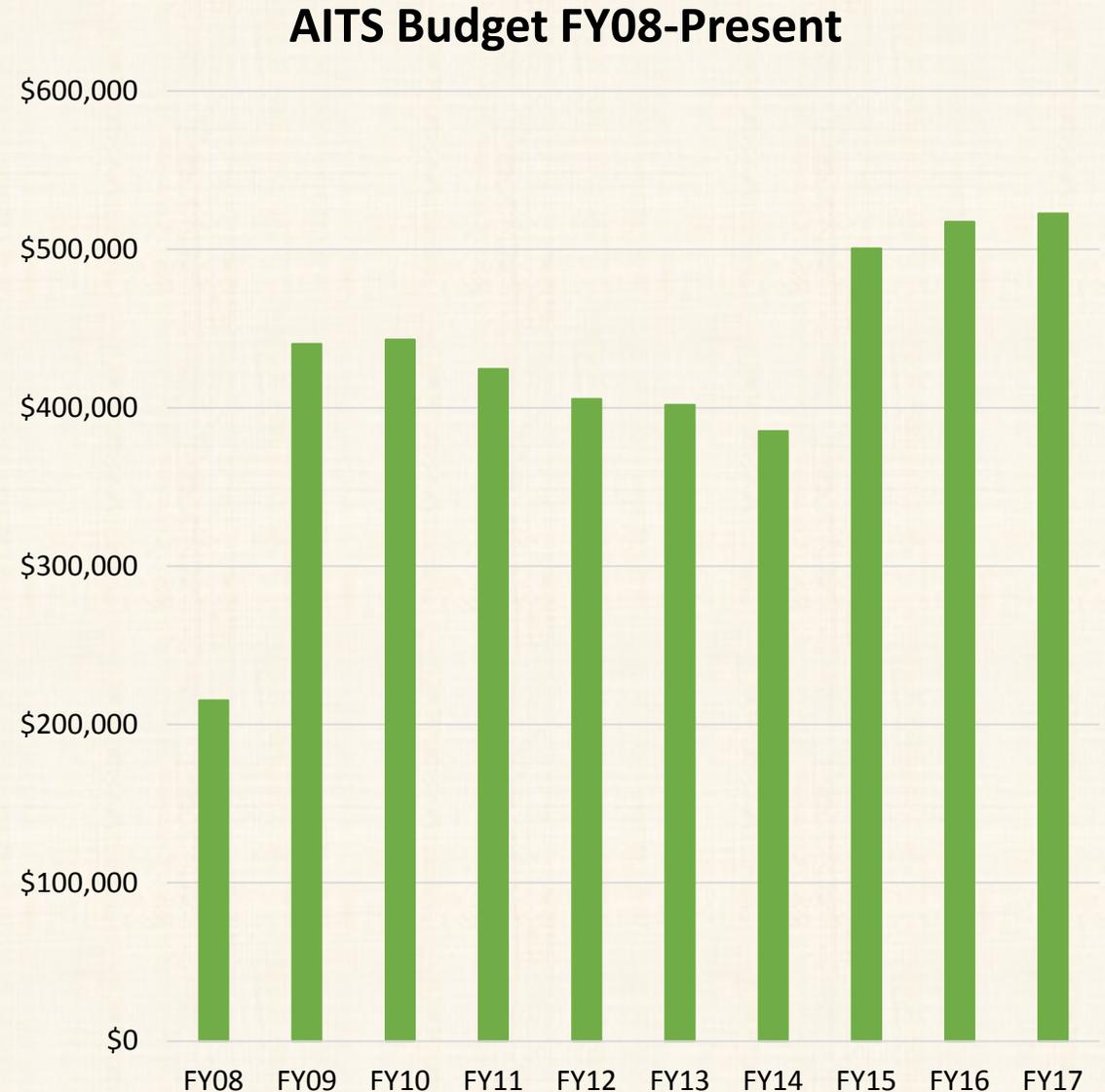
## Visual Arts

# Literary Arts



# Celebrating 10 Years of AITS at HSFCA!

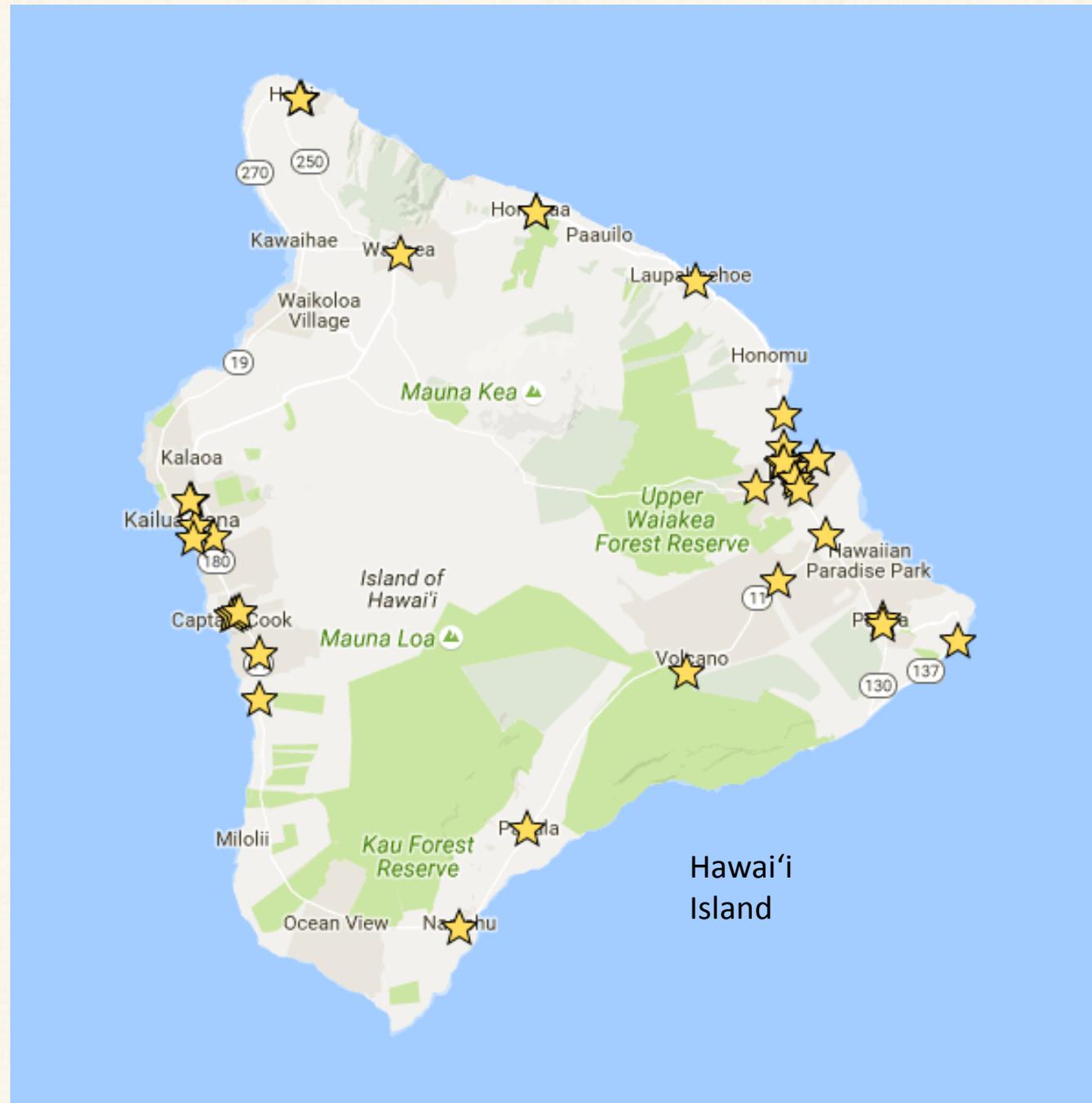
- \$4.2 million granted to schools by HSFCA since 2007
- Hawai'i Community Foundation has generously contributed matching private funds since 2008 – over \$2 million to date



# AITS Schools Funded FY08-FY17

## Facts about Hawai'i Island:

- 36 schools served out of 56 on island
- Over 2,000 students to be served in '16-'17





## Kaua'i

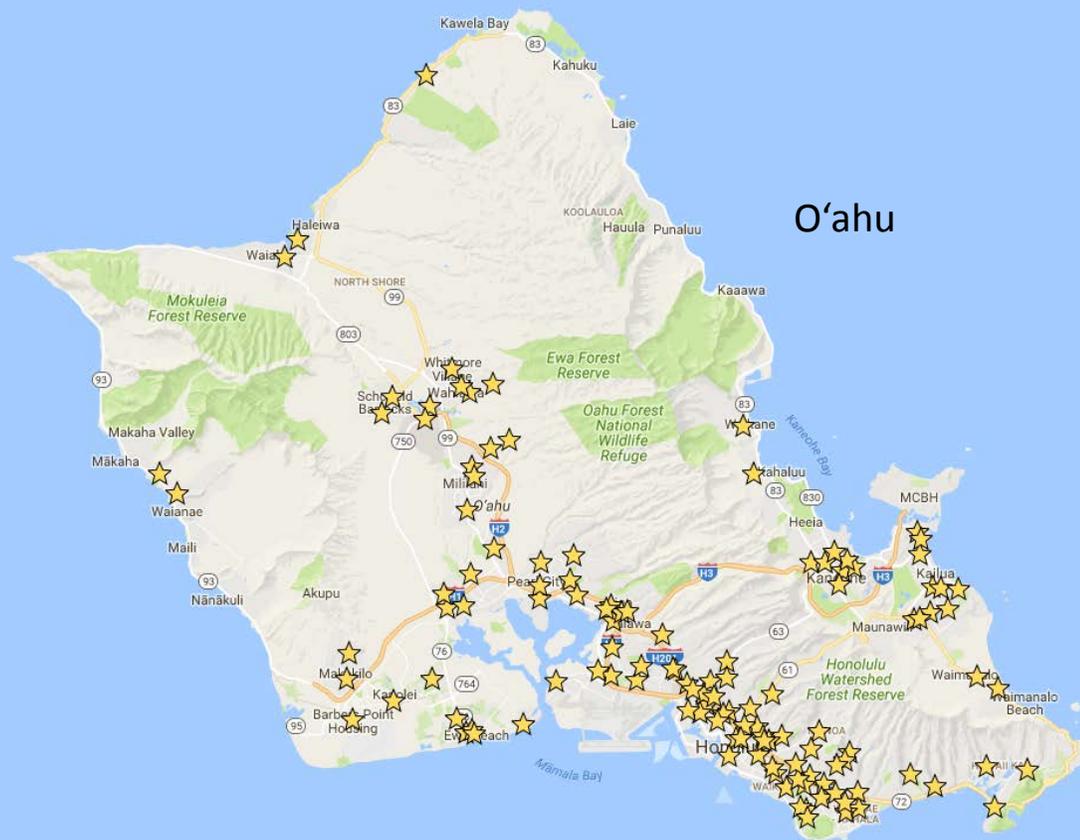


## Facts about O'ahu:

- 127 schools served out of 183 on island
- Over 7,700 students to be served in '16-'17

## Facts about Kaua'i:

- 5 schools served out of 19 on island
- Over 500 students to be served in '16-'17



## O'ahu

# AITS Teaching Artists (TAs) are...



- Accomplished individual artists and arts organizations
- Qualified to teach in-depth arts residencies in schools
- On the HSFCA statewide adjudicated Artistic Teaching Partners Roster

- 10 TAs on Hawai'i Island
- 12 TAs on Maui
- 23 TAs on O'ahu
- 2 TAs on Kaua'i

# Teaching Artists Receive Annual Professional Development to...

- Learn best practices in arts integration pedagogy
- Gain knowledge of national trends in arts education
- Be inspired by the community of teaching artists



# Praise from Principals

*“The arts have truly built our students’ confidence.”*

– Makakilo Elementary

*“AITS has been a gift to our school and we are deeply appreciative of the value the arts bring to us as citizens within our school, within our community, and within our world.”*

– Hokulani Elementary



*“The residency is creating opportunities for developing self-expression and greater self-esteem for our visually impaired, hearing impaired and cognitively delayed students.”*

– Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind

# What Teachers Are Saying

*“It is always such a joy to see the shy ELL students really come alive via the vehicle of drama. So thrilling!”*



*“The children love to learn from an expert/professional. They loved being able to use a variety of instruments. A vast majority of the children have not had or will not have such a special experience. The learning curve was huge!”*

# What Teachers Are Saying



*“Schools are pressured to produce good test scores and raise student achievement, but the fine arts are the means to develop the ‘humanity’ in our students.”*

*“It was especially magical to see students who normally struggle in academic subjects like reading and math tap into their strong creative and imaginative abilities to excel in art.”*



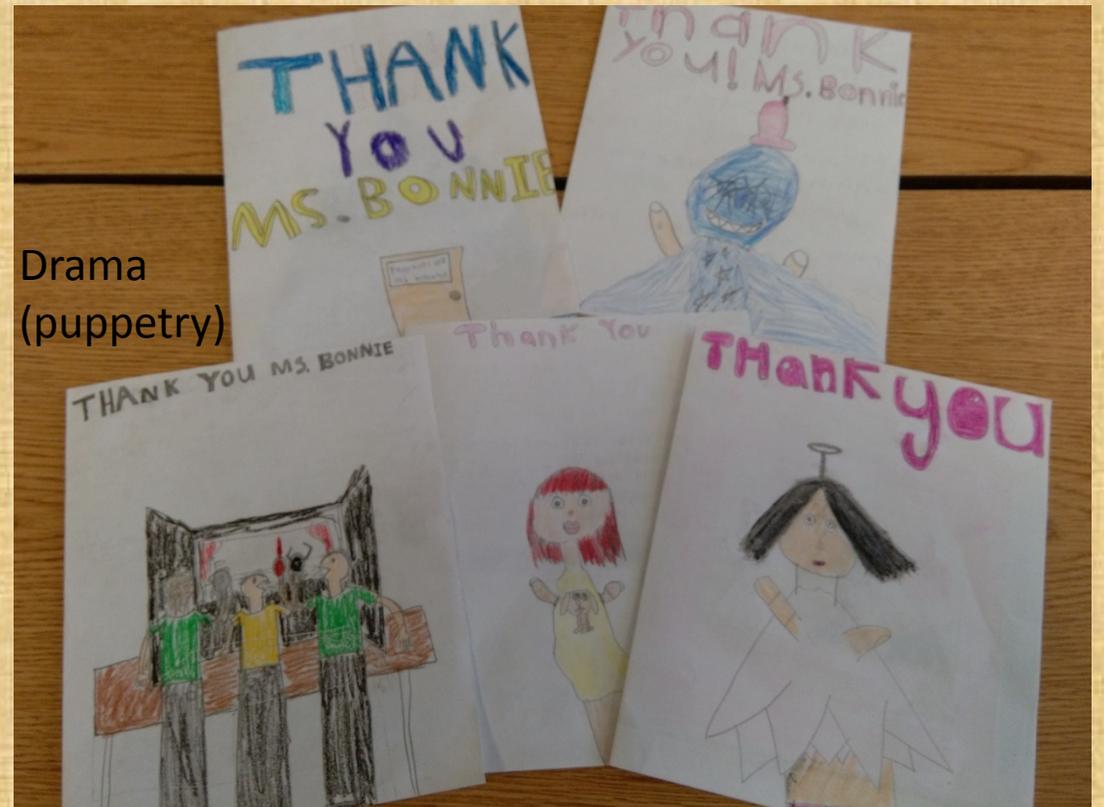
# What Students Think



Dear Mr. Wall

Thank you so much for making us learn new stuff from Africa. I enjoyed playing with the instruments with you. I loved your jokes about pizza. I learned about vocabulary words and thank you for everything.

*"It taught me to go outside of my comfort zone and made me more comfortable with doing new things with other people." - 7<sup>th</sup> Grader*



Drama  
(puppetry)

# Teaching Artists Reflections



*"...I'm not actually teaching, I'm creating an environment where learning & growth can be cultivated."*



*"We're not just giving them art skills, teaching them the content, but we're giving them tools to become better humans, help them to succeed at whatever they do in life.... skills that they can carry throughout their life even if they never do another dance step again."*



Arts for Every Child!



Questions about the Artists in the Schools Program?

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