



# CoachArt *Connections*

Sharing news and resources with CoachArt volunteers



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## CoachArt Blog!

CoachArt launches a new blog for coaches to network and share their experiences!

Visit our blog by going to:

<http://coachartblog.blogspot.com/>

If you would like to post an entry, email your blog post to

[karina@coachart.org](mailto:karina@coachart.org)

## Welcome!

CoachArt welcomes the following new volunteers who joined our volunteer network in March:

Nick Araya  
Erin Branham  
Lisa Canoy  
Therese Conte  
Joy Dickson  
Karen Feldman  
Shannen Ko  
Janelle Marsiglia  
Maureen Morrison  
Laura Mitchell  
Tanner Nilsen  
Lindsay Perlman  
Holly Schwartz  
Josselyn Torres  
Simi Valley

## Greetings, CoachArt Volunteers!

This month's newsletter coincides with the closure of Spring class enrollment for CoachArt students and one-on-one coaches. Through your immense support, the organization continues to spread its creative wings and has enrolled over 300 students in group and private lessons this Spring!

We have also experienced tremendous growth in students joining our program, thanks in large part to the support of volunteers in hospital workshops and program events who share CoachArt programs with new families. We have welcomed 125 new students to CoachArt already this year!

Thank you for playing a tremendous role in the lives of children with chronic and life threatening illnesses and their siblings. If you ever have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to [contact me](#).

Karina Nordbak  
Program Manager

## In-Hospital Workshops

This month we begin sharing openings for art workshops at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) through the e-newsletter. Please see the information below to sign up for a workshop that fits your schedule. All interested volunteers should contact Andrea Carrillo, Program Coordinator, at [andrea@coachart.org](mailto:andrea@coachart.org) or via (213) 736-2850. Two volunteers are needed for each of the dates listed below. If you are a new volunteer, you will be paired up with a veteran volunteer who can guide you through your first workshop. Thank you for your interest in servicing the children of CHLA!



Wednesday, May 6th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Wednesday, May 20th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Thursday, May 21st from 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Thursday, May 21st from 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
Thursday, May 28th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Art Show  
featuring CoachArt  
Students & Coaches!**



Join us for our first art show showcasing the work of CoachArt Students & Coaches!  
Lahoda Fine Arts  
1855 Industrial St. #104, Los Angeles 90021  
(At the Toy Factory Lofts)

You are invited to celebrate the work of both students and coaches in CoachArt's first art show and exhibition "Get Your Heart in the Game" opening on Saturday, May 2nd! CoachArt volunteers, partners, family and friends are welcome to enjoy the evening and honor the work of our featured artists in Downtown Los Angeles from 6:00pm - 10:00pm (1855 Industrial St., #104, Los Angeles 90021).

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the talents of our artists, meet CoachArt students and coaches and bring interested volunteers to the program. A sincere thank you to CoachArt volunteers, Jennifer & Britt, for putting together such a wonderful opportunity for CoachArt! For more information, please contact [karina@coachart.org](mailto:karina@coachart.org) or call 213-736-2850. No RSVP required.

Friday, May 29th from 9:30am - 11:30am

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Andrea@coachart.org](mailto:Andrea@coachart.org)! You will receive a confirmation e-mail once you have been assigned to your workshop date.



### Outpatient Coaching

On behalf of everyone at CoachArt, thank you to all coaches who provided lessons to students during the Winter session. We have over twenty coaches continuing for a second session with their students this Spring, testifying to the relationships that have formed between student and coach this year. Thank you to all new and returning coaches!

One of our returning coaches is Mark Kimura (pictured above). Mark has been incredibly involved with CoachArt since he joined our program in November. He began working with 13-year-old Jessica in February for karate lessons on Sunday afternoons. In reflecting on his first coaching experience, Mark said, "It took the first 3 classes for me to find a good balance between what she enjoyed and the authenticity of the art. What surprised me was how mature my student was... maybe her illness forced her to grow up fast." Mark has since purchased Jessica a karate uniform, courtesy of CoachArt, to enhance his student's experience. "I was really impressed by the fact CoachArt found THE perfect student for me." For the Spring, Mark has chosen to continue working with Jessica and also work with a second student, an 18-year-old boy named Ryan.

Mark has also participated in the Art in the Park art workshop series at Barnsdall Park and continually provides IT-assistance to CoachArt's administrative office on a voluntary basis.

When asked what he would like to share with other volunteers, Mark said, "This is just my personal belief ... but I personally believe it's actually wonderful to want to get something for yourself out of your experiences with your students. It's obvious that you are doing something extremely selfless by donating your time and energy to give yourself to others... I would advise that instead of trying to just give, give and give, we choose to notice and enjoy what we are receiving as well."

If you are a coach that did not get matched with a student for the springtime, we thank you for making yourself available and look forward to finding a student for you for the summer (July - September). For any questions or comments, please contact [karina@coachart.org](mailto:karina@coachart.org).

### Program Events

On Saturday, April 4th, CoachArt attended the Margaret Jones Conference on Cerebral Palsy Family Forum at UCLA to share the program's opportunities with prospective students and to provide free arts projects to all the children.

Thank you to volunteers Carie, Jeremy, Susan & Jennifer for providing a memorable pointillism project for the students! Several new families joined CoachArt as a result of your care and enthusiasm!

## Upcoming Events!

CoachArt Program Partner  
Summer Studios Art Academy  
presents:

Friday, April 24th from 7 to 9:30p.m.  
Free "ART JAM Night!"  
Art, Music, and Poetry

SummerStudiosArtsAcademy supports the local arts community every month with "ART JAM! Night." Artists sign up to bring an art piece for display, writers and poets a page to read, and musicians a song to play for an exciting evening of cultural enrichment, refreshments and relaxed socializing.

FREE to the public. Don't miss this evening of art, music, and poetry! Come join the fun and mingle with the art crowd! For more information, contact David Parsons, Executive Director, at (310) 325-8801 or visit [www.SummerStudios.net](http://www.SummerStudios.net).

*Want to share your talents, shows, and pastimes with other coaches? E-mail [karina@coachart.org](mailto:karina@coachart.org) with information or a link to your website and we'll include it in our next newsletter.*

## Sun Valley Youth Arts Center

*Highlighting the Commitment  
of a CoachArt Program Partner*

The Sun Valley Youth Art Center (SVYAC) is a member of the Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department that began working with CoachArt soon after it opened its doors in late 2006.

Housed in the historic 'Stone House' on Sunland Boulevard, the center provides a charming backdrop for the creativity that flourishes inside. SVYAC's extensive list of art and music classes has been a favorite of CoachArt students in the local area, particularly their Comic Book Art class, in which elements of traditional hand drawn art combine with specialized computer programs to develop a truly unique work of art!



To date, the Sun Valley Youth Art Center has welcomed over 30 different CoachArt students to participate in their classes, most of who choose to continue for multiple consecutive sessions. It has been our great fortune to work with Sun Valley Youth Arts Center's instructors over the years, whose talent and dedication is constantly highlighted by the enthusiastic feedback we receive from our CoachArt students and their families.

For more information on programs offered at the Sun Valley Youth Art Center, please visit the Cultural Affairs Department website at [www.culturela.org](http://www.culturela.org).



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