



# 2026 MECA SPRING RECITAL

MAY 20-21-22 | MECA AT TBH CENTER  
6:00PM

# FROM THE OST ART PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Every applause tonight celebrates much more than a performance: it celebrates the effort, discipline, creativity, and growth of each one of our students. At MECA, we believe in the transformative power of the arts to inspire dreams, strengthen communities, and give voice to new generations. Thank you for joining us on this beautiful journey of learning, passion, and artistic expression.

# DE LA DIRECTORA DEL PROGRAMA DE ARTES OST

Cada aplauso esta noche celebra mucho más que una presentación: celebra el esfuerzo, la disciplina, la creatividad y el crecimiento de cada uno de nuestros estudiantes. En MECA, creemos en el poder transformador de las artes para inspirar sueños, fortalecer comunidades y dar voz a las nuevas generaciones. Gracias por acompañarnos en este hermoso camino de aprendizaje, pasión y expresión artística.

-Isadora Mangino

# VISUAL ART EXHIBIT

Students learned how to draw and sketch certain objects and characters, explore graffiti-style art using their names, create unique designs with ink and pen, and paint pieces that were meaningful to them while challenging their creativity and inspiration. The program encouraged students to express themselves freely and embrace their creativity through art.

## VISUAL ARTS

**INSTRUCTOR: VIVIANA DELGADO**

**STUDENTS:**

Alina Guerra

John Anthony Guajardo

Astrid Guerra

Nicolas Miguel Guajardo

Valerie Ruiz

August Hopson

Delylah M. Casiano

William T. Loveless

Peter Lotz

Dantrell Jones Siverand Jr

David M. Ansaldi

Legend Steward

Sophia Cantu

Anthony Walton

# WEDNESDAY: MAY 20

## VIOLIN

**INSTRUCTOR: NIKO KREMENLIEV**

(SPECIAL PERFORMANCE)

## PIANO: CRESPO ELEMENTARY FINE ART PROGRAM

Julian Jaime : **"Song of the Bee" & "Waltzing Around"**

Christopher Guttierrez: **"Tarantella"**

Christopher Guttierrez & Matthew Fernandez : **"Duet Van Gogh"**

Matthew Fernandez : **"Presto"**

## BALLET - INTERMEDIATE

**INSTRUCTOR: ISADORA MANGINO**

**MUSIC: TENDU PAQUITA, CHANGEMENT 1, GRAND ALLEGRO DON QUIXOTE**

Allison Rodriguez

## GUITAR

**INSTRUCTOR: JUAN MANUEL RANGEL**

**MUSIC: "BLACKBIRD" - THE BEATLES**

Mia Trevino

**MUSIC: "MARTINILLO" - THE COUNTDOWN KIDS**

Moses Canto

## GUITAR

**INSTRUCTOR: JESUS LOZANO**

**MUSIC: "ODE TO JOY" - BEETHOVEN & "FAIS DO DO" - RAFFI**

Franky Lopez

## BALLET FOLKLÓRICO: ADULT

**INSTRUCTOR: JACKIE KRIENKE**

**MUSIC: "EL CERRO DE LA SILLA"- LOS BRNCOS DE REYNOSA**

Maria Gonzalez

## THEATER

**INSTRUCTOR: GRETCHEN CORTES**

**PRODUCTION: "THE DREAM MACHINE"**

Aurora Anais Saucedo

Dominic Lotz

Cassandra Rodriguez-Vazquez

Legend Stewart

August Hopson

## BALLET FOLKLÓRICO: ADULT

**INSTRUCTOR: JACKIE KRIENKE**

**MUSIC: "EL YERBERITO MODERNO" - CELIA CRUZ**

Maria Gonzalez

# THURSDAY: MAY 21

## PIANO

**INSTRUCTOR: OSCAR ALVAREZ**

**MUSIC: "YANKEE DOODLE" & "FLUTE SONG"**

Emilio Ramos

**MUSIC: "MARCH OF THE DAWRFS" | "HALLOWE'EN" | "ARE YOU SLEEPING"**

Julia Ortega-Moore

**MUSIC: "BINGO" | "THE CROCODILE" | "THE SILVER SKATES"**

Julian Martinez

**MUSIC: "THE BIRCH CANOE"**

Celestia Rodriguez

**MUSIC: "OP. 70 NO. 9,13"- H. BERENS**

Romulo Ramos

**MUSIC: "CLAVIERSTUCK IN A MINOR" - LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN**

Allison Rodriguez

## PIANO

**INSTRUCTOR: PAULETTE WILLIAMS**

**MUSIC: "SNAKE CHARMER" - R. FABER | "WEEPING WILLOW" - ALFREDS**

Italo Bertolusso

## BALLET FOLKLÓRICO - BEGINNER

**INSTRUCTOR: ORLANDO GUERRERO**

**MUSIC: "EL TILINGO LINGO" | "LAS CHIAPANECAS" | "EL PESCADOR" | "LA LLORONA"**

Emilia Lopez

Alexa Torres Diaz

Isabel Campbell

Desilu Muñoz

Willa Campbell

# THURSDAY: MAY 21

## **BALLET FOLKLÓRICO - CROCKETT ELEMENTARY MALAMBO PRESENTATION**

**INSTRUCTOR: ORLANDO GUERRERO**

**MUSIC: LOS PALITOS RITMICOS "DANZA DE LOS MACHETES" | LAS  
BOLEADORAS A RITMO DE MALAMBO**

Legend Stewart

August Hopson

William Loveless (Special Performance)

## **BALLET FOLKLÓRICO - INTERMEDIATE / ADVANCED**

**INSTRUCTOR: ORLANDO GUERRERO**

**MUSIC: "EL PRINCIPIO, HUAPANGO CLÁSICO" | "LA BOTELLA" | "MARÍA  
CHUCHENA"**

Karely Cruz

Emma Zapata

Jaslyn Balbuena

Carolyn Canto

## **BALLET FOLKLÓRICO - PATTERSON ELEMENTARY**

**INSTRUCTOR: ORLANDO GUERRERO**

**MUSIC: "MONTERREY DE MIS AMORES" | "JESUCITA EN CHIHUAHA"**

### **2ND GRADE**

Cassandra Pinon

Alessandra Ramirez

Grace Tanner

Merideth

### **3RD GRADE**

Jesus Pineda

Elina Castilleja

Alison Tovar

Kalissi Cerda

Jailyn Hernandez

Martha Tocano

Penelope Guitiérrez

### **4TH GRADE**

Gretel Lopez

Ximena Perez

Sherlyn Sanchez

Adelyn Contreras

Beaux Martinez

### **5TH GRADE**

Nicolas Guzman

Liliana Soraiz

Melissa Duran

# THURSDAY: MAY 21

## GUITAR

**INSTRUCTOR: JESUS LOZANO**

**MUSIC: "E-B" | "SPARKLING STELLA"**

Brandon Sammour

**MUSIC: "ODE TO JOY" | "AURA LEE"**

Emilio Ramos

**MUSIC: "HAPPY FARMER" | "SMILE" | "CHIAPANECAS"**

Stella Tank

**MUSIC: "LA PALOMA" | "LIGHTLY ROW" | "CIELITIO LINDO"**

Emma Zapata

**MUSIC: "ALL OF ME" | "WINGS OF DOVE" | "MINUET IN G"**

Italo Bertolusso

## UKELELE

**INSTRUCTOR: JESUS LOZANO**

**MUSIC: "FIREFLY" | "THE SHUFFLE" | "FALLING RAIN" | "LITTLE BROWN JUG"**

William Loveless

August Hopson

# FRIDAY: MAY 22

## PIANO

**INSTRUCTOR: PAULETTE WILLIAMS**

**MUSIC: "COME SEE THE PARADE"- R. FABER | "THE DANCE BAND" - N. FABER**

Julia Sammour

**MUSIC: "PRINCESS OR MONSTER" - N. FABER**

Fabio Sventurati      Camilla Sventurati

**MUSIC: "PEACEFUL SUNSET"- N. FABER**

Camilla Sventurati

**MUSIC: "COME FLY"- ALFRED | "ROBIN HOOD"-ALFRED**

Emilio Gonzalez

**MUSIC: "OUR TEAM"- ALFRED | "A HAPPY SONG"-ALFRED**

John Luca Roa

**MUSIC: "READY TO GO"- ALFRED | "STAR TO STAR"-ALFRED**

Carter Neilson

**MUSIC: "BOXCAR RUMBLE"- N. FABER | "ARABESQUE"- FRIEDRICH BURGMULLER**

Fanniely Hernandez

**MUSIC: "FUR ELISE"- BEETHOVEN | "OOM-PA-PA"- N. FABER**

Ethan Player

**MUSIC: "SAKURA" | "THE BUBBLE"- ALFRED**

Emma Player

**MUSIC: "CANOEING UP STREAM" - R. FABER | "LULLABY AND GOODNIGHT"- R. FABER**

Lillian Gitman

**MUSIC: "LUDWIG'S THEME"- BEETHOVEN | "LIEBESTRAUM"- FRAN LISZT**

Aurora Saucedo

# FRIDAY: MAY 22

**MUSIC: "DAKOTA MELODY"- NATIVE AMERICAN | "SEA (C) SONG"- ALFRED**

Austin Diaz

**MUSIC: "WHO COULD IT BE"- N. FABER | "IN A FLASH"- R. FABER**

Emily Echavarria

**MUSIC: "LAVENDER MOOD"- PHILLIP KAVEREN | "BOUNCE !!!"- PHILLIP KAVEREN**

Daniel Torres

**MUSIC: "BIG BEN"- ALFREDS| "SUMMER EVENINGS"**

Izel Casique & Citlali Casique

**MUSIC: "STAR SHINE" | "FLOW GENTLY, SWEET AFTON" - J.E. SPILMAN**

Ayle La Brie

**MUSIC: "WHAT'S GOING ON"- MARVIN GAY | "THE HORSEMEN NIGHT RIDE" - N. FABER**

Brandon Solis

**MUSIC: "HANSTER CHASE"- MARTHA MAIER | "ALBER ALBERTI"-JANE BASTIEN**

Santiago Hernandez

**MUSIC: "OVER THE RAINBOW"- HAROLD ARLEN | "JERICHO"-ALFRED**

Andora Carter

**MUSIC: "SURPRISE SYMPHONY"- HAYDEN | "LONG LONG AGO"-ALFRED**

Kenya Garza

**MUSIC: "UN BEL D VEDREMA" - MADAM BUTTERFLY**

Joe Pierson

**MUSIC: "ALLEGRO"- ALFRED**

Sophia Lopez

**MUSIC: "WATERCOLORS"-PHILLIP KEVEREN | "STAR QUEST"- PHILLIP KEVEREN**

Roberta Coello

# FRIDAY: MAY 22

**MUSIC: "BALLET MUSIC FROM "FAUST" " - CHARLES GORUND | "DREAM DRIFTING" - ALFRED**

Emma Zapata

**MUSIC: "SOUNDS FROM THE GUMDROP"- FACTORY**

Nancy Faber

**MUSIC: "THE GREAT PUMPKIN WALTZ"- VINCE GUARALDI**

Mia Trevino

**MUSIC: "JAZZ JOE"- ALFRED | "BOOGIE ON BROADWAY"- ALFRED**

Eric Pacheco

**MUSIC: "GALLOP PONY" | "TUCKER'S SECRET"**

Josue Gomez

**MUSIC: "SAN LUCA"- LAURA NOBIL| "DAYDREAM" - R. FABER**

Hailey Gomez

**MUSIC: "THE GIRL FROM PARIS WITH FLOWERS"- F. FABER | "THE HUNTERS" -F. FABER**

Kiera Sanchez

**MUSIC: "FEATHERY FOG"- DORTHY KNOWLTON | "TOCCATINA" - DIMITRI KABALEVSKY | "COMEBACK" - SORRENTO ERNEST DE CURTIS | "PIANO CONCERTO" - TCHAIKAVSKY**

Daniel Sinyak

**MUSIC: "HARPSICHORD" - MOZART | "THE VENTION BOAT" - MELIDOSSA | "MANHATTAN BLUES" - N. FABER**

Ryan Awasthi

# FEATURED OST STUDENTS

MECA is proud to recognize the dedication, creativity, and hard work of all students participating in our programs this season.

While the following students are not performing in today's recital, they remain an important part of our artistic program.

## VIOLIN

David M. Ansaldi

Daniel Benavidez

Jaslyn Balbuena

Virginia Wendland

## PIANO

Liam Womack

Andres Gonzalez

# Sunburst Summer Arts Camp

## Summer Camp K-9th

June 8 – July 31 | 8:30AM – 5PM | MECA DOW

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Grade – Full\*

The Sunburst Summer Arts Program is an 8-week camp that implements a unique curriculum created by the MECA Arts Team with feedback and contributions from partnering agencies. The course blends arts education and academic techniques to address the learning loss that often occurs when students are out of school for the summer. The curriculum for this program places an added emphasis in the study of Numeracy, Literacy, and Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Additionally, the syllabus promotes awareness about the multiculturalism found in everyday life and the importance of celebrating it. This program is tuition based and is often supplemented by private donors, corporations, foundations, and state and federal funding channeled through groups like the Harris County Department of Education.



# Dia de Muertos Festival



## Honoring our Past, Celebrating our Future

### Dia de Muertos Festival

October 31 & November 1 | 11:00AM | MECA DOW

MECA's Día de Muertos Festival is a FREE community celebration of Latin American folk art traditions that honor family and ancestry. Día de Muertos combines pre-Colombian heritage with Catholic influence, creating a vibrant and joyful tribute to the departed. This year's Día de Muertos two-day celebration will offer children's art activities, an ofrendas/altar exhibition, artist and artisan vendors, delectable festival foods, and three captivating performance stages.



# ABOUT MECA

MECA is a community-based non-profit BIPOC organization committed to the healthy development of under-served & under represented families through arts and cultural programming, the promotion of academic excellence, support services, and community building. Founded in 1977 by Alice Valdez as the first citywide multicultural festival, its purpose was to honor the various cultural/ethnic groups living in the inner city through music, dance, cuisine, visual and folk art. Since incorporating in 1979, MECA has provided invaluable arts experiences for families to who might not otherwise have access.

Monumental milestones include being recognized as the 382nd Point of Light by President George H.W. Bush, transitioning from tenant to landlord of the former HISD Dow School, Mariachi MECA being designated as an NEA American Masterpieces Touring Artist for 2009, and most recently on bequest of Mayor Sylvester Turner in 2019 - assuming management of the former TBH Center in Houston's East End.



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