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## *StART It Up* with ART in the Park

**Project ARTstART**, a Claremont Museum of Art education program trains high school students, working with college mentors, to provide exhibit-based art lessons for elementary school students. The program brings high-quality, art appreciation classes and activities to the Claremont school system to inspire, promote understanding of art and highlight Claremont's rich artistic history.

For the fourth consecutive year, the high school students of Project ARTstART will curate *ARTstART: StART It Up*, an overview exhibition that includes highlights of each of the exhibition-based school art units ARTstARTers presented to 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Mountain View, Oakmont, Sycamore and Vista del Valle elementary schools.



As part of this year's exhibition, ARTstARTers will host art-making activities for visitors of all ages at **ART in the Park** on Friday afternoon May 29 from 3:30-5 p.m. in Memorial Park at 840 N. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont. The *StART It Up* exhibition, presented by the Claremont Museum of Art, will be on view in the nearby Claremont Heritage Ginger Elliott Exhibition Center. The exhibition will also be open on Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31 from noon to 5 p.m.

### **ART in the Park**

**What:** Project ARTstART high school students will lead art-making activities for all ages. The *StART It Up* exhibition, presented by the Claremont Museum of Art, will be on view in the nearby Claremont Heritage Ginger Elliott Exhibition Center.

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**Where:** Memorial Park, 840 N. Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont

**Project ARTstART** is completing its fourth year under the direction of Rich Deely, Project Director. During the 2014-15 school year, over 50 high school ARTstART students taught multi visit exhibit based art lessons to 646 upper grade students from Mountain View, Oakmont, Sycamore and Vista del Valle elementary schools. Activities to date have included exhibition visits, field trips and classroom art-making. In addition, ARTstARTers have led monthly after-school art lessons at each of

our current school sites. Project ARTstART will expand to include Sumner elementary school in the fall of 2015.

**Project ARTstART** is produced solely by the Claremont Museum of Art (CMA) in partnership with the Claremont Unified School District; participating schools — Mountain View, Oakmont, Sycamore and Vista del Valle Elementary Schools and Claremont High School; and funded by generous donations from the LA County Arts Commission; The Flourish Foundation; The Ruth & Joseph C. Reed Foundation for the Arts; the Claremont Community Foundation (CCF); a City of Claremont Community Based Organization Grant; the Claremont Rotary Club; Scripps College Fine Arts Foundation; and two CMA member major donors.

For more information on Project ARTstART, go to <http://claremontmuseum.org/education-programs/artstart/>

For more photos go to <https://www.flickr.com/photos/claremontmuseum/sets/72157649260135067/>



**Captions for attached photos:**

ARTstART students install *StART It Up*, an exhibition featuring artwork by 4-6th grade classes from Oakmont, Sycamore and Vista del Valle elementary schools in May 2014.

ARTstARTers lead Mountain View Elementary students on a field trip to see the work of Brenna Youngblood at the Pomona College Museum of Art on March 10, 2015.

**Photos of recent student artwork** will be available next week on request.

**Photo Opportunity:** ARTstARTers will be installing the 2015 *StART It Up* exhibition on Saturday, May 23. Please contact Catherine McIntosh, 909 626-1386, for further details.