

# Arts Education Days



## the Capitol

### March 7–8



On March 7–8, the Texas Coalition for Quality Arts Education (TCQAE) will host Arts Education Days at the Capitol. Each day will be a celebration of the importance of the arts and arts education featuring performances by outstanding arts students (music, art, theatre, and dance) from throughout the state. TCQAE hosts this event during the Texas legislative session to highlight the superb quality of fine arts education in Texas schools and to communicate the importance of continued support of fine arts education in the curriculum for all students.

Over 1,700 students, representing 62 schools and 21 school districts, will perform at the Texas capitol. On Monday morning, students will attend an orientation at the Texas Education Agency and then hand deliver arts advocacy packets to TEA staff and the Texas Legislature.

At 11 A.M. there will be a press conference in the Speaker's Press Room in the capitol. Beginning at noon each day in the capitol rotunda, student groups will perform, including jazz bands, orchestras, choirs, dance ensembles, theatre performers, and art students.

In addition, student ensembles will be performing on the south steps of the capitol from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M. Outstanding student artwork from across Texas will be featured in the capitol extension building as a part of the Texas Art Education Association Youth Art Month Exhibit.

Come support the variety of fine arts programs from across our state and join students who will be providing this most effec-

tive advocacy to our state's leaders as they meet for the legislative session. Music ensembles from the following districts are slated to perform during this two-day event:

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| Abilene ISD                   | Cedar Hill ISD | Killeen ISD      |
| Aldine ISD                    | Conroe ISD     | Marble Falls ISD |
| Arlington ISD                 | Dallas ISD     | Northwest ISD    |
| Austin ISD                    | Ft. Worth ISD  | Rockport ISD     |
| Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD | Garland ISD    | San Antonio ISD  |
|                               | Georgetown ISD | Spring ISD       |

### Contact Your Legislators

Arts Education Days at the Capitol also offers you an opportunity to reach out to your legislators to invite them to enjoy this demonstration of quality fine arts education in Texas. When contacting your legislators' offices to encourage their attendance, you could take the opportunity to let them know you value their support of legislation that ensures all Texas schoolchildren receive a quality fine arts education. You could specifically mention your hope they will support Senate Bill 140, the TAKS pull-out bill filed in November by Senator Florence Shapiro (R-Plano). This bill limits the time students can be removed from a class for remediation in another subject (for more information, go to [www.GoArts.org](http://www.GoArts.org)). Go to [www.artseducationday.org](http://www.artseducationday.org) for more information and to read about previous Arts Education Days events.