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An Educational Collaboration of Arts • Industry • Community

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Spring Fever at The Crucible® Celebrating Student & Faculty Art

April 18, 2009 11AM-5PM

Experience the excitement of art and collaboration at The Crucible's annual Spring Open House. Enter our vast West Oakland studio through the roll-up door behind the red caboose, and you'll find a vibrant community of artists, craftspeople, tinkers, do-it-yourselfers, innovators, and explorers of all ages.

Browse through an eclectic art show featuring works by students and faculty of The Crucible executed in metal, wood, light, textiles, ceramics, glass and more; you can even vote for your favorite pieces in the "People's Choice" competition. Check out demonstrations of many of the skills taught at The Crucible, like glassworking, bronze casting, kinetics, ceramics, blacksmithing, plus a special presentation by fire performance students.

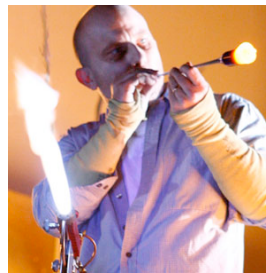
The Open House is a unique opportunity to learn about classes, and see firsthand how anyone can make art of their own. Parents and youngsters can take a special tour and chat with student docents about their experiences in youth classes and summer camps. The event will also showcase innovative art bikes created in the wildly popular Youth Hyphy Bike class, just one of the exciting new classes offered this summer and other sculptural art by young Crucible® students.

Join us in celebrating Earth Day and get tips on green and environmental living strategies and resources to keep Mother Earth healthy. A variety of tasty food and drink from local food vendors is available so you can make it a full day. It's all **FREE** and family friendly!

For more information on this event, visit www.thecrucible.org, or contact Jan Schlesinger, jan@thecrucible.org.

About The Crucible

The Crucible is a non-profit arts education center that fosters a collaboration of arts, industry and community, teaching and showcasing fire, metal, glass and light art in the East Bay for over ten years. The Crucible offers more than 700 classes to over 5,000 students annually in everything from bronze casting to neon, welding to glass working, blacksmithing to fire dancing. Dedicated to the creative use of fire and light, The Crucible is known for its innovative and stunning public events and fundraisers, uniting artists from diverse disciplines. For more information, visit <http://www.thecrucible.org>





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FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

WHAT: The Crucible's Spring Open House

Saturday, April 18th 11AM – 5P

WHO: The Crucible's talented students and faculty

PRICE: FREE and Family Friendly

WHERE: The Crucible, 1260 7th Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Event Entertainment Includes:

- Student & Faculty Art Show
- Bronze pour in our foundry
- A special presentation by fire performance students of The Crucible
- Parade of art bikes created by youth students
- Demonstrations including welding, glass blowing, blacksmithing, ceramics, and kinetics
- Special tours and summer camp previews for parents
- Tasty food and refreshments throughout the day

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