Random Acts of Art

creating a pop-up art experience at a school near you

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Mission:
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- introduce arts education in a new random way that promotes self-directed learning, improves school attendance and sharpens critical and creative skills
- bridge the gap between schools and community based art programs
- collaborate with schools to create programs that coincide with their curriculum
Imagine a pop-up art performance similar to a flash mob. Now reimagine a flash mob with other performance artists (i.e. musician, poet, muralist, mime, actor, sculpturist, opera singer etc). Random Acts of Art is committed to bringing local guest artist to schools to expose students to art in a new and inventive and random way.

**week #1, Introduction:** It’s lunch time and a ballerina, dressed in full costume with tutu, pointe shoes and all begins to walk around the lunch room introducing herself. She walks around the cafeteria room sharing information about her art form, costume and answering any questions a student may have.

**week #2, Random Act of Art:** We see that same ballerina perform a 2 -5 minute dance (3 times within the hour) in full costume. This performance could happen anywhere and at any given time (ie. cafeteria, on the play ground, in the school bus and/or parent pick up area).

**week # 3, Bridging the Gap:** The ballerina performs again (only once this time). With the help of teachers, the students will feel encourage to gather around and watch the performance. After the performance the ballerina will engage interested students by teaching them some history on the art form, terminology, and steps. The ballerina will then pass out brochures about dance programs and/or shows happening in their community.
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✦ Benefits: A growing body of studies presents compelling evidence connecting student learning in the arts to a wide array of academic and social benefits.

✦ Self-Expression: Art Education is an opportunity to nurture children to find truth through imagination, effort, collaboration, and cultural literacy.

✦ Academic Engagement: We not only want expose random acts of art to the students, we’re interested in collaborating with teachers and the school library to encourage the educational aspect of this program. For example: featuring a “book of the month” that showcases said art form. Offering extra credit to students that are interested in writing a paper, taking a pop quiz and/or reading a book on the art form that was performed that month.

✦ Attendance: Encourage school attendance by making the performance happen in random spaces at random times. * Hopping that students will want to avoid F.O.M.O -the fear of missing out

✦ Community Pride: Bridging the gap between the students and what’s happening in their community. Hopefully boosting community morale and pride.

✦ Emotional healing: Arts education can help students improve self-esteem and social skills.
When and where:
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✦ Date: September 2019 (tentative)
✦ Where: 9th Street School - Downtown Los Angeles
✦ First featured Random Acts of Art: Dance, Ballet
✦ Guest Artist: Ballerina from CBLA-City Ballet Los Angeles   www.cityballetofla.org