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Newsletter Spring 2008

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Dear Friend of TAP:

We hope this check-in finds each of you having a wonderful spring. We at TAP have been as busy as ever! So far this spring we have provided 33 area campuses with after school classes each week, our elementary touring programs have reached over 2,000 young people and our High School youth theatre company performed for over 3,200 people!

Thank you for all of your support and interest in our work. Keep telling people about TAP and if you can donate, please do!

Consider donating to TAP when you receive your Economic Stimulus Check: \$10 sends one child to a whole week of after-school classes! Anything you can do will help us.

Take a look at what's to come!

Sarah McCafferty, LMSW
Community Outreach Director



**TAP Summer Camps are back,
by popular demand!**

Our camps were such a hit last year we are adding one more week to our schedule! The professional teaching artists of TAP guide young people in what many parents have called "the best camp in town!" We welcome ages 5-12 and offer both a half-day (9-noon) and a full-day (9-4:30) at Rawson-Saunders campus, 2600 Exposition Blvd.

Half Day \$125 Full Day \$175. Scholarships available.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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JUNE

Express Yourself!

June 23-27

Tap into your creativity and learn how to share your thoughts, dreams, fears and feelings with the world! Classes include songwriting, drumming, singing, dancing, creative writing, acting, mask making, drawing and painting. The week will culminate with a community sharing "Block Party" designed by the campers for family and friends.

JULY

Around the World in Five Days!

July 7-11

All aboard! Next stop fun! Take a trip around the world exploring world cultures through stories, puppets, music and dance!

AUGUST

Playmakers!

August 4-8th

With the help of the talented TAP teachings artists, students will create an original musical to be performed on the last day of camp. Students will learn about playwriting, songwriting, acting, dance and improvisation. You will be blown away to see what kids can do in just one week!

There are discounts available for signing up more than one child. Students should bring their own sack lunch. Snacks are available at a small additional cost.

A DVD documenting the camp and the final performance will be available for \$25.00 (include shipping.) Extended care available (at extra cost) 8:00-5:00

The Big Kid Birthday Bash was a huge success!

Planning a first fundraising event is filled with lots of uncertainty. It's like throwing a party and not knowing if anyone will come. But on Wednesday, February 27th, they came! The Big Kid Birthday Bash, the first fundraiser held by Theatre Action Project, was a big success. More than \$30,000 was raised at an event that embodied the unique way Theatre Action Project goes about all its projects.

Guests arriving to the event were greeted with flame throwers and a unicyclist. A fun photo booth with cut-outs just inside the doorway, a cake walk (for real cakes) on the stage, and the ring toss for wine were the first signs that this was not your typical dinner-dancing fundraiser. But then there was fabulous food, cupcakes galore, one of the best silent auctions, and when the 10 foot calypso dancers



walked in, well then you just knew you were in for an evening of fun!



-Katie Dawson, Jodi & Owen Egerton, emcees

-Avimaan Syam, TAP Teaching Artist

But what would you expect from this creative group that has spent the past 10 years developing educational theatre that ignites dialogue and promotes safe relationships? And believe it or not, those at TAP have already begun talking about the next Big Kid Birthday Bash.

TAP would like to thank [all the fabulous sponsors, donors, and people](#) who helped to make this event happen. Our fabulous emcees Jodi and Owen Egerton who kept the party moving and the bids going up during our live auction. But most of all, TAP wants to thank all our guests for coming - we were afraid we would have to eat all those cupcakes ourselves.

[Check out some press on the event!](#)

Benita Trevino, TAP Board Member



-TAP Board Member, Gregory Perrin with
Wife Lamonica



Upcoming TAP Events!!!

Saturday, May 17th, Carver Museum: 2nd Annual Community Celebration: a Walking, Cycling Festival of Arts & Culture

3pm George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center

Carnival preparations with face painting, youth bike giveaway, mask making, music, food, puppets, and drink!!

4pm Mobile Carnival Begins! Grab your walking shoes, bicycles, roller skates, stilts and join us for a traveling caravan to explore & celebrate culture throughout the neighborhood!

5:30pm The Historic Victory Grill! Community Party with music by "An Other Option Production Squad," Changing Lives Youth Theatre spoken word, ice cream, bicycle fun, food and entertainment!

Come one, Come all!

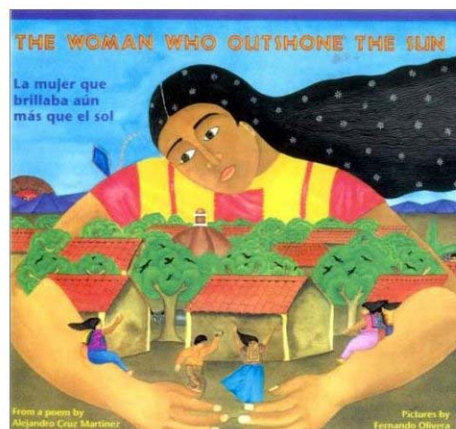
Saturday, June 21st, Patterson Park: Summer Pageant in the Park: "The Woman who Outshone the Sun"

Theatre Action Project is kicking off its new "Summer Pageant in the Park" Program with June in collaboration with 8 AISD campuses. Students of all ages from these schools will be exploring the story of "The Woman Who Outshone the Sun" a Zapotec folktale about the Legend of Lucia Zenteno that explores the importance of water and communities that embrace their differences. Students will work to create puppets, masks, costumes, songs and dances that will culminate in a performance in Patterson Park on June 21st at 3:00pm. Please come by and support this show!

Contact Sarah McCafferty if you'd like to volunteer at one of these events at (512)442-8773 or sarah_mccafferty@theatreactionproject.org.

Journey Into the Story: A New TAP Program

Thanks to a generous grant from the Webber Family Foundation, Theatre Action Project has been able to launch the Journey Into the Story (JITS) program. JITS is a literacy program for 3rd grade classrooms that uses innovative art, theatre, and project-based curriculum in the classroom to teach literacy--helping to increase student's interest in the texts, enhance reading and retention skills, improve comprehension capabilities, ensure academic success, and make the experience of reading relevant and FUN for students. We currently offer programs based on the books "The Woman Who Outshone the Sun" and "Circle



Unbroken".

If you are interested in learning more information, please visit our [website](#) or you can contact, Journey Into the Story Director, Amanda Hashagen at 512-442-8773.

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