

Art Galas in the Arts District

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Marcy Open Gala and Yinghua Annual Gala are both having their annual galas at the Grain Belt Bottling house in the Northeast Minneapolis AD this year. (So many NE artists have children that attend these two schools and have been very involved with programming. Marcy states over 200 pieces being auctioned off. What does this imply? Well artists are huge supporters of education not only in time but raising money for schools. While artists are only able to write off the materials they donate not the actual retail price of what they donate like other businesses; they see the value in education they want to support year after year.

Marcy Arts Gala

Marcy Arts Partnership (MAP) will host its 17th Annual Marcy Arts Gala at the Grain Belt Bottling House located at 71 13th Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413 from 6 pm to 11 pm on Saturday, April 21, 2018. This event brings together community members, artists, school staff and businesses to support engaging arts-driven learning for K-8 students at Marcy Open School in Southeast Minneapolis.

This year's gala features music from Marcy Open School alumnus DJ Tiiiiiiiiip-AKA Taylor Madrigal. Dinner is provided by Alma, Brasa, Create Catering and Cocina Latina with wine and beer from local businesses and breweries. The gala will also feature cocktails by Bittercube.

Attendees can bid on silent and live auctions of artwork donated by over 200 fine art, ceramics, photography, furniture, jewelry and textile artists, as well as items from 100+ local businesses including gift certificates, event tickets, wines, and much more.

"The MAP residencies at Marcy are what make our school special. As an open school that focuses on arts integration, students have opportunities to express themselves through acting, music, dance, and visual and graphic arts in ways other schools simply cannot provide. These experiences happen because of money raised by MAP," says Donna Andrews, Marcy Open School principal.

Over the past 22 years, Marcy Arts Partnership has brought local artists to Marcy Open School to provide hands-on residencies that integrate the arts into the curriculum.

Thousands of students grades K-8 have received arts education and enrichment opportunities through the parent-driven MAP. The program is 100 percent funded by donations and grants. Last year the Gala brought in \$40,000.

Yinghua Annual Gala

Yinghua calls their Gala "Ying-Fling," and it takes place the following weekend Saturday, April 28, at the Grain Belt Bottling House in Northeast. They have used the Grain Belt venue

several times for the event. We are raising funds for a new play area to be installed on the east side of our school. Yinghua Academy, now in its 12th year, is on Buchanan Street NE, the Putnam Elementary facility. For many years, Yinghua has partnered with Marcy Open School to exchange event volunteers. This has been a great pattern for us—it's hard to work at your own school's event because you know all the guests and want to be part of the celebration. Marcy volunteers help check out silent auction bidders at our event, and we do the same for them at their event which happens to be in the same venue one week prior to Ying-Fling. Yinghua also raised \$40,000 in 2016 for their last event.

These two events are open to the public and are a great way for the community to support school programming and have a great time in the process.