



November 30, 2009

Dear Colleague,

Please use the enclosed press release, posters and postcards to alert young people and parents in your district about a unique learning opportunity.

The California State Summer School for the Arts (INNERSPARK) is seeking the most talented high school-aged visual, literary, media and performing artists in California. The teenagers who are selected through the competitive application process will attend one of the country's premier summer arts institutes on the campus of the California Institute of the Arts, in Valencia, from July 10 through August 6, 2010.

INNERSPARK offers instruction in the fields of Animation, Music, Dance, Film and Video, Theatre, Creative Writing and the Visual Arts. For the 520 students accepted, INNERSPARK is a unique opportunity to spend four weeks studying and working with professional artists, writers and performers of national stature. INNERSPARK provides links to institutions of higher learning, major performing and fine arts organizations, and the film, television and recording industries for students considering careers in the arts. The talented teenagers who successfully complete the program will receive three units of California State University extended education credit.

The school charges California students whose families have the means to pay a comprehensive fee of \$1,485 to cover room, board and tuition for the four-week session. (Students from outside of California must pay a comprehensive fee of \$4,800).

INNERSPARK is dedicated to providing the highest quality professional artistic training to the most deserving teenagers regardless of their economic situations. INNERSPARK provided scholarships to 40% of the students who were selected to attend in 2009. That record will be equaled or surpassed in 2010.

INNERSPARK was established by the California Legislature, (Education Code Sections 8950 through 8957), and will conduct its 24th consecutive annual session in 2010. More than 11,000 young Californians have attended INNERSPARK.

The application deadline (postmark) is February 27, 2010. Application and Financial Aid forms must be downloaded from [www.innerspark.us](http://www.innerspark.us). If you have questions, want more information, or additional posters or postcards, contact us at (916) 274-5815, or by Email to [application@innerspark.us](mailto:application@innerspark.us)

Sincerely,

Robert M. Jaffe  
Director



1010 HURLEY WAY, SUITE 185  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95825

916.274.5815  
916.274.5814 FAX  
[www.innerspark.us](http://www.innerspark.us)