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### **The Arts In Education Consortium Is Expanding in 2018**

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND – Arts & Humanities Bainbridge is pleased to announce that its Arts In Education Consortium (AIEC) is broadening its scope and has secured several new partners for 2018.

Bloedel Reserve has begun collaborating with AIEC to place their Creative Residents into participating classrooms. Bloedel hosts Creative Residents (artists, composers, writers, botanists, landscape architects, researchers and others) for multi-week retreats to pursue projects or research related to nature. In December 2017, writer and Bloedel Creative Resident Ruby Hansen Murray partnered with AIEC to bring creative writing workshops to Suquamish Elementary School.

AIEC is excited to have the participation of Suquamish Elementary School. The school has hosted AIEC workshops in the past and rejoins the program as of this school year. AIEC is also in discussion with Bainbridge High School teachers to bring more arts education to their classrooms.

Providing access to high-quality arts education is fundamental to AHB's mission. Arts education helps students develop crucial skills like critical thinking, creativity, and communication, supports learning in other core subjects, and helps keep students in school. Expanding the reach of this valuable program will benefit student learning outcomes across the school district and will provide critical opportunities for local artists to engage community members in their creative work.

AHB supports these objectives through its award-winning Arts In Education Consortium. Formed in 1999, the Consortium is a network of teachers, artists, school administrators, and community partners working together to advance student learning through the arts. The program connects teachers with local artists and helps them plan classroom residencies in a wide range of artistic disciplines. Last year, the Consortium served over 1,200 students in 36 classrooms across Bainbridge Island School District.

*About Arts & Humanities Bainbridge: AHB is a self-sustaining non-profit organization serving artists, educators, and cultural organizations as the nexus of all things artistic on Bainbridge Island, connecting young people to 21<sup>st</sup> century ways of learning through powerful arts education, and shining a bright light on creative individuals through public events, awards and promotion. To learn more visit [ahbainbridge.org](http://ahbainbridge.org), email us at [admin@ahbainbridge.org](mailto:admin@ahbainbridge.org), or call us at 206.842.7901.*

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