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Dear Families,

Whether you are just beginning your journey at Ruth Asawa School of the Arts or returning for another year—WELCOME. We wanted to share the story of the Artist-in-Residence (AIR) Program that Ruth Asawa pioneered and still provides the spark that makes our school so magical.

In 1982, the visionary artist Ruth Asawa helped found San Francisco's first public arts high school, grounded in her radical belief that art is not a luxury, but a vital way of understanding the world. Inspired by her time at the boldly experimental Black Mountain College, she knew that young people flourish when they learn directly from working artists who guide, challenge, and inspire them.

That vision is alive every day through our AIR program—one of the most cherished and transformative parts of a Ruth Asawa School of the Arts education. Over 80 professional artists work directly with our students across every discipline: dancers rehearse with nationally acclaimed choreographers; musicians workshop pieces with Juilliard School graduates; writers hone their voice with published authors; and technical theater students graduate ready to join The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees.

To learn more, visit the [AIR Spotlight page](#) on the PTSA website, or check out [this video highlighting](#) the amazing work artists-in-residence are doing in the classroom with our students every day.

This immersive, hands-on approach is extraordinary—and it depends on all of us. The San Francisco Unified School District funds less than half of the AIR program. **[This year we aim to raise \\$350,000 in AIR Program funds to keep these artists in our studios and classrooms!](#)** This goal equates to \$500 per family, and we depend on the generosity of families who can give more.

As Ruth Asawa's life's work embodies, *All Is Possible*. Together, we will keep her vision alive for every student, every art form, every dream.

We also encourage you to sign up for our [PTSA-moderated email list](#) to connect with other parents and hear about events, volunteer opportunities, and more. Please see the QR codes on the next page.

With gratitude,

Cristel de Rouvray

Ruth Asawa School of the Arts
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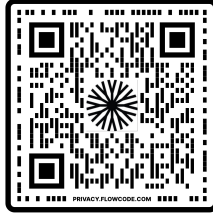
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For questions: email us at fundraising@ruthasawasotaptsa.org

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2026-27 AIR FUND



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If you are considering a larger gift, or assistance with donor-advised funds, corporate matching, or stock donation, please contact fundraising@ruthasawasotaptsa.org.

Please spread the word if you know a business, family, or friend who can donate.

[Join the PTSA email list!](#)

The PTSA maintains our parent, student, and staff discussion group hosted by Groups.io. Our communications platform is the best way to connect with other parents and is the key source of information about events, volunteer opportunities, and more!

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW or go to <https://ruthasawasota.groups.io/g/main> and then use the 'main+subscribe' email link to request membership.



- This is a two-step process, so be sure to look for that second email! This step is required in order to join other subgroups.
- Once you join the main listserv, please consider joining the 'Class of 202x' (your student's grad year) email subgroup. You must first join the main listserv to join any subgroup.
- Also, join your Art Department subgroup for department-specific volunteer opportunities, potlucks, social events, carpool arranging, and student accolades.

Keep this portion for your tax records.

We greatly appreciate your donation to the Ruth Asawa School of the Arts PTSA AIR Annual Fund.

Registered non-profit. Federal tax ID 94-3050408 . Our 501(c)3 status is California State PTA, group exemption number GEN-0646.

Thank you for helping us reach our goal for the Annual Fund for the Artists-in-Residence Program!

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