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STAR POWER: Jackson Browne established Artists for the Arts Foundation to help benefit high school visual and performing arts programs. He will perform at this year's benefit show.

— Transformation —

It will not come as a surprise to learn that the true number of civilian dead in Iraq has now exceeded 800,000, while wounded, to a greater or lesser degree, amount to at least one million. For how much longer can the occupying powers hide these figures from their people? It goes without saying that every effort is made by these powers to hide and diminish, for their own purposes, these appalling statistics of destruction. It is no wonder, therefore, that millions of Iraqis have fled their country. Is it surprising that soon the invasion of Iraq will be recognized as the greatest disaster of recent times: unlawful, unnecessary, and arrogant in the extreme?



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While the world waits, the Americans and British seek to extricate themselves from the morass which they have created, and to do so with whatever dignity and plausibility they can muster. Certainly no triumphal banners are in order. The legacy is one of death, mayhem and abuse of power.

Meanwhile the forces of reconstruction have set to work to mend the fractured walls, physical in Iraq and psychological elsewhere. The world awaits anxiously the unknown results stemming from this unhappy episode but the hopes of many are curiously high, some would say, without true reason. Did men but know it, the whole world is bracing itself for momentous changes, which will set to rights, not only the trauma of the Middle East, but the dangers and tragedies of Earth itself.

This article, published in *Share International* magazine, was written by a Master of Wisdom. The Masters, headed by Maitreya, the World Teacher, are highly advanced teachers and advisors of humanity who are planning to work openly in the world very soon.

Maitreya knocks loudly at the door. The door, soon, will open and the Lord of Love will step forward into the fray. When men see Him they will be astonished by the simplicity of His words but also by the clarity of His utterance. His wisdom will baffle and delight in equal measure, drawing to Him those who are ready to follow Him and rebuild the world. His name is Valour; likewise Strength of Purpose. The Great Lord comes equipped as none before have been, ready to do battle with all that ails and belittles man.

There are many who smile at the notion of such a Presence among us, but soon all will come to know the truth of these words, and take

their stand for or against Him. Thus will the Great Lord place before mankind the question of its survival. He will show that essentially men are one, no matter the colour or the creed, that the bounty of Earth belongs to all and that sharing of that bounty is the key to man's future. Only sharing, and the justice which it will bring, offers hope to man. Only justice wrought of sharing will end the plagues of war and terror. Only sharing and justice can bring men to that Brotherhood which is their true inheritance. When men see this they will rise to the challenge and tackle one by one the many problems which daunt us now. Maitreya's Light will support and balance men in their eagerness for the changes which must ensue, and, in right order, the world will be renewed. Thus will it be.

Stars shine for high school arts

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SAMOHI For the students who have trouble getting out of bed to face another boring day in class, there's few better motivational tools that the promise of some visual and performing arts time.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is known to have one of the best visual and performing arts programs in the state of California, where art advocates say these types of programs are getting slashed more and more each year due to poor state funding. Though the city by the sea offers a myriad of art classes, many say funding is still critically needed to continue the district's program and to help it flourish, especially for the students who need it most.

The Artists for the Arts Foundation — a non-profit started by internationally renowned singer-songwriter Jackson Browne and the locally-based band Venice, and For the Arts — an arm of the district's Education Foundation, will co-host the fourth annual benefit concert on Saturday night to support the school's arts programs.

This year's benefit will feature performances by Browne, singer-songwriter David Crosby, Venice, Grammy award-winning arranger David Campbell and student musicians. The concert will be held in the historic Barnum Hall Theater at Santa Monica High School.

The event brings in about \$100,000 to the For the Arts foundation.

"There are statistics that show arts help overall student achievement," said Linda Gross, executive director of the Education Foundation. "The arts also provide an opportunity for other students who may not be the most academic students to really excel in one of the arts disciplines."

The arts have given some of the academically uninspired students reason to look forward to come to class.

Gross recalls a student at Samohi last year who never considered attending college until

last spring, when the district introduced a pilot dance program at the high school.

The dance programs are now increasingly popular at Malibu High School, Santa Monica High School and Olympic High School.

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The student, now a junior attending school outside the SMMUSD, was accepted to a UCLA summer dance institute last year, causing him to ponder college in his future.

"Through his passion for the arts and through this art form he loves, he has the opportunity now to be considered for UCLA (for college)," Gross said.

The district provides music for students in all grade levels, from the dance classes in the high school to the semi-private music lessons in the middle and elementary schools.

"This music program is the envy of the state," said Tom Whaley, the coordinator of the district's visual and performing arts program.

When Venice lead singer Kipp Lennon was a student growing up in Venice, a solid arts program was a given in public education, he said. With budget cuts over the past few decades, arts programs are nearly nonexistent in public schools.

Students with art programming in their lives not only perform well in school, they stay out of trouble, Lennon said.

Performing arts also play a role in helping a student build their self-esteem, help-

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LEGEND: David Crosby is scheduled to appear in the benefit concert at Barnum Hall Theater.

School district hosting benefit

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ing children get up in front of their peers, said Cindy Rosmann, the chairman of the Visual and Performing Arts District Advisory Committee.

"The confidence has impacts across all academic subjects," Rosmann said.

STARS SHOWING SUPPORT FOR THE SCHOOLS

It was four years ago that Lennon received a call from Browne to see if he was interested in performing in a school benefit concert. The two had performed together around the world over the years.

After the first year, Lennon and Browne, whose children attended the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, decided to start their own non-profit organization to host similar benefit concerts across the state.

The foundation tries to gain corporate sponsors to underwrite the entire cost of producing the event so that the beneficiary could receive 100 percent of the proceeds from ticket sales. This year, the corporate sponsors for the Santa Monica concert are

Yahoo! and Intel.

"The main thing is to get involvement from people big enough like Jackson Browne and David Crosby," Lennon said. "If we go to Phoenix, (maybe we) can get Stevie Nicks, and in Texas, we could get the Dixie Chicks."

Perhaps one of the most special moments of the benefit for Lennon is when the professional artists bring student musicians on stage to perform together.

"It's a nice opportunity for some of these kids that play the oboe (for example) in their room to get public acknowledgment and see what a great thing it is to stick with this," Lennon said. "To get this sort of validation from the crowd of people, for the people to realize there is a tangible example of what we would miss out if we didn't have this in the public schools."

The concert will be held at Barnum Hall Theater, 601 Pico Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.smmef.org.

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Game to be broadcast live from Dodger Stadium

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During the regular season, Skaggs (6-1) posted a gaudy .808 ERA in 34 innings on the mound, allowing just 4 earned runs.

The game starts at 4:30 p.m., gates open at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for students with ID and \$9 for adults. Parking is free.

For those who can't make it to Dodger Stadium, they can listen to the game live via the Internet at www.waldcast.net, a creation of broadcaster Ronnie Wald, who has been covering the California Interscholastic Federation for 24 years.

"There is a huge audience out there for the CIF, but the major networks don't cover them," Wald said. "I'm covering an underserved community that really has a lot of great teams." Those in attendance are encouraged to

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