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**GALLO CENTER ANNOUNCES 09/10 ARTS EDUCATION
SCHOOL MATINEE PERFORMANCE SERIES**

MODESTO, CA—September 4, 2009 — The Gallo Center for the Arts announces its 2009/2010 “Pathways to Creativity” Arts Education Matinee Performance Series available to educators and their students. Featuring an exciting and diverse series, with international artists from such nations as Mexico, Ireland and Japan, along with delightful programs featuring magic, marionettes and more! Space is limited so early reservations are encouraged.

Tickets are available to students K-12 and cost \$5.00. For more information on dates and school times of school performances and to reserve your classroom, log on to the arts education link on www.galloarts.org or contact Raul Garcia at 209-338-5020 or rgarcia@galloarts.org.

A wonderful new component of this year’s program is a “Student Essay Contest” for children in elementary through high school grades. Sponsored by our *Friends of the Center* annual donor group, the program includes cash prizes for winning essays! Please refer to our web site galloarts.org to download and distribute the attached PDF file, which provides contest guidelines, rules and deadlines.

The 2009/10 “Pathways to Creativity” program is sponsored in part by Save Mart C.A.R.E.S, Doctors Medical Center, Bank of the West, and Boyett Petroleum.

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