



Youth Involvement in the Arts

by Dave Conroy

THE BARRINGTON AREA DRUG PREVENTION coalition (BADPC) is sponsoring a fun and free event – Youth Arts Alive – at

7:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 20 at the Barrington High School auditorium.

Youth Arts Alive will be about 90 minutes long and consist of several local arts organizations including Bataille Academie of the Danse, Barrington Suzuki, Barrington Youth Orchestra, Barrington Children's Choir, Bel Canto Studios, Consolidated Music, and Kaleidoscope School of Art. Each of these organizations will perform and highlight their program. Funds raised from concessions and donations will benefit the BADPC.

We hear so much about teenagers making unhealthy choices, doing the wrong thing, getting into trouble. But the majority of teenagers in Barrington are making healthy choices and doing the right thing. Youth Arts Alive will highlight the teens that are doing the right thing and some of the wonderful performing arts organizations we have that provide our youth with a place to grow, develop friendships, learn, and develop into responsible young adults. Youth Arts Alive is a celebration and a way to connect our youth to the arts. We're celebrating our performing arts organizations and we're celebrating our teenagers who are making healthy choices to stay alcohol free and drug-free.

An important factor in helping kids stay on the right track is involvement in organized community activities. Barrington is lucky to have performing arts organizations that help teach our children important life-skills such as self-esteem, self-confidence, responsibility, commitment, and what it means to be part of a team or group. The involvement that a teenager feels from a parent, and the involvement a teenager feels from being part of an organization, serves to help the teenager make healthy choices.

We invite parents, students, and the community at large to come and join the celebration.

The BADPC represents a community coalition effort that is based on the premise that local people are in the best position to solve specific local problems. For more information, visit www.badpc.org

Above: Angela Peterson is a student at Bataille Academie of the Danse in Barrington, one of the arts organizations participating in the Youth Arts Alive.

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