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After taking one school year off to move headquarters and run an after-school art enrichment course at Kamehameha Schools, Maui Campus, Art For Kids is back on Maui full force.

This Fall, the nonprofit group offered Famous Artists I at Kamalii, Kihei, Princess Nahienaena, King Kamehameha 3, Wailuku and Lihikai Elementary Schools. “The students strolled through Claude Monet’s garden, tasted the fruit of Paul Cezanne and smelled the flowers of Georgia O’Keeffe. It was so visual and fun,” says Zenna “Kanela” MacGregor, executive director.

“It’s been great,” said Gina Lee, noting that her 7-year old son Skyler, has been quizzing the entire family about art history. “We are all learning.”

Art For Kids now has a new website at [www.artforkidsmaui.com](http://www.artforkidsmaui.com) where parents can register online, download flyers, visit the online student gallery (which boasts nearly 500 student works of art) and meet and greet the teachers.

“The projects are so beautiful that I want to frame all of them. My girls love the classes,” says Erin Hanlon, Kamalii Elementary parent.

This Winter, Art For Kids will be offering Famous Artist II at Haiku, Pukalani, Kamalii, Kihei, Lihikai, Wailuku, Kamalii, Princess Nahienaena and King Kamehameha III schools. A few of the featured Masters will be Frida Kahlo, Leonardo DaVinci, Mary Cassatt, and Wassily Kandinsky.

The classes are open to students grades K-5 at two different times after school. The early registration cost is \$99, which includes supplies. Multi-sibling discounts and payment plans/scholarships for families in need are offered.

Art For Kids has a tried and true methodology, curriculum and philosophy. The group teaches artistic expression and cultural awareness using acrylics, bronze, clay, charcoal, glass, inks, pastels, plaster and watercolors. Some of the projects include hand-building clay animals/masks, Sumi-E painting, Chinese Brush Painting, and Aboriginal dot art.

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Art For Kids began on Maui in 2002, and grew to offer classes at 9 schools island-wide. It was granted a 501c3 non-profit designation by the IRS in May of 2005.

“We have so many positive comments about Art For Kids, and we hope to be able to support your presence at our school,” comments Beverly Stanich, Wailuku Elementary principal.

“Art for Kids has been the best after-school activity that we have found for our son. He loves the classes and his teacher is very nice and the projects are great. We can’t wait for future classes,” says Chris Braden, Wailuku Elementary parent.

(the following pictures are finished works of art, and student pix from Famous Artist I.)



Vincent VanGogh's Starry Night by Kai Luchinni, Grade K



Georgia O'Keeffe pastel flower by Ethan Tedrick, Grade 3



Cubist (Picasso-style) Vase by Sasha Harrison-Gunzelman, Grade 2



Art For Kids' student Zoe Diehl, grade 2, at Famous Artist Class...



VanGogh's Vase with 14 Sunflowers by Alea Mora, grade 4



Claude Monet's Waterlilies by Leif Luchinni, grade 4