



THE HUMBOLDT ARTS COUNCIL
in the Morris Graves Museum of Art

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COME TO THE MORRIS GRAVES MUSEUM
for "Third Thursday Family Arts Night" on Thursday, January 19th, 2006

Activities for the Chinese New Year and more!

Kids and families should plan now to attend the Humboldt Arts Council's **Third Thursday Family Arts Night!** Thursday, January 19th, 2005, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. This Thursday's presenters will include **Fiddle Tales** with Jessie Modic from 6:00 to 6:35pm and 7:25-7:50 in the Performance Rotunda, **Redwood Rhythmic Gymnastics** with Jody Hurlburt from 6:30 to 7:20 also in the Performance Rotunda, **Chinese Calligraphy** with Lindsay Coats in the Youth Classroom, and **Arts and Crafts for the Chinese New Year** will be on-going in the Anderson Gallery. **Chinese New Year** is a very important holiday in China. It is celebrated in late January to early February (depending on the year). Chinese New Year starts on a New Moon and ends with the lantern festival on the full moon 15 days later. In 2006, Chinese New Year is celebrated on January 29; the year 2006 is the Year of the Dog. In the Chinese calendar, it is the year 4703.

Fiddle Tales with Jessie Modic will be in the Performance Rotunda from 6:00 to 6:35pm and 7:25-7:50. Southern Humboldt musician Jessie Modic has independently written and produced three of the finest storytelling CDs available anywhere: Her *Fiddletales*, *Magical Tales* and *Saltarello* are neatly balanced blends of mystery, magic, humor and music. Her music features tales with Celtic, old-time and classical tunes intermixed between and throughout the stories.



Fiddletales has an Americana feel; *Magical Tales* is a CD-book of the fairies; her most recent release, *Saltarello*, features the stories of pirates, selkies and fisherfolk. She offers an introduction to folk music and a clever fusion of story and song and imagination that appeals to all ages. For more information contact Jessie at fiddle@asis.com

Redwood Rhythmic Gymnastics Family Arts Night performance will include participants from the Red Hot Team ages 6-9, and Redwood Rhythmic Team ages 13-17. Exploratory participation will be guided by the Redwood Rhythmic Staff and Team members. The Redwood Rhythmic Gymnastics program, established in 1994, offers an environment that promotes self esteem, fitness, and focus. The development of the whole child is of primary concern using performance and competitive opportunities to teach appropriate goal setting technique and self presentation. Older students are offered mentor and leadership responsibilities establishing excellent role models for younger students. Classes which offer a rhythmic gymnastics and ballet curriculum are held primarily at the McKinleyville Activity Center with summer offerings at Jacoby Creek School. For information about the Redwood Rhythmic Gymnastics program call 822-1722.

Chinese Calligraphy will be lead by Lindsay Coats in the Youth Classroom from 6-8pm. Lindsay is a painter who received her MFA in Studio art from the University of California, Davis and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Painting from Brandeis University. Lindsay was born and raised in Wenham, Massachusetts and recently moved to Eureka this past year. Lindsay will be presenting hands-on demonstrations of various Chinese Brush Painting and Calligraphy methods every 10 to 15 minutes throughout the evening. Come on by for some relaxing painting!

Join **Arts and Crafts for the Chinese New Year** in the Anderson Gallery. Activities will include Chinese Lanterns, Glitter Fireworks, and a Dancing Dragon.

Family Arts Night is every third Thursday of the month. To be a presenter or for more information about Family Arts Night contact Rebecca at 707.442.0278, ext. 201. The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F St., Eureka, Ca.