

Academie Da Vinci Charter School for the Arts

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You are cordially invited to Academie Da Vinci's annual Winter Show! This year the students are presenting a unique version of Dickens' *Christmas Carol* on Thursday, December 18.

Our charter school – Pinellas County's first and located in Dunedin – integrates fine arts into our exemplary academic program. We offer dance, instrumental music, musical drama, chorus, various art mediums, and multimedia experiences while continually being recognized as having one of the state's most outstanding academic programs. Our small class sizes and talented, dedicated staff always have the best interests of the students in mind.

Our greatest challenge at the school is funding. Academie Da Vinci is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit, publicly funded school. As a charter school, however, we receive less funding than traditional public schools, yet provide the students with an enhanced arts program.

In order to boost necessary funding for Academie Da Vinci's superlative programs, we are hosting a silent auction on the night of the winter show. We are asking local artists and merchants, like yourself, to make a donation to this event. All proceeds go directly to the school.

Whether or not you can help us at this time, please join us Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the auditorium of Our Lady of Lourdes School, 750 San Salvador Dr., Dunedin. You'll be pleasantly surprised at the talent and enthusiasm of our students!

It's time to get the word out that Academie Da Vinci has one of the best secrets in Pinellas County and we're anxious to show everyone. Please help support us in whatever way you can.

Sincerely,

Susan Ray
Principal

"Everyone should develop a balance between the arts and sciences; between logic and imagination."

- Leonardo Da Vinci