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CHSS becomes *smART!*

Under the patronage of Dr. Abdullah Al Khanbashi, Vice-Chancellor of the UAE University, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences recently hosted the first of a series of five, 14-day cultural workshop / residencies by visiting artists and professionals in the arts.

Team (CAT) of the City University of New York spent two weeks recently in the Multi-Purpose Room on the Maqam Campus, where they interacted with students and taught them how to incorporate the theatre and drama in education.

The SMART team were also invited to visit HCT in Ras Al Khamah, where an eager and appreciative audience awaited them.

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Known as *SMART* (Seminars in Mastering the Arts), these workshops are designed to enhance both the academic and cultural life of the institution and the community.



Above: Helen and Steve involve a member of the audience during a public presentation at the Zayed Centre for Heritage and History

“We had around 30 attendees, of whom the largest percentage were RKW B.Ed. students and graduates,” says Anna Bailey, RAK Representative for TESOL Arabia.



Steve and Helen of CAT demonstrate the use of puppets as an educational vehicle to students.

The classes were very well attended by students from various disciplines, including drama, social work, psychology and counseling and education.

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Graduates from the UAE, who are now teaching in RAK, and several teachers from the Educational Zone and RKW were also in attendance.

According to Dr. Dennis Leavens, Assistant Dean of Humanities, “these diverse and complimentary art forms provide the opportunity for our students to gain a combined academic and artistic experience not currently available at UAEU.”

“Word of the workshops spread quickly throughout the campus and we were amazed at the excitement and turnout the workshops generated,” said Dr. Jim Mirrione who facilitated the sessions.

The next *smART* Workshop is scheduled from the 16th to 27th of November 2008 and will focus on the art of film writing and production.

“We are hoping to get students from across the University to these workshops,” Dr. Leavens says.

Helen Wheelock and Steve Elm of the Creative Arts

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November workshops will take place from daily from 17:00 – 19:00 at Maqam. Workshops for the male students will take place either at Falaj Hazza or the Islamic Institute, depending on the student’s availability and schedules. For more information or to register, visit www.fhss.uaeu.ac.ae.