MECA (Multicultural Education and Counseling through the Arts) is a community-based, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the healthy social, cultural, and academic development of at-risk, inner-city youth through education in the arts. MECA offers classical and ethnic arts education and support services to approximately 1,700 students a year and over 3,000 students participate in MECA workshops, residencies, and projects. MECA provides these services year-round through its In-School, After-School, and Summer Arts Program. MECA has served Houston's First Ward, Sixth Ward, Near Northside and Heights Districts since 1977, providing a variety of arts education opportunities, community performances, public art, and cultural celebrations. MECA's 29-year presence has given youth a positive sense of themselves, their community, and their culture.

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Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, April 27, 2006
- Thursday, May 11, 2006
- Thursday, May 25, 2006

6:00 p.m.

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