

## TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION: A PARTNERSHIP TO CELEBRATE!



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Beginning in the fall of 2017, Christ Episcopal School, a preschool 2's through 8<sup>th</sup> grade school in Rockville, MD, and YMM Art Space, part of the YMM Art Education International Group based in Shenzhen, China, will begin a new and innovative partnership. YMM Art Space will bring its internationally recognized art curriculum and instruction to Christ Episcopal School.

YMM Art Education International Group, while developing relationships with artists and art schools around the world, has also been a major presence at the annual conference of the National Art Education Association in the U.S. In 2016, the president of NAEA recognized YMM for its "Outstanding Contribution to Art Curriculum and Development" and for "supporting the NAEA mission: To advance visual arts education to fulfill human potential and promote global understanding."

Adding an internationally acclaimed visual arts program to CES, known for its rigorous academics, strong character education and close-knit community, will enrich the outstanding classroom and extracurricular opportunities for the school's students.

Founded in 2005, the YMM Art Education International Group has grown rapidly, with branches currently located in Toronto, Paris, Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Taiwan and Washington, DC. The group's mission is to "foster imagination and creativity for the advancement of human society," and "to guide all children to live an intellectually and culturally enriched life."

The relationship between CES and YMM Art began in 2015 when Dr. Chapin, CES Head of School, attended the China-US International Art Education Forum in China, visited many YMM Art Education centers and met Moses Wang and his wife, Mythos Yang, artists and founders of YMM Art. Subsequently in 2016, YMM Art sent a group of its art educators from China to visit CES in order to learn about CES's emphasis on the arts and its integration of the arts throughout the curriculum.

On Friday, June 23, CES Head of School, Dr. Caroline Chapin, and YMM Art Founding President, Moses Wang, signed a partnership agreement to bring YMM Art Space to CES in September 2017. The signing was attended by a number of CES and YMM Art administrators as well as a few CESummer! campers.

Before the first day of school, the Christ Episcopal School art studio and gallery spaces will be updated per YMM Art Space specifications for a unique beginning to the 2017-2018 school year!

"I am thrilled that CES is going to provide its students with the opportunity to experience art education through this new partnership with YMM Art Space. It is yet another step CES is taking to bring new and innovative learning experiences while embracing the multicultural world in which we live." Dr. Caroline Chapin, Head of School, Christ Episcopal School, Rockville, MD.

Moses Wang, YMM Art Founding President, shared his thoughts about the partnership benefits. "CES has a profoundly impressive history and a unique academic program. CES's Head of School, Dr. Caroline Chapin, has accomplished much in her seven years as CES Head and has unique insights into best educational practices for today's students. I strongly agree with her educational philosophy. YMM is committed to early art education, and much of its program coincides with CES's emphasis on art education."



Caroline Chapin and Moses Wang



CESummer! campers with CES and YMM Art administration