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## The “rightful place” of the arts in education

Fulbright Senior Specialist and passionate arts education expert Arnold Aprill will present a free public lecture in Hobart this week titled *Putting the Arts at the Centre of Curriculum and Schooling*.

Mr Aprill is joining the UTAS Faculty of Education until August this year.

“Historically, the Arts have been perceived as a desirable add-on to teaching and learning, but not seen as central to curriculum or schooling,” he said.

“In an information age dependent on innovation and a constantly changing body of knowledge, this will not do.”

Mr Aprill’s lecture will focus on what happens when the arts assume their “rightful place” at the centre of 21st century education.

The presentation will include examples of effective practice and descriptions of educational policies that make these successful strategies possible.

Mr Aprill is Founder and Lead Consultant of Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education.

He consults nationally and internationally on the role of the arts in effective school improvement and has been recognised by the Leadership for a Changing World initiative, supported by the Ford Foundation.

He is co-author of *Renaissance in the Classroom: Arts Integration and Meaningful Learning* and is a contributor to the *Routledge International Handbook of Creative Learning*.

**Who:** Fulbright Senior Specialist and arts education expert, Arnold Aprill

**What:** Public lecture on *Putting the Arts at the Centre of Curriculum and Schooling*

**When:** Thursday 19 July 2012, 6-7.30pm

**Where:** Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Sandy Bay campus

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**Media note:** Mr Aprill is arriving in Hobart on Wednesday (18 July 2012) and will be available for media interviews after 1pm.

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