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TLC's Katherine Thomas School Students Present *Carnival of Animals*

Rockville, Md.— TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers, a local, private, non-profit agency that provides educational, therapeutic, and vocational services to children and adults with disabilities, today announced completion of a seven month arts project culminating in a production of *Carnival of the Animals* at TLC's Katherine Thomas School. This production was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. This grant supports weekly music, movement, drama, and visual arts classes in integrated projects that promote language learning by utilizing various learning styles.

The project was based on the Orff Schulwerk's educational theory which is "a multi-sensory approach that incorporates singing, chanting, moving, playing instruments, creating and listening through a five stage process of imitation, exploration, improvisation, creation and music literacy or musical independence." Many principles of this approach also correlate with language development and reading.

KTS students in kindergarten through fifth grade have been working on production preparation since the beginning of this school year. They have learned different ways a story can be told, including, musically, through acting, creating a picture, or by writing. In Art class, the students made different types of props to help tell the story of *Carnival of the Animals*. In Drama class, students assisted with choreography in preparation for the show by acting out movements and characteristic of the animals. And in Music class, students worked on songs that expressed the characteristics of each animal through rhythms that mirrored the animal's movements. Portions of the expressive arts process also integrated segments of the academics from individual classes, such as the use of geometric shapes as reinforcement to a Math unit or art from Japan to complement a Social Studies unit.

Richard Pavlin, Executive Director of TLC, called the show, "A terrific job – one that the parents and staff all applaud with a standing ovation!"

About TLC

TLC—The Treatment and Learning Centers, located in Rockville, Md., enables children and adults to develop their full potential, communicate effectively with others, and achieve educational success. TLC provides services that strengthen their abilities and respond to their changing needs. With over 56 years of service to the community, TLC is committed to integrity and excellence in our care and will strive to assist all, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information call 301.424.5200 or visit www.ttlc.org.

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