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## Arts Agenda: School's In Session

>> Transformer opens a show this weekend showcasing the work of two extremely talented photographers. Lely Constantinople and Antonia Tricarico utilize a slew of cameras as they approach people on the streets, taking portraits and learning the person behind the picture. They look for the commonalities in strangers who may pass each other everyday, never seeing it themselves. Unsurprisingly, these documentary artists each have pieces hanging in the National Museum of American History. Stop by Transformer this Saturday at 7 p.m. for the opening reception.

>> Public art needed! The city is looking to spruce up two major "eyesores," so the DC Commission on Arts and Humanities is soliciting entries from local artists whose work will be painted or sculpted on the facades to the tune of \$200,000. Proposals are due in two weeks, so hit up their web site and download an application.

>> Don't forget Colby Caldwell will be holding an art talk at Hemphill this Saturday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call 202-234-5601 to reserve a spot.

>> Once Caldwell wraps up, head over to the Hirshhorn to hear two D.C. artists, Iona Rozeal Brown and Zoe Charlton, give a lecture on race and ethnicity in art. You might remember Brown's "afro asiatic allegories" from the G Fine Art show last November. Ring Auditorium, 12:30 p.m., free.

>> The National Geographic Museum has made the cold outdoors worth venturing out into. Leave the dreary winter behind as you enter their new exhibition, *Spirit of Japanese Gardens*, featuring delicately balanced flora, along with images from some of their most talented photographers. Go see it now to experience the warrior's winter sanctuary, then come back as spring settles upon us and the garden is covered in cherry blossoms. The exhibit runs until April 25, 2007.

>> Did you make a new year's resolution to try something new? Maybe tap your creative side that the dreary office life keeps stamping down? Art classes all over town are currently registering for winter/spring classes, so head over to the Washington School of Photography, which opens new classes every week, including Food Photography, Video Editing and Photoshop classes. If that doesn't hit your fancy, The Capitol Hill Arts Workshop is celebrating its 35th Anniversary with 35% off all photography and digital arts classes. They'll also be holding a free photo critique workshop Saturday, February 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. Sign your kid up for some after school



classes with the [Latin American Youth Center](#). Just \$15 will teach them how to make "funky" photos, spin records, or get them making documentary videos.

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