

# *Music Center of Los Angeles County*

Presents

## **"Craig Woodson's World Orchestra" K-8 World Musical Instrument Making Assembly**

*Audience participation, musical performance and demonstrations*

*Science, history and multicultural awareness*

*A 50-minute assembly that supports the national academic content standards*



Dr. Craig Woodson uses simple tools and materials to build 12 easy-to-make musical instruments based on children's ideas from Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East and the Americas. He begins by taking the audience back in time where they perform four body sounds including a hair 'plink', lip buzz, hand clap, and cheek drum. Students next see how instruments evolved from those ancient sounds as he assembles homemade versions of folk instruments, for example, a Chinese violin from a Styrofoam cup, tube, dental floss and coat hanger; a German bugle from a garden hose and funnel; an African 'thumb piano' from wood and bobby pins; and a Middle Eastern drum from a picture frame and packing tape.

With his "laugh and learn" interactive, multidisciplinary approach, Dr. Woodson demonstrates these world instruments which represent the four scientific categories of musical sounds—string, air, drum, and idiophone. Throughout the assembly, he invites students to play his creative instruments on stage. By assembly's end, Dr. Woodson has 12 children and four teachers on stage, performing as a World Orchestra in a fun-filled improvisation.

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