# RITUALS

**Ntozake Shange** 

Rituals-the habits that become part of everyday existence-link people together in shared experiences. Ms. Shange and the children also explore how rituals are also powerful tools for shaping our lives.

# THE WONDERS OF COLOR

Mary Hayslip
Jewlery is a ritual form of decoration and expression. Mary Hayslip, a talented jewlery designer whose work has been featured in national publications and shows, introduces bead work techniques.

### THE MAGIC OF WORDS

Nick Fede

The third eye-the mind's eye-exists in us all. Through it we imagine, invent and create. Nick Fede, whose first play is being produced at the University of Houston this spring, will demonstrate how the third eye can be used to create characters in drama.

### SESSIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

### MASKS AND TOTEMS

Pat St. John Danko

March 22, 2:00 p.m.
This session is led by the bilingual playleaderart therapist and noted artist, Pat St. John Danko. Children will be given basic lessons in the technique of mask making while exploring alter egos and the ancient rituals of masks and

### SINGING THE BLUES PRETTY

Hermine D. Pinson

April 12, 2:00 p.m.
Poet Hermine Pinson will introduce songs from the true American tradition of blues. Children will also learn the special rhythm of the blues and to maketheir own blues.

## THE LANGUAGE OF DANCE

Janet Maimane and Lindi Yeni

May 3, 2:00 p.m. Like words, music and art, dance is a way of communication. Children will learn how to translate an idea from words into movement and back again, from these two gifted African dancers. Janet Maimane and Lindi Yeni have danced professionally, taught and choreographed for several years. (Note: please bring at least two empty cans and old spoons or sticks with you.)

### MAKING MUSIC PLAY

Luisa Amaral-Smith

May 17, 12:30 p.m.

A living music video will be created as children are introduced to the basic potential of musical interpretation. This session will be led by the accomplished actress-singer-dancer whose credits range from the Dinah Shore Show to the Alley Theatre and the Houston Shakespeare Festival. Note: participation is limited: please call 552-1767 for reservations.

### SALSA MUSIC

Luisa Amaral-Smith

May 31, 12:30 p.m. As a native of Puerto Rico, Ms. Smith has a deep appreciation for salsa music, and will demonstrate how it can lead to a greater understanding of the Latin culture. Note: participation is limited: please call 552-1767 for reservations.

# **ORANGE SHOW** CONCERT **SERIES** CHILDREN

You and your child are invited to participate in a series of special events at The Orange Show.

Ntozake Shange, the acclaimed playwright and novelist has assembled several of Houston's most accomplished artists, musicians and dancers. More than a performance. each event will enable children to join in exploring our world in concert with a gifted artist.

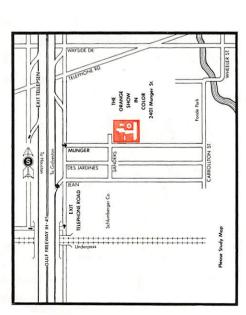
A special class from J. P. Henderson Elementary School has been chosen to participate in all events. Their experiences will be videotaped for the Houston Independent School District's Knowledge Network.

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