



The Touchstone Center's September Newsletter

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Greetings,

On Saturday, September 20th, as part of the [100th Anniversary of PS 61](#), I will be participating in a panel reflecting on the poetry written by children at that school, which is home to the Children's Workshop School and the East Village Community School. The Touchstone Center, from 2002-2009, had the pleasure of working on a variety of arts-education projects in and around the themes of an imagined bird, a tree of knowing, the life of play, and the rivers of our thoughts.

As a reminder, on Saturday, September 27th, the Center, in conjunction with Poets House, will be presenting a poetry workshop for children, [Our Earth, Our Sky: A Celebration of the Poetry of Childhood](#). The workshop will be followed by a discussion and conversation with adults, [There Once Was and Always Will Be: Evoking the Poetic Worlds of Childhood](#).

I would like to finally note the just-released, [inspiring film](#) about the eminent potter and teacher, Paulus Berensohn – who gave a memorable workshop at the Abrons Arts Center as part of Touchstone's 30th Anniversary. Brilliantly titled: *Touch-ing-Stone: the art of turning nouns*

into verbs . . . an imagination presented by Paulus Berensohn including poetry, stones, a music-speech, a show and tell, a hands-on pebble/clay ritual and a circle dance. The workshop was, as is the film, a joyous reflection on the role of art-making and the life of the imagination.

Best,

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