

Orinda Academy Spring Arts Festival

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Students from Orinda Academy dance during the Spring Arts Festival.

About 50 students from Orinda Academy sang, danced, acted, and played as part of Orinda Academy's first-ever Spring Arts Festival. Over the course of two evening performances, the Academy's high schoolers kept their cool during the first major heat-wave of the year, as they displayed their artistic and creative talents. The Festival provided audience goers with a variety of art to explore and enjoy including a short play, a hip hop dance production, solo and group musical performances, and an art exhibit.

Orinda Academy's interna-

tional students, who come from countries including China, Thailand, South Korea, and Viet Nam, created and shared a multimedia presentation highlighting art from their native cultures and discussed their transition to living in the United States. Each year, The Academy's student population of 120 includes about six international students. These students are offered a supplemental English (as a second language) class, although they must take all their other classes in English and meet the same academic requirements.