



FLAGSTAFF ARTS &
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F O R I M M E D I A T E R E L E A S E :

January 24, 2014

Event Date: March 8th 2014
5:00PM-9:00PM.

International Women's Day
Coconino Center for the Arts
2300 N Fort Valley Rd,
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

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Chairs for Change!

Fundraising event supporting girls' education in developing countries through organizations One New Education and the Malala Fund.

Malala Yousafzai is a girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban. She states: " I don't mind if I have to sit on the floor at school. All I want is an education. And I'm afraid of no one." This statement led us to use the chair to embody and symbolize that girls worldwide should have an education as a basic human right.

We believe that art can be used to raise awareness about the many obstacles women & girls in developing countries face when trying to receive an education. One New Education and the Malala Fund are non-profit organizations investing in community led programs and supporting education advocates around the world. For these girls, an education provides many opportunities that would otherwise be unobtainable. *Chairs for Change* is an endeavor designed by FALA's National Art Honor Society to raise funds and awareness for this movement.

Details: The event will host the film *Girl Rising* www.girlrising.com a global movement to educate girls and change the world. *Girl Rising* spotlights the stories of nine unforgettable girls born into unforgiving circumstances, capturing their dreams, their voice and their remarkable lives. It puts the spotlight on the power of education to change a girl and to transform the world. *Girl Rising* is more than people we may never see or places we may never visit. It's about supporting girls to have the opportunities they deserve. It's about localizing the issue of getting girls into school. Here in Flagstaff we can be part of the solution.

Chairs, benches, stools, & desks are painted by Bruce Aiken, Emma Gardner, Shawn Skabelund, Gwen Waring, Connie Townsend, FALA students and many other local artists will be displayed and auctioned at the event. We will raise \$10,000 benefiting One New Education www.oneneweducation.org and the Malala Fund www.malalafund.org.

Christa Sadler, the chair of One New Education, is our keynote speaker.

Tickets are \$10 general admission or \$5 for 6-12TH grades & college students. Tickets can be purchased at: FALA's front office or call to reserve your tickets 928.779.7223, more info at www.flagarts.com

Flagstaff Arts & Leadership Academy

We are a tuition-free, public charter middle and high school with focus on academic excellence and rigorous performing and visual arts programs.

National Art Honor Society, Karen Butterfield Chapter

Emphasizes outstanding artistic scholarship and service to the school and community through development of artistic endeavors together with a strong moral character. By exemplifying these standards, the individual student members of the society promote an awareness of art and become active participants in the education process at their school and their community.

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