



# “ART IS A WHOLE BRAINER”

## 2011 NEW HAMPSHIRE ART EDUCATOR FALL CONFERENCE

Saturday October 15, 2011 8am – 4pm  
at The New Hampshire Institute of Art

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Foad Afshar, Psy.D.

**PRESENTING** “The Brain, The Whole Brain,  
And Nothing But The Brain, So Help Me Art”

*“When we engage in  
the arts...we activate  
networks and then  
create new ones. Every  
time we create a new  
network, we expand our  
brain’s capacity. It is as  
simple as that.”*

**- FOAD AFSHAR, PSY.D.**  
Art Education and Liberal Arts Faculty

Dr. Afshar received his Doctorate in Professional Psychology (Psy.D.) from California Coast University with a concentration in clinical and developmental psychology. He received his Masters degree in Education (Consulting Psychology) from Harvard University and his Bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Massachusetts. He completed his post-doctoral training at the Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center and Children’s Specialty Hospital.

His professional experience in clinical mental health and education spans thirty years during which time he has served in several professional clinical, administrative and teaching positions at the K-12 as well as college levels. His experiences and expertise are varied and demonstrate a vast array of interest and skills. He has worked with abused and neglected children, in substance abuse and in special education. He has directed large scale school guidance services and has administered the special education department in one of New Hampshire’s largest school districts. Dr. Afshar has been a trainer and consultant for several organizations and school districts in the areas of educational adaptation, behavioral intervention and neuro-behavioral basis of learning and creativity.

Dr. Afshar is an art enthusiast who is actively engaged in many art forms. His intense interest in the arts as well as neurobiology has led to research in the area of neurobiology and developmental aspects of art and art education. He is currently faculty of Psychology and Art Education at the New Hampshire Institute of Art as well as founder of CLEER Institute in Concord, NH. He has served on the New Hampshire Psychological Association’s Executive Board for several years and was elected as its President in 2010. He brings his knowledge of child development, experience and training in education and brain development as well as his love and passion for the arts to create a comprehensive view of human beings at any age.