



Spring 2017 Class Catalog

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ARTS mission is to ignite the power of creativity in youth, inspiring them to overcome obstacles and providing them with the skills needed to become passionate catalysts for positive change in themselves, their communities, and the world.

About ARTS Education > EXPLORE / ENGAGE

At ARTS we believe that art is a powerful tool that can change the lives of youth, their families, and South Bay community residents.

At the core of our Creative Youth Development model is Art Education: free after-school classes in Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Media Arts and Maker for youth ages 11-22 in National City using a Social Change curriculum. These free art classes occur at the ARTS Center, a 20,000 square-foot hub of creativity and safe spaces where young artists come to explore, engage in, and evolve through the arts.

All ARTS students receive free support services, including health and wellness counseling, college and career counseling, and leadership development.



Explore introduces young artists, ages 11-18, to basic skills/creative expression in one or more of our three arts disciplines: Fine Arts, Performing Arts, and Media Arts. Students are free to explore various disciplines and take multiple art education classes. Students also have the opportunity for structured social activities including movie nights, field trips, and guest artist lectures.



Engage is for young artists, ages 14 -18, who want to take their artistic experiences to the next level. Students make a commitment to develop their skills in an art discipline of their choice: Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Media Arts or Maker. For 6 – 8 hours per week, students will divide time between art classes, open studio time, guest artist lectures, field trips, and student services support.



List of Classes



EXPLORE

Drawing 101
Beginning Ceramics
Photo-Fun 101
Write On
Live In Color
Music 101

ENGAGE

Design & Illustration
Intermediate / Advanced Ceramics
Choir
Strings 101
Strings 201
Photo-Reflect 201



Class Descriptions & Schedule

Drawing 101 / Ages 11 – 14

Thursdays / 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM / Albert
February 2 – March 16, 2017

Young creatives will learn foundational drawing skills, building a strong base to develop and improve over time. Students will learn structuring, portrait and figure drawing, proportion, shading, perspective, and more.

Beginning Ceramics / Ages 11 – 14

Wednesdays / 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM / Aerial
February 1 – June 14, 2017

Come learn how to play with clay! Beginning ceramics is a great hands-on 3-D art class for young artists of all levels and artistic experience. Students will learn the basics of working with clay and using the pottery wheel. Students will be able to make functional ceramics and sculptural work, which will last a lifetime.

Photo-Fun 101 / Ages 11 – 14

Thursdays / 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM / Christina
February 2 – June 15, 2017

Find your voice using photography. By exploring basic and intermediate photography fundamentals such as point-of-view, leading lines, repetition, rule-of-thirds and depth-of-field, students will discover how to express thoughts and ideas using photography and visual media. In Photo-Fun 101, we will take photo excursions exploring areas throughout San Diego, learning how to use our unique perspectives as a visual voice.

Write On 101 / Ages 11 – 14

Thursdays / 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM / Michelle
February 2 – June 15, 2017

We like to write!

Live In Color / Ages 11 – 14

Thursdays / 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM / Laura

April 6 – June 15, 2017

In this class, students will have the opportunity to express themselves using acrylic paint as their main medium. Students will learn to use different color schemes to achieve a final product.

Music 101 / Ages 11 – 14

Tuesdays / 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM / DeeJay

February 21 – June 13, 2017

Students will be introduced to a variety of musical basics such as instrument skill building, jamming, improvising, theory, songwriting, and recording. This class is designed to help new students shape their musical identity, and also help refine intermediate students as well; everyone is welcome!



Class Descriptions & Schedule

Design & Illustration / Ages 14 – 18

Mondays and Wednesdays / 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM / Albert
January 30 – June 14, 2017

Creatives will take on some challenging design and illustration projects over the course of the semester. These will include but are not limited to: creating a personal logo and brand, designing characters for a mock movie or TV series, illustrating to cover and interior art of a story book. During this course, students will learn about consistency, dynamic creativity, and carrying out artistic ideas from start to finish.

Intermediate / Advanced Ceramics / Ages 14 – 18

Tuesdays and Thursdays / 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM / Aerial
January 31 – June 15, 2017

Come play with clay!! In this class we will be heavily focused on wheel throwing (pottery) as well as developing more advanced firing and hand building techniques. Students will go home with finished work they can be proud of. Students can choose to do all projects on the wheel, by hand building, or a mixture of both! This is a great class for anyone who has a little experience in clay and wants to learn more.

Choir / Ages 14 – 18

Fridays / 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM / Sara
February 3 – June 16, 2017

This course introduces students to vocal and choral skills. Students will work on ensemble choral techniques as well as their individual vocal development and interests. The ability to read music is not required for this class.

Strings 101 / Ages 11 – 18

Fridays / 4:45 PM – 5:45 PM / Daisy

February 3 – June 16, 2017

This course is an introduction to playing the violin. Along with learning classical violin technique, students will learn how to read and write music. Students will also participate in basic ear training in order to learn how to play with good intonation and tone.

Strings 201 / Ages 14 – 18

Fridays / 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM / Daisy

February 3 – June 16, 2017

This course is a continuation of learning to play the violin, as well as an exploration of other strings such as viola and cello. Students in this class are required to have achieved basic strings skills. Along with reviewing and breaking down classical string technique, students will develop stronger music reading and writing skills through more challenging music and extensive ear training.

Photo-Reflect 201 / Ages 14 – 18

Fridays / 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM / Christina

February 3 – June 16, 2017

Photography is a reflection of the world that teaches, informs, educates, and inspires us. By capturing and documenting our world through photography, millions of unique perspectives emerge as art forms and communication tools. Photo-Reflect 201 will serve as a platform for creative photography expression. Using DSLR cameras, students will become proficient in intermediate and advanced photography techniques, providing an avenue for greater self- and community- awareness and exploration.

Meet Your Teachers!



Albert

Is ARTS Visual Arts Department Lead and is a San Diego Artist and illustrator who likes to play and experiment with a variety of media and materials.



Aerial

Is a San Diego native who has been working with clay for six years. Making objects on the wheel is one of her favorite past times.



Christina

Has dedicated the past 8 years to working with youth to advocate for individual and social change. In addition to her passion for working with youth, Christina loves spending time with family and friends, adventuring outdoors, and traveling.



Michelle

Values and tries to involve herself in art, community, and ethnic studies. In addition to teaching creative writing at ARTS, she is a fulltime middle school English and Art teacher in City Heights.



Laura

Is ARTS Student Services Manager as well as our visual arts teaching artist. She is not interesting or fun but loves sarcasm and coffee!



Sara

Does woodworking and piano restoration in her free time.



Daisy

Is a fulltime student and works at the Haunted trail of Balboa Park as an actress.



DeeJay

Tests the boundaries of music through genre blending. A self-taught and formally trained guitar player, he concluded at an early age that "things don't have to be black and white, it's the grey area that usually brings the best out of both."

ARTS 2017 Holiday Closures

Monday, February 20 / President's Day

Monday, March 20 - April 1 / Spring Break

Monday, May 29 / Memorial Day

Get in touch!

For more information about classes & to register, please contact:

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