



2009 SPRING Youth Arts Program Class Descriptions

- Program dates are January 12 – June 12, 2009
- Classes will not be held on January 19 & 20, February 16, April 10 and May 25
- Arts Showcase/Demonstration Days are May 29 (5-7 year olds) and June 5 (8-12 year olds)
- Classes are one hour in length unless otherwise indicated.

PAYMENT PLANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE. CALL 202-547-6839

MONDAY 18 weeks/\$288

Musical Theater – Thea Kano

4:00 – 6:00 8+ MY1 (\$576 - 2 hr. class)

Survey of musical theater in which students sing, dance, and act scenes and production numbers from seven decades of music, culminating in a semester-end performance. No experience or audition necessary.

Metalsmithing and Jewelry Making – Heidi Hess

4:00 – 5:00 8 – 12 MY3

Students will learn about many different jewelry and metalsmithing techniques such as filing, sanding, texturing, and polishing used in creating small scale metal sculpture and wearable art. The class will also uncover various types of decorative body adornment in other cultures as well as works by other Metal Artists. Each student will design, sketch and fabricate many personal pieces throughout the term.

Metal Sculpture and Jewelry Making – Heidi Hess

5:00 – 6:00 5 – 7 MY4

Students will explore many techniques for creating small metal objects and jewelry. Throughout the class students will learn the basic fundamentals for making small scale metal sculpture, jewelry and simple beading techniques. The class will also discover various types of decorative body adornment in other cultures as well as works by other Metal Artists. Each student will design, sketch and fabricate many pieces throughout the term.

Digital & Darkroom Photography – Bruce McKaig

4:00 – 5:00 5 – 7 MY5

5:00 – 6:00 8 – 12 MY6

This combination digital and darkroom class is just right for beginners or for students with previous experience. The class looks at camera use and composition, film processing, darkroom printing, hand coloring photographs, and specialty projects.

Postcards from the Moon – Rochelle Mendoza

4:00 – 5:00 5-7 MY7

5:00 – 6:00 8-12 MY8

Take a trip to the moon while creating mix media projects in painting, sculpture and clay. Students will travel through the solar system in our own spaceship. When the student gets to the moon, they will create alien sculptures, collect moon gems and send home-made postcards to someone special.

Capoiero – Aquilles Holladay

4:00 – 5:00 5 – 12 MY9

Develop strength, skill and agility in this Afro-Brazilian blend of martial art, game, and dance created by enslaved Africans in Brazil during the 16th Century.

Tappin' Toes – Jennifer Kilmer

5:00 – 6:00 5 - 7 MY10

Tap classes are a fun way for children of all ages to develop their coordination, balance, rhythm and agility. Students will learn basics of tap dance: falaps, shuffles, hops, toe heel/heel toe, shuffle ball changes, and other combinations. All of these fundamentals will be incorporated into a dance, where each week more choreography will be added.
Prerequisite: None

TUESDAY – 20 weeks - \$320/class

Capitol Hill Youth Chorus – Thea Kano

4:00 – 5:00 Grades 1 - 3 TY1

5:00 – 6:00 Grades 4 and Up TY2

Students learn vocal singing technique and music theory while preparing choral repertoire ranging in style from classical to Broadway, culminating in a semester-end concert. No experience or audition necessary.

Mixed Media – Tamara DeSilva

4:00 – 5:00 5 – 7 TY3

5:00 – 6:00 8 – 12 TY4

Explore a wide variety of visual arts styles, mediums and techniques.

Digital Comic Creation: – Carolina Mayorga

4:00 – 5:00 8-12 TY5

Children in this class will learn fundamental concepts of story making and graphic design by creating a series of digital comic strips using software such as Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign. CHAW's dance theme for this year will be the departing point for this comic adventure. Writing, drawing and digital skills will be stressed through the use of the different software.

Creative Clay – Rochelle Mendoza

5:00 – 6:00 5 – 7 TY6

4:00 – 5:00 8 – 12 TY7

Unleash your creative spirit. Students will design fantasy horses, clay planters from the Renaissance and modern mosaic designs while learning about artists like Salvador Dali, Michelangelo, and Andy Warhol.

Eco Art – Carolina Mayorga

5:00 – 6:00 5 – 7 TY8

This class uses art as a tool to awaken ecological and social awareness. We will explore nature and the environment through indoor/outdoor projects that incorporate recycled and natural materials.

Tumbles, Jumps and Rock& Roll– Heidi Hess

4:00 – 5:00 5 - 7 TY9

Be prepared to move with both choreographed and improvised, creative movement, tumbling and obstacle courses.

World Dance and Culture – Heidi Hess

5:00 – 6:00 8 - 12 TY10

Explore artistic traditions and customs from around the world through dance and music, visual & culinary arts, costume, geography and much more.

Class Guitar – Gary Prince

4:00 – 5:00 5 – 7 TY11

Taught by guitar instructor Gary Prince, Guitar 101 is an opportunity for beginning guitarists to increase their knowledge of the instrument while being exposed to the recordings of the guitar masters. The class format will be part group lesson, part listening session and discussion. Students should bring their guitar, plus a folder or notebook for handouts and music. Ages 7-9 or by instructor permission.

Rock & Roll – Gary Prince

6:05 – 7:30 10 – 13 TY12

The Rock and Roll Ensemble is an opportunity for young players to gain experience playing in a rock and roll band with drums, guitar, bass and vocals. Coached by guitar instructor Gary Prince, the focus of the ensemble will be on working together as a group to learn songs and write original material. Guitarists and bassists should bring their own instruments and amplifiers, drummers should bring their own sticks. A basic drumkit and PA (for vocalists) will be provided. Students should have some prior experience on their instrument. Ages 10-13 or with instructor permission.

WEDNESDAY – 21 weeks \$336/class****New - Wednesday Early Dismissal Option******Arts Club: Traveling Around the World with Creative Arts – Danielle Martin**

Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:30pm WY4 (2 hrs - \$756 add \$105 for van pick up)

In this class children will be guided through an exploration of the creative disciplines from various countries. This unique opportunity fuses theatre, dance, music and visual arts to expand each student's creativity, sensitivity, and skill set. Using a culture's own art and stories as our starting point, these globe trotters will then create their own original pieces. (Van pick up from St. Peter's at 12:30 – bring lunch to CHAW. Pick up from Two Rivers at 1:15. Additional routes added as needed/available)

Music Improvisation – Layne Garrett

4:00 – 5:00 8-12 WY1

In this class students will make improvised music together, learning techniques for listening well and responding musically. We will also listen to a wide variety of music from around the world, analyzing the role of improvisation in the music and the elements that go into the improvisation. The primary focus, though, will be on playing. Everyone will be asked to specialize on a particular instrument, so this class will be a great opportunity for students who are studying an instrument at school or on their own to develop skills in improvisation on their instruments. For those without an instrument, options include voice and percussion (there are hand drums available). There is also a piano available for anyone who has experience playing piano.

Rhythm and Improvisation – Layne Garrett

5:00 – 6:00 5 – 7 WY2

This class will be focused on tapping into and developing students' innate sense of rhythm, as well as their abilities to improvise musically. Students will learn basic hand percussion techniques in order to play simple multi-part rhythms on hand drums. They will also learn techniques for listening well and improvising (using voice, body percussion, and other percussion instruments) individually and as a group.

Movie Making – Bruce McKaig

4:00 - 5:00 8 – 12 WY3

This class is ideal for students with no experience or for students who have already worked in the digital lab. Class projects include writing story boards, using the digital camcorder, editing movies on the computer, adding titles and special effects, adding soundtracks, making DVDs. The class will involve a mixture of individual projects and team projects.

Intro to Digital Photography – Bruce McKaig

5:00 – 6:00 5 – 7 WY6

This class is ideal for beginners or students with experience in the digital lab. Projects include digital camera use, digital scanning, Photoshop basics, and making digital animations. Students will work on individual projects as well as several team projects.

Drawing Studio – Carolina Mayorga

4:00 – 5:00 5 – 7 WY7

Children will study the fundamental concepts of drawing and 2D media. Class projects will cover portrait, landscape and still-life while introducing the concepts of representation, interpretation and abstraction. A focus on the human figure in motion and dancing will be introduced as part of CHAW's theme for this year. Various drawing techniques will be explored along with other drawing-related media such as pastels, ink wash and collage.

Drawing Studio Intensive – Carolina Mayorga (1.5 hr. class \$504)

5:00 - 6:30 9+ WY8

Students in this class will learn fundamental concepts of drawing and 2D media. Observation, perspective, human proportions and composition will be studied through a variety of class assignments, individual projects and experimentation with different materials and techniques. Art History subject matters such as portrait, landscape, still life and interior spaces will be studied. A focus on the human figure in motion and dancing will be introduced as part of CHAW's theme for this year.

Ballet – Aquiles Holladay

4:00 – 5:00 5- 7 WY9

Students will enjoy the creative movement exercises that strengthen ballet skills, improve coordination, enhance group socialization skills and most of all, empower the imagination with dance! Barre technique, ballet combinations, easy-to-follow movement exercises and age appropriate dance progressions help children improve body awareness and gain the musicality they need to match movement to music. This class will introduce basic ballet concepts through creative play, bare work, and traveling across the floor.

Hip Hop – Aquiles Holladay

5:00 – 6:00 8-12 WY10

This class will explore American styles that originated in the late 70's and 80's such as Break Dancing, Popping, and Housing. Each class will begin with a warm-up, continue with skill building and choreography and finish with an improvisation session.

Shakespeare & Puppets – Rochelle Mendoza

4:00 – 5:00 8 – 12 WY11

5:00 – 6:00 5 – 7 WY12

Create puppets with recycled items and learn about a Shakespeare Play. Students will design a set, study a scene, and create characters fit for a medieval experience. Students will work in mixed media including painting, sculpture, and sewing.

Adventures with Letters, Words, and the Spaces in Between – Jacob Kerner4:00 – 5:00 5 – 7 WY13 (*\$200 – This class is underwritten in part by a grant from the*5:00 – 6:00 8 – 12 WY14 *Louise P. Zanar Fund*)

Explore the many ways there are to be creative with words with stories and poems by beloved children's authors and creative writing activities designed to spark your imagination and get what is in your head out and onto paper. Write acrostic and syllabic poems, play with rhymes and parts of speech, spin long and wild tales, collage and collect words and letters, illustrate and story board exciting adventures, write and illustrate in journals, and create your very own book by the end of the semester.

THURSDAY – 21 weeks \$336/class

Acting Through Art! – Joanne Seelig

4:00 – 5:00 5 – 7 RY1

In this class, students will examine the great works of Van Gogh, Monet, Picasso, etc. and create the stories behind the masterpiece! Students will discover character, plot, and action in a new artistic way. Students will also have a chance to discover their own artistic style through a combination of story creation and art-making creation activities.

Play Creation – Joanne Seelig

5:00 – 6:00 8 – 12 RY2

In this class students will develop their own writing style as they create a play from start to finish. Students will develop their team building, acting and even directing skills as they take their plays from page to stage with a brief culminating performance of their work.

Digital Music – Jensen Kvarnes

5:00-6:00 8 - 12 RY6

Have fun learning to make music on the computer. Students will use Music Ace software to learn basic skills and music theory, and then use Garage Band to create their own music using instrument loops and a keyboard. Each student will have at least one song at the end of the course.

Drumming – Jensen Kvarnes

4:00 – 5:00 5 – 7 RY7

Students will work on conga drums and other hand drums learning how to vocalize, play and identify different rhythms. Using those rhythms as a foundation, students will improvise and enhance the rhythms with other percussion instruments including the agogo, afuci, maracas and tambourine. We will also explore other media to make rhythms such as objects of nature, typical objects of the house and body rhythms.

Cultural Clay - Joann Tong

5:00 – 6:00 8 – 12 RY5

A fun introduction to clay for kids! Students will learn clay basics including: pinch pots, coil and slab building techniques, and reliefs through a journey around the world. We will explore a different culture with each different technique covered in the course as well as an exciting collaborative final project.

Lions, Tigers, and Clay (Oh My!) – Joann Tong

4:00 – 6:00 5 – 7 RY9

An introduction to clay for the young animal lover. Clay basics (pinch pots, coil and slab building, relief sculpture) will be taught

Altered Books – Amy Herbert

4:00 – 5:00 5 – 7 RY10

Enjoy telling and creating stories? In this class each student will make their own hard cover book while learning to tell stories visually by using recycled materials and paper art skills.

Paper Making – Amy Herbert

5:00 – 6:00 8 – 12 RY11

In this class students will learn various ways to make paper, create images out of paper pulp, and uses for their decorative papers. The ordinary piece of paper becomes a thing of the past as the process of paper and creativity come to life.

Sculpture Adventure – Carolina Mayorga

4:00 – 5:00 8 – 12 TY7

5:00 – 6:00 5 – 7 TY8

Taking our inspiration from CHAW's "Year of the Dance, children will look at the world of dancing by creating a 3 dimensional interpretation of a dance performance. This long-term project will explore a variety of sculpture techniques such as modeling, assemblage and mixed media while giving children the opportunity to express their ideas and creativity.

FRIDAY 20 weeks, 1.5 hr class - \$480/class

Masterpiece Studio – Lisa Marie Adkins

4:00 - 5:30 5-7 FY1

Who makes those big paintings that look like comic book pictures, and how can I do that? Does Dale Chihuly really paint with brooms and ketchup? What if I tried that? Students explore the artwork and artistic techniques of famous artists as they create their own original works of art using various media, including painting, drawing, and print-making.

Clay Survey – Jeremiah Huth

4:00 - 5:30 8 - 12 FY2

Learn a variety of techniques in working with clay to create sculpture, vessels and decorative pieces through hand building and wheel throwing.

Movie Making – Bruce McKaig

4:00 - 5:30 8 – 12 FY3

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Laughing out Loud – Meg Maxwell

4:00 – 5:30 8 - 12

Knock, Knock. Who's There? It's Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Comedy Class! Explore creativity and thinking outside the box as we laugh our way through all different methods of comedy. Learn the fundamentals of having fun. We will learn improvisation and write our own punch lines. A comedy show, written and performed by the students, will take place on the last class.

Beginning Jazz Dance – Amy Herbert

4:00 - 5:30 5 – 7 FY5

In this high-energy class students will learn body awareness and control, jazz dance basics, and even a little number to perform at the end of the semester. Sure to be a hit...now lets see those jazz hands!

DCPS School Holiday Half Day and Full Day Camps

CHAW offers half and full day camps on non-federal school holidays featuring museum field trips, arts activities and recreation.

Half Day – includes transportation for students registered for van service. 12:15 - 3:30pm

Add \$5 for non-registered van riders (pending space availability).

January 23 - \$35

Full Day – includes snack & lunch. 9:00 – 3:30pm

Add \$8 for early drop off at 8:30

February 27 - \$80

April 16 - \$80

May 15 - \$80