

# Wingspan Arts Arts online

Afterschool Enrichment- Fall 2020



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Classes for Grades K - 5

September 21st - November 20th

# Remote Learning

While we sorely miss our students, we understand that safety must be our number one priority. Considering the current pandemic we are facing, we have made the decision to make all Fall Afterschool classes remote this year. We are hopeful we can get back into the classroom and learn and create in person this spring. That being said, we just successfully ran our Summer Conservatory program completely online and we were encouraged to see all that is possible even when only meeting through a screen. We are highly confident in our abilities to continue to offer deep, meaningful arts classes virtually. Below are some accolades from students and parents who participated in our online Summer Conservatory. We hope you can join us this fall!

“Your program had it all. It was the gold standard on how to make remote arts deep, collaborative, and meaningful! Thank you for teaching all of us that we can get through this unprecedented time, still very much connected to the arts!”

“It’s been rough being home and away from friends for months and it can be hard to connect online. These past weeks the kids were engaged and drawn into the Zooms and you all made the best of a hard situation. The program was unbelievably well organized and well thought out. [My daughter] was never bored. She was challenged and had so much fun.”

“I really feel like Conservatory being virtual allowed us to have some learning experiences that we usually were not able to have, which was super fun! The greatest thing I learned is how to learn in ways I’m not used to.”

“The classes were super duper fun. During the beginning of Conservatory I was thinking ‘how would they make the classes fun over Zoom’ because my drama class at school wasn’t fun at all over Zoom. So it really surprised me how all the teachers had really fun things prepared and everything worked well!”

# Class Offerings

## K- 1st Grade (Lower Grades)

### Dance Me a Story

Dance is one of the most expressive and exciting ways to tell a story. The students in this class will use stories to inspire movement. Blending the elements of plot, music, characters, and physical movement, students in this class will integrate their learning into a spectacular visual story. Watch them skip, bop, and shimmy their way from “Once Upon a Time” to “Happily Ever After”!

**Mondays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Sept 21 - Nov 16**

### Mini Musical

Performers will learn what it takes to put together a show from start to finish, complete with acting, singing and dancing. As an ensemble students will practice choreography, learn lyrics, and rehearse scenes, working together to build a musical performance! For those who are interested in learning more about musical theatre, this class will cover everything an actor needs to know to become Broadway bound!

**Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Sept 22 - Nov 17**

### Recycled Art

Students will be inspired to find art all around them in this multi media visual arts class. Using recycled materials and found household objects, combined with common art supplies, students will explore ways to reuse, and reinvent with creativity. Projects will explore Drawing, Painting, Collage, Printing & Sculpture. Students will learn about art concepts such as color theory, composition and balance while being introduced to notable artists and their works. Join Recycled Art and celebrate creating something extraordinary out of the ordinary.

**Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Sept 23 - Nov 18**

### Myths & Legends

Storytellers in this class will bring Myths & Legends from around the world to life! In this class, students will use skills in literacy, teamwork, and creative thinking to devise staged versions of familiar stories. Students will draw inspiration from different places such as Native American folktales, or the myths from Ancient Greece! Students will use acting techniques and their curious imaginations to stage an adaptation of a timeless story!

**Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Sept 24 - Nov 19**

### Lego Artists

In this class, students experience the excitement of Lego and learning! This class will introduce teamwork, observation, creative thinking, and problem-solving skills while students use their imaginations to build artistic Lego creations! Students will learn about famous pieces of art and architecture, explore 2D mosaics, and build upwards in 3D. Students will be able to build individually and in groups, giving them a sense of ensemble and how their pieces and fun ideas fit into the whole.

**Fridays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Sept 25 - Nov 20**

# Class Offerings

## 2nd-5th Grade (Upper Grades)

### Hip Hop

With a focus on combining old and new hip hop moves and styles, dancers will learn all about this athletically staccato dance form. Students will pop, lock, jam, and break while also working together to create dynamic dance pieces. Balancing challenging choreography with the students' own creative influence, this class will result in an exciting dance performance.

**Mondays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Sept 21 - Nov 16**

### Star Performers

Through the exploration of song and dance, students will become Star Performers! From Ariana Grande to Justin Timberlake, performers will learn to sing and dance like these amazing pop stars. Each week students will work on the vocal techniques, choreography, and personal style it takes to become a super star. At the end of the semester, the Star Performers will dazzle in a pop concert performance!

**Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Sept 22 - Nov 17**

### Graphic Novels

In this advanced cartooning class, students will learn to create characters, worlds, and stories using the art of illustration. With a balance of literacy, storytelling, and visual art, the Graphic Novelists from this class will jump head first into the world of cartooning. They will have the opportunity to develop new characters, as well as place their favorite comics in new settings. At the end of the class, students will walk away with their own graphic novel!

**Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Sept 23 - Nov 18**

### Acting & Improv

Students will learn the skills of Acting and Improvisation in this hands-on, spontaneous theatre class. Actors will learn the basic rules of improv to develop and hone their skills as performers. They will learn the foundations of improv such as "Yes, and..." and "roll with it" through their exploration of acting techniques, games, and exercises. Students will create exciting characters, conflicts, and stories by using their voices, bodies, and imaginations. The class will culminate in an improv performance for all to enjoy!

**Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Sept 24 - Nov 19**

### Yoga

Breathe deeply. Meditate. Stretch. Move! Through the ancient art of yoga, students will gain flexibility and have the freedom to dance and explore creative movement. These yoga sessions will combine reflection, light stretching, breathing, various yoga poses, and meditation. By the end of the semester, students will feel peaceful and ready to share all they've learned in a yoga demonstration. Namaste.

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# Class Tuition

**Class Tuition:** \$135/class

Each class consists of 9 weekly sessions

**Registration fee:** \$15

One per family, per semester

**Payment Plan (Optional):**

Your account balance will be paid in two installments charged automatically on the following dates:

1st payment: At registration

2nd payment: October 16th

*There is no additional cost for the payment plan.*

To Register go to:  
[www.wingspanarts.org](http://www.wingspanarts.org)

To Apply for Financial Aid, please email  
[Financial-Aid@wingspanarts.org](mailto:Financial-Aid@wingspanarts.org)

Class sizes will be between 5- 12 students per class.

No refunds for unused classes.

Any class with less than 5 students enrolled will be cancelled.

# Teaching Artists

## **Andy Hunter**

### **Myths & Legends, Mini Musical**



Andy has been working with Wingspan, in numerous roles, over the past 3 years. He has been everything from an intern to a Site Director! He has an unrelenting passion for teaching artistry and loves leading wingspan drama courses. Andy started his Wingspan journey while completing his BFA in Dramatic Arts at The New School for Drama. He loves collaborating with students to create original and inventive theatre and games. Outside of Wingspan, Andy is an actor, writer, independent teaching artist, and all-around helpful human. One of his favorite experiences as a teaching artist was getting the chance to direct a play written by an eight-year-old in the Writopia Play Festival! He also enjoys board games, woodworking, crafting, and outdoors-y things!

## **Charles Person**

### **Graphic Novels**



Charles has been with Wingspan since October 2015 and has dedicated himself to being a great example of a responsible individual to the company from day one—always present and ready to help students have fun and overcome their fears! Since joining the Wingspan crew, he's grown from Assistant Teaching Artist to Site Director, focusing on building students' confidence and creative soul with every class he's assisted or taught. Charles has experience teaching Pre K to Fifth grade, in a variety of visual arts, but his specialty is character creation. Teaching students how to expand and perfect their made up characters is so much fun, not to mention showing them some of the cartoons he grew up on! In his spare time, he works on his own comic and fanart as well as playing video games and board games with friends and family!

## **Chris Tucker**

### **Acting & Improv, Lego Artists**



Christopher has worked with Wingspan for the last 7 years, beginning as a Teaching Artist later taking on the role of Site Director and eventually Senior Site Director. As a Teaching Artist Christopher has taught courses on LEGOs, music, and improv. Working with young people in the arts is truly a passion and one of his greatest joys. Outside of Wingspan, Christopher is an actor, singer, comedian and activist originally from Detroit, MI. He has studied theatre all over the world, from Wayne State University's BFA Acting program in Detroit to the Moscow Art Theatre in Russia. Most recently Christopher could be seen performing at The Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in NYC. When he's not performing or teaching Christopher loves to experiment with cooking and has recently discovered the joys of home brewing kombucha!

# Teaching Artists



**Janet Cesarotti**  
**Dance Me a Story, Yoga**

This is Janet's second year working with Wingspan Arts as a Teaching Artist. Previously, Janet also held the role of Site Director at one of Wingspan's amazing public school locations. As a Teaching Artist with Wingspan Janet has taught classes such as Yogamotion and Movin' and Groovin'. Janet holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance from Florida State University and has over 5 years of teaching experience. After graduating college and moving to New York Janet found a passion for Arts Education and hopes to cultivate an engaging classroom environment where students can feel safe and empowered to express themselves through movement. Outside of Wingspan Janet is a dance artist, performer, and generally creative person. She has performed in numerous venues around NYC including The Joyce Theater and Peridance Capezio Center. In her free time she also enjoys knitting, yoga, and anything to do with the outdoors!



**Meredith Harvath**  
**Recycled Art**

Meredith Harvath has served Wingspan Arts as a Teaching Artist, Site Director and Wingspan In Residence Teaching Artist on Wingspan's YouTube Channel. Meredith has worked as a volunteer in arts education for 15 years: instructing art, directing musical theater, building sets and costumes, event planning and fundraising. She holds a BA in Broadcasting and was a radio announcer and voice talent!



**Shadrick Lester**  
**Hip Hop, Star Performers**

Shadrick began working with Wingspan 3 years ago as a Site Director solely. Over his time in schools at Wingspan, Shadrick joined the Teaching Artist track and taught classes in the disciplines of Dance, Music & Music Theatre. Investing in our future performing artist is something that Shadrick is extremely passionate about. Outside of Wingspan, Shadrick is an independent R&B/Pop Artist who writes original music, creates original choreography, and performs live & virtually throughout the Tri-State area. Shadrick is also classically/musical theatre trained and has performed various shows that include: Street Scene, Orpheus in the Underworld, Sister Act, Magic Flute, and Pirates of Penzance, just to name a few. Shadrick holds a Bachelor of Music from the The Hartt School of Music and a Masters in Music from New York University.