

Wingspan Arts Afterschool Programs

Winter 2020 - Arts Online



www.wingspanarts.org/afterschool-programs

Classes for Grades K - 5

November 30th - February 12th

Remote Learning

While we sorely miss our students, we understand that safety must be our number one priority. Considering the ongoing pandemic, we will continue with remote Afterschool classes through at least February 2021. We are hopeful we can get back into the classroom and learn and create in person this spring. That being said, we successfully ran our Fall Afterschool and Conservatory Programs completely online and we are 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 classes so far. We hope you can join us this winter!

"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

Lego Creations- K-1st Grade

Legos just got even *more* fun! In this class, students will experience the excitement and creativity of Legos and learning! This class will introduce teamwork, observation, creative thinking, and problem-solving skills while using creativity and imagination to build the most amazing creations! **Mondays 3:00 - 4:00pm – Nov 30 – Feb 8**

Step & Hip Hop - 2nd-5th Grade

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.

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Sing Me a Story – All Grades

In this creative music class, young musicians express themselves by acting out stories and writing original songs. Through theatre games and improvisation, they'll learn some basic tools of scene writing and songwriting. After playing out a few well-known stories, they'll work together to create their own original story – and write their own all-original musical play!

Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Dec 1 - Feb 9

Crafty Kids- K-1st Grade

Students will cut, paint, glue, and draw! This class will focus on cool craft projects that allow the imagination to run wild while building fun creations that can be used around the house and enliven our new work/school/home spaces! Concepts will come to life as students develop skills to communicate their ideas in unique ways.

Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Dec 2 - Feb 10

Character Design- 2nd-5th Grade

Welcome to the art of Character Design! Students will learn to create their own characters from the ground up. From making character profiles (the heart and personality of the character) to drawing their physical appearance to deciding how they act- this class will do it all. Grab your paper and pencils and let's get drawing!

Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - Dec 2 - Feb 10

Actor's Workshop- All Grades

Calling all actors! In Actor's Workshop, students will learn key elements of theatre performance and rehearsal practices. Through exercises and games, students will learn about character development, the value of objectives, and the importance of blocking! In this class students will collaborate with their peers to dive into the world of acting and work on creating and performing a piece of theatre showcasing their Acting skills! Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00pm – Dec 3 – Feb 11

ClassTuition

Class Tuition: \$135/class

Each class consists of 9 weekly sessions

- Winter session runs from November 30th to February 12th.
- There will be no Arts Online from December 21st to January 1st. Classes will resume on January 4th.

Registration fee: \$15

One per family, per semester

Payment Plan:

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

1st payment: At registration

2nd payment: January 8th

There is no additional cost for the payment plan.

To Register go to: www.wingspanarts.org

To Apply for Financial Aid, please email Financial-Aid@wingspanarts.org

Class sizes will be between 5- 12 students per class. Any class with less than 5 students enrolled will be cancelled.

Teaching Artists



Andy Hunter Sing Me a Story

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 Lego Creations, Character Design

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 onealways 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 Actor's Workshop

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



Meredith Harvath Crafty Kids

Meredith Harvath has served Wingspan Arts as a Teaching Artist, Site Director and Wingspan In Residence Teaching Artist on Wingspans You-Tube 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 Step & Hip Hop

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/ music 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.