

Wingspan Arts Afterschool Programs

Spring 2021 - Arts Online



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Classes for Grades K - 5

May 3rd - June 15th 2021

Remote Learning

Let's add some art and creativity to this year of remote and hybrid learning! We are very optimistic that we will be back in schools this fall, but we'll finish this year strong with some awesome virtual arts enrichment classes.

Below are some accolades from students and parents who participated in our online classes so far. We hope you can join us for this final quarter of Arts Online!

"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

Movin' & Groovin' – K-1st Grade

This high-energy class combines rhythm and dance to get everyone movin' to the beat! Students will explore different dance and movement styles and activities through a wide-range of fun music, imaginative games, and exercises. Students will focus on balance, rhythm, and technique on their creative search to find new ways to move to the groove!

Mondays 3:00 - 4:00pm - May 3 - June 14

Acting & Improv – 2nd-5th Grades

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.

Mondays 3:00 - 4:00pm - May 3 - June 14

Story Theatre – K-1st Grade

Students will let their imaginations soar by combining storytelling with theatre! Students will hear classic and contemporary children's stories, and then they'll get a chance to create their own unique characters and plots! Through theatre games, acting exercises, and imaginative play, students will learn to bring the page to the stage in this literary performance class.

Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm – May 4 – June 15

Hip Hop- 2nd-5th Grades

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.

Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - May 4 - June 15

Spring into Summer Art – K-1st Grade

Students will journey through stories that explore nature, whimsy, exploration, wonder and friendship. We will draw a fanciful birthday party, create Pueblo geometrical design, sculpt one of VanGogh's sunflowers from paper, create a landscape collage, and fashion a scene from pipe cleaners in the style of Calder. Students will practice creativity and learn about principles of design and media manipulation. Some materials will be mailed to students. Otherwise students will need: white paper, construction paper, markers, crayons, scissors, glue and tape.

Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - May 5 - June 9

Lego Masters- 2nd-5th grades

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.

Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:00pm - May 5 - June 9

ClassTuition

Class Tuition: \$135/class

- Each class consists of 6 weekly sessions
- Early Spring session runs from Monday, May 3rd to Tuesday, June 15th. Wednesday classes run through June 9th.
- There will be no Arts Online on Monday, May 31st and Tuesday, June 8th.

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: June 4th

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 Story Theatre

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 Masters

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 ortaught. 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

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 Movin' & Groovin'

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 Wingsan 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 Spring into Summer Art

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 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.