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ANIMALS, ANIMALS, ANIMALS



Inspired by Eric Carle, students learn how to look at animals and draw by using simple geometric shapes. This lesson starts with reading one of Eric Carle's books and taking a closer look at his collage artwork. Students will learn about color and compositional principles of design. Interdisciplinary Science potential by focusing on real animals and animal habitats, but can also focus on developing imaginary animals/creatures. 3 hours total, can be broken up in 2-3 lessons (flexible schedule).

Presented by art educator, Ruth Jatib O'Connor, M.A.T., B.F.A.

GRADES: Modified to fit any age

FEE: \$450 plus \$2 per student for art materials

COLOR COLLAGES

Discover the work of vibrant artist Henri Matisse to inspire and create colorful collages. This unit focuses on student creativity, allowing for individual artistic expression using a wide range of art materials. Mixed media techniques are introduced but students are encouraged to explore and express in their own ways.



Students will observe, discuss, draw, design, cut and paste. Very fun and engaging unit! Great for all ages, K-12. 2-3 hours total, can be broken up in 2 lessons (flexible schedule).

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MUSICAL DRAWINGS



Students will learn about the artist Wassily Kandinsky, who experienced synesthesia since a very young age. An animated video of his artworks is shown to demonstrate what he might have seen in his mind's eye, changing to different musical sounds. Students will then create their own musically inspired drawings. During this lesson, we connect music notes to visual elements and break down simple vocabulary terms that connect the two art forms. Simple kinesthetic movements with students exemplify the connection between sound, movement and drawing.

Interdisciplinary Unit. 2-3 hours, can be broken up in 2 lessons (flexible schedule).

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BRING A VISUAL ARTIST to your CLASSROOM

Karen Brummund



Karen Brummund is a video artist based in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She travels around the world creating art and loves sharing it with children! She teaches Creativity at the University of Alabama and writes art curriculum for school counselors. She is a Visual Arts Fellow for the Alabama State Council on the Arts. In addition to having degrees in both art and education, Karen has experience working with all ages and numerous schools.

The classroom experience is fun for students and easy for teachers.

Your students will be excited to learn about her art and make some of their own!



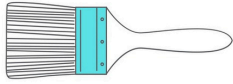
Students will learn more than art! They will use critical thinking skills to analyze visual images in group discussions- this includes new math and geography vocabulary.

Every lesson also includes an open-ended playing and making with materials like Karen Brummund has in her studio. Students learn important creative thinking skills and experience the calm of the creative flow that helps with anxiety.

Having an artist from Alabama in your classroom is a smart way to celebrate the vibrance of our community!

1 hour experience with a max of 25 students - - \$300 (supplies included)
www.karenbrummund.com

CREATED resources



ART STUDIO, CLASSES, & EVENTS

CREATED RESOURCES

Created Resources offers in-school art activities and field trips (either one time or multiple times per semester/year) to engage students from PreK-5th grades in the visual arts and develop their artistic knowledge, skills, and creativity. Owner April Coleman has 20 years of experience as an educator, with a background in gifted and art education,

and instruction is focused on the elements of art, famous artists/styles, and basic drawing and painting techniques taught in a fun, engaging, developmentally appropriate way. In-school art activities or field trips are hosted at your school-based location (classroom, library, multipurpose area) and include a custom art project based on a theme of your choice (see below), one hour of guided instruction to create a painting or mixed media project on quality art paper or canvas, and all art materials. Instruction will be provided to each individual class in different time slots unless an alternate arrangement is made to combine classes. Rates begin at \$7/student and vary based on project type and number of participants. Themes include the following:

- Meet a Master – Introduction to a famous artist and art project in their style
- Brushes & Books – Integrates an art project with children's literature
- Art & Emotions – Integrates an art project with a SEL concept
- Seasonal – Choose from our library of custom seasonal art projects
- Holiday – Create a unique gift from students to parents for Christmas, Mother's Day, or another special occasion.
- Custom Theme – Let us work with you to plan something special related to a current academic topic, school-wide theme, special event, or anything else!

ART OF DANCE

Students will explore the art of dance by taking your choice of either a ballet, jazz or musical theater style class. Class will consist of movement stretches and learning a fun combination taught by Alden Phillips McShan, a native of Tuscaloosa and current artistic director for Tuscaloosa Community Dancers. 45-60 minutes, designed for groups up to 30.

GRADES: K-12 FEE: \$75-\$100





COLOR WHEEL

In this highly interactive experience, students work collaborative to paint an oversized color wheel. Starting with only the primary colors, students will learn how to make a variety of colors, how colors interact with each other, and how colors can express and evoke different human emotions. Includes a book reading to illustrate concepts (various books available according to age group). Lots of potential for Social Emotional Learning

connections. By the end of this lesson students will have made their own collaborative large-scale color wheel by piecing together smaller pieces of paper. Painted paper can also be used to create other art projects. Pairs perfectly with units "Animals, Animals, Animals" and "Color Collages" listed above. "Color Wheel" is one of the most requested units! 1.5 hours.

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GRADES: Modified to fit any age

FEE: \$300 plus \$2 per student for art materials

PAPER SCULPTURE



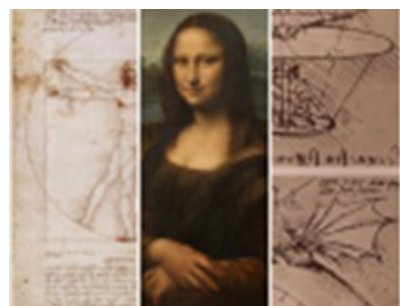
Using only white paper, students will learn to be creative with the most accessible material around! PAPER! Student will first be introduced to several artworks done by professional artists to show the power of this simple material. Students will then create their own paper sculptures. Students will learn the difference between 2-D shapes and 3-D forms and explore sculptural building with easy-to-learn tips and tricks. Basic techniques are taught before challenges are presented, offering students the opportunity to problem solve within a limited set of rules. Lots of fun and tons of room for creativity with limited mess! No glue or tape - just paper. We will fringe, score, pleat, fold, bend, tear, curl, cut, fold-reverse, and much more. Two 45 minute sessions.

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FEE: \$450 plus \$1 per student for art materials

GRADES: 3rd - 12 grade

DAVINCI SKETCHBOOKS



After learning about the Renaissance man, Leonardo DaVinci, students will draw, design inventions, solve problems, and document their explorations in a simple self-made sketchbook. DaVinci's wide range of work as a scientist, inventor and artist, serves as a great role model for today's student. This unit introduces students to connections between various academic subjects and how drawing can inform many fields. Interdisciplinary potential: This unit can be

adapted to reinforce specific lessons already being covered in current curriculum, upon teacher request. No additional fee for adaptations. 2-3 hours, can be broken up in 2 lessons (flexible schedule)

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GRADES: Modified to fit any age

FEE: \$450 plus \$1 per student for art materials



GET RHYTHM!®

An interactive rhythm program with award-winning master teaching artist John Scalici. This program puts a drum in the hands of every student as they learn about respect, communication, and teamwork through rhythm. Some activities incorporate elements of math, science, and language arts. GRADES: 3-8

FEE: Pricing varies. Please contact education@tuscarts.org for a quote.



STORYTELLING

Some of West Alabama's finest actors are available to tell a variety of tales or those that are appropriate to your current curriculum with advance notification.

GRADES: K-6 FEE: \$55

ART MUSEUM IN YOUR CLASSROOM

A great ice-breaker for the beginning of the school year! Offers an opportunity for students to share their opinions (no wrong or right answers) and develop critical thinking skills. Students learn to practice positive reinforcement with peers while sharing different opinions. We bring the Art Museum to your students with this thought provoking quick (and no mess) lesson.

Surrounded by a variety of large image reproductions of famous art works, students explore important questions and discuss topics. With no previous knowledge needed, students learn to evaluate art using a variety of specific criteria, practice how to differentiate between preference and judgment, and practice respecting different opinions.

Optional: Higher grade levels can expand lesson with a reflective writing assignment. 1 hour minimum, can be two lessons to provide more time for exploration & discussion.



Presented by art educator, Ruth Jatib O'Connor, M.A.T., B.F.A.

FEE: \$250 per lesson/hour (no art supply fee)

GRADES: 4th - 12th grade



Meet our **FOUR FABULOUS** Artists...



FAMOUS ARTISTS & THEIR ART

Students LOVE to look at art, and this lesson provides a wealth of imagery for their imagination while also encouraging a discussion about different ways to classify art. Historically educational. This is a thought provoking and easy lesson that introduces students to four famous artists as they discover how to differentiate their distinct styles. Interactive lesson with group discussion. Access to digital equipment for slideshow presentation is

required. Coloring page of famous artworks is provided at end of lesson to help students connect with the artists' work. 1 hour

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FEE: \$250 (no art supply fee)

GRADES: 4th - 12th grade



THEMES IN ART

Students explore specific themes by looking at art beyond the traditional landscape and portrait categories. Great potential for interdisciplinary lessons. Classroom teacher can determine theme related to course of study or development in any area. Possible Themes: Storytelling and Narrative Art, Emotions and Expression, Math in Art, Self-Portraits and Identity, Nature and the Environment, Fantasy and Imagination, Murals & Public Art, Abstract Art, Poverty in Art, Patterns and Textures, and Pop Art and Popular Culture. Access to digital equipment for slideshow presentation is required. 1 hour



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Ruth Jatib O'Connor, M.A.T.,
B.F.A.***

FEE: \$250 (no art supply fee)

GRADES: 4th - 12th grade



AFTER SCHOOL BLUES CLUB & SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

The Alabama Blues Project's after-school Blues clubs and summer learning programs introduce children to Blues music as an art form and teach how it has influenced modern music.

Children get hands-on experience with traditional instruments, such as the guitar, drums, harmonica, keyboard, and microphone. At the culmination of the after-school programs, parents and community members are also exposed to Blues music and history during free student concerts. After-school residencies include ten weekly sessions, and summer programs are generally four weekly sessions.



GRADES: K-8
FEE: \$400 PER SESSION





TUSCALOOSA CHILDREN'S
THEATRE

TCT Teaching Artists can come to YOUR school! From one-day workshops to weekly after-school programs to full scale musical productions, we have a program that will have your students shining on stage!

Contact Program Coordinator Mary Kate Condra
(marykate@tuscaloosachildrenstheatre.com) to book your
musical theatre experience today!"



GRADES: K-12
FEE: EMAIL FOR A QUOTE



CELEBRATE HERITAGE MONTHS WITH ART

Help your classroom celebrate Heritage Month by learning about famous artists. Lots of artworks will be shared, student discussions encouraged. Age appropriate modifications to each category.

- February: African American/Black History Month
- March: Women's History Month
- May: Asian Pacific Heritage Month
- September: Hispanic Heritage Month
- October: Disability Employment Awareness (non-heritage related)
- November: Native American Heritage Month
- November 11: Veterans Day (non-heritage related)



Access to digital equipment for slideshow presentation is required. Optional: Coloring page of famous artworks can be distributed at end of lesson to help students remember and connect with artists and their works. 1 hour each.

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FEE: \$250 per presentation (no art supply fee)

GRADES: 4th - 12th grade



SKETCHNOTING

Bring alive the art of taking notes to your classroom! This unit is structured to facilitate both teacher and student learning. Students learn to summarize main ideas and capture important information from classroom lessons. Teachers are encouraged to follow along and learn how to use SketchNoting as a tool to better deliver all academic lessons and check for student understanding. Simple tips and tricks are taught in an easy-to-understand format of working from verbal to visual when using this doodle friendly technique. This lesson can be applied to ANY

subject matter: science, history, math, language arts, etc. Access to digital equipment for slideshow presentation is required. — About SketchNoting: "SketchNoting is a higher order process of capturing information. It requires a combination of listening, thinking, and visualizing at the same time. It goes in a constant circular motion and pushes the listener to funnel through the information for the most important parts or patterns." Quoted from Innovation Design in Education, ASIDE.

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FEE: \$250 per presentation (no art supply fee)

GRADES: 4th - 12th grade



The Art Bar

THE ART BAR CLASSROOM OR STUDIO VISIT



Whether in our studio or in the classroom, The Art Bar has a large selection of ceramics to choose from!

Classroom Visits: We bring all pottery and supplies with us to your class and then bring it all back to our studio to glaze/fire it before returning it to your students.

Field Trips: We also host groups of 40 or less into our studio for a field trip.

Some examples of what our ceramic gallery consists of are airplanes, princesses, robots, dinosaurs, small bud vases, and ring holders.

GRADES: K-8

FEE: \$15.00 per student

TRAVEL FEE FOR OUTSIDE OF TUSCALOOSA CITY LIMITS: \$35.00



ROOTED TUSCALOOSA

Rooted Tuscaloosa offers inclusive, developmentally appropriate creative arts and movement classes that help children name their feelings, build social-emotional skills, and learn practical tools for regulation.



Class Offering:

- 45-minute creative arts + SEL class
- Up to 30 students
- \$75-\$100 per session, depending on group size, materials, and customization needs

Each class may include:

- Introduction to feelings and emotional awareness
- Movement-based regulation tools
- Music, rhythm, or storytelling
- Creative art or hands-on activity
- Age-appropriate discussion around coping skills, communication, and connection

Our classes incorporate creative movement, music, storytelling, art-based activities, and guided social-emotional learning in a way that is engaging, accessible, and supportive for all children. Each session is designed to help students better understand their emotions, express themselves safely, and practice simple strategies they can use at school, at home, and with peers.



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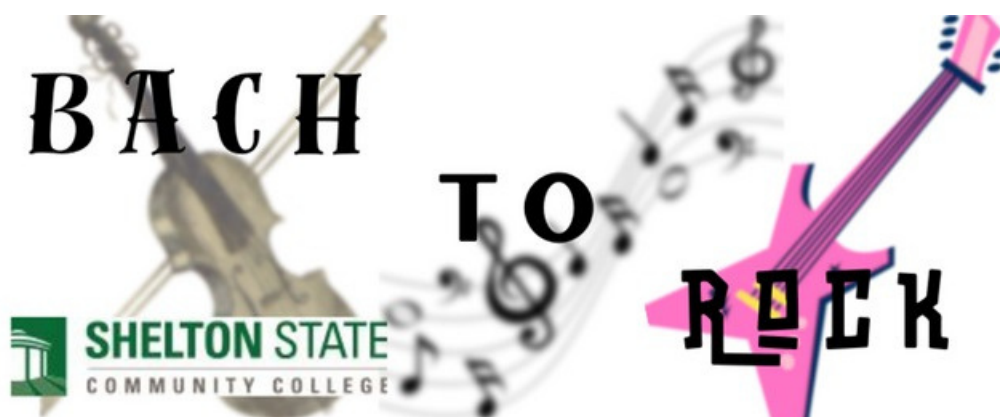
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ALABAMA CHOIR SCHOOL

Offering a 30-minute performance by an elementary, middle, or high school choir composed of young singers from all over West Alabama. ACS performs an entertaining program of wide-ranging musical styles and languages. Available each semester in early December and early May. Performances are for Pre-K-12th grade students. FEE: Free



BACH TO ROCK

The Bach to Rock ensemble at Shelton State Community College presents a wide variety of songs from 17th century art songs to the popular styles of today. Fridays only. GRADES: K-8 during late October, November, March, and April. FEE: Free

BLUES IN SCHOOL & SUMMER READING PROGRAMS



The Alabama Blues Project's 1-hour programs are offered for school assemblies and summer reading programs. Students get to experience hand-made traditional African instruments and learn the history of how the instruments were made. Participants also sing along and learn biographical information about musical legends and the history of the creation of Blues music.

GRADES: K-8.

FEE: \$400 per session (additional mileage if outside of Tuscaloosa County)



TSO EDUCATION QUINTET

This ensemble was designed to bring the orchestra to young audience members across West Alabama. Elementary students will explore the woodwind family instruments, participate in a musical story and have a Q&A with our musicians. Middle and high school students will receive an elevated program designed for their grade levels.

GRADES: Pre K - 12

DATES: Schedule at your convenience 9/7/26- 4/23/27

TIMES: Schedule at your convenience between 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

FEE: No fee

LOCATION: Your classroom or school site.

WHY CHOOSE SPECTRA ?

Elementary students receive ***less than one hour*** of instruction per week in music or visual arts, if that discipline is offered at all.

Schools often lack dedicated classroom space and quality supplies and equipment. Inadequate funding remains the most significant barrier to increasing access to arts education.

STUDENTS WITH AN ARTS EDUCATION ARE:

5x LESS likely
to drop out of
school

4x more likely to
be recognized for
academic
achievement

3x more likely
to receive
a bachelor
degree

30% more
inclined to pursue
a professional
career



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Tuscaloosa Art Tour with Karen Brummund



Karen Brummund is a visual artist and college instructor who helps students discover that art museums and galleries are places for curiosity, conversation, and connection. Tuscaloosa's vibrant downtown galleries showcase the work of contemporary artists whose ideas reflect the world students live in today. Through thoughtfully designed gallery experiences, Karen creates field trips that encourage students to engage with their community, explore new perspectives, and see creativity at work beyond the classroom.



During each visit, students participate in hands-on activities, interactive games, and guided discussions that strengthen observation, critical thinking, and communication skills. Karen helps students slow down, look closely, and uncover the stories, ideas, and questions behind the artwork. Contact Karen to learn about current exhibitions and schedule a gallery experience that will inspire curiosity, spark meaningful conversations, and create lasting connections between your students and the arts.

www.karenbrummund.com
@karenmbrummund @linesbtwn



*The Arts Council presents a
TheaterWorksUSA Production
**THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS:
Lost in the Solar System***

**The
Magic
School
Bus™
Lost in the
Solar System**



When the class gets lost on the way to the planetarium, Ms. Frizzle saves the day by blasting into outer space for an epic interplanetary field trip! But when rivalries both old and new threaten to tear the students apart, our young heroes must learn to pull together or risk getting forever lost in the solar system.

Hop on the Magic School Bus for a ride in this new musical adaptation based on the original book series published by Scholastic.

Study guides and educational resources are also available for teachers.

Magic School Bus:

<https://twusa.org/bus-ed-materials/>

RESERVATIONS CONTACT: Joanna Lemmon

EMAIL: education@tuscarts.org

DATE: Monday, November 2, 2026 at 9:30am

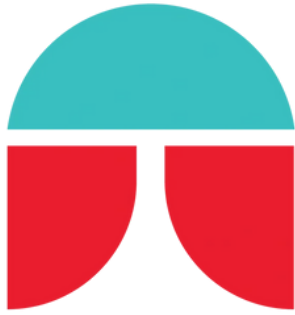
FEE: \$5.00 per student

LOCATION: The Historic Bama Theatre

GRADES: K-6th

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TUSCALOOSA CHILDREN'S
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WEBSITE: www.tuscaloosachildrenstheatre.net

RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Deborah Smithson

Email: schoolshowsetct.net

FEE: \$5.00 per student

LOCATION: Bama Theatre

**BAMA
THEATRE**

MARY POPPINS

School shows are September
30, October 1-2, 2026 at 9:00
and 12:00 each day.

Run time is approximately 1 hour.



SUESSICAL JR.

School shows are January 20-
22, 2027 at 9:00 and 12:00
each day.

Run time is approximately 1 hour.

PETER PAN JR.

School shows are April 21-23, 2027
at 9:00 and 12:00 each day.

Run time is approximately 1 hour.



Thrills & CHILLS

2026-27 Season

School Matinee Performances

FEE: \$8 per student; 1 free teacher/chaperone per 10 paid students at the \$8 price; \$15 per additional teacher/chaperone

LOCATION: Bean-Brown Theatre at Shelton State Community College 9500 Old Greensboro Rd., Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

CONTACT: tickets@theatretusc.com | <https://www.theatretusc.com/school-matinees>



Clue

by Sandy Rustin

DATE: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

GRADES: 6-12

Colonel Mustard, Mrs. Peacock, Professor Plum, and all your favorite board game murder suspects take to the stage in this hilarious and chilling whodunit based on both the Hasbro classic and the motion picture. At an unusual dinner party, a sordid assortment of deadly weapons find their way into the hands of our motley crew. When the host turns up dead, the guests use every campy clue at their disposal to riddle their way to the truth!

Home for the Holidays

by Michael Walker and Josh Levine

DATE: Wednesday, December 16, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

GRADES: 6-12

This world-premiere, family-friendly holiday celebration features a flurry of songs and jazz standards brought to life by a thrilling 1940's USO tour. You'll be transported to a simpler time with familiar tunes like "Holly, Jolly Christmas," "Silver Bells," and "I'll Be Home for Christmas!" Inspired by Tuscaloosa talent and traditions, this brand-new musical is being crafted just for YOU!



The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Music & Lyrics by William Finn

Book by Rachel Sheinkin

Conceived by Rebecca Feldman

DATE: Wednesday, February 24, 2027 – 9:00 a.m.

GRADES: 6-12

If there's anything harder than being a middle school student, it's being a nerdy middle school student. When local spelling bee winners gather to compete for the county title, they discover that nerdism doesn't have to be as lonely as they once thought. United in their love of spelling, these precocious pupils set out to experience the thrill of winning but find something more transcendent along the way.



TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC ART INITIATIVE: “MONSTER TAKEOVER”

WEBSITE: www.monstertakeover.com for locations

INSTAGRAM: @PublicArtTuscaloosa or #publicarttuscaloosa

RESERVATIONS CONTACT: Not required

FEE: Free

LOCATION: Government Plaza and Downtown Businesses



Founded to encourage creativity in local elementary students through visual art, Monster Makeover has been expanded to Monster Takeover with small scale bronze sculptures displayed throughout downtown Tuscaloosa. Based on student drawings of playful monsters and creatures and an artist's interpretation, the sculptures are strategically placed for a scavenger hunt experience.



[CLICK HERE FOR A SCAVENGER HUNT GUIDE TO PAIR WITH THE MAP](#)



TUSCALOOSA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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ANNUAL YOUNG PERSON'S CONCERTS



Beethoven Lives Upstairs brings the life and music of Ludwig van Beethoven to the stage through a lively exchange of letters between young Christoph and his uncle. When a mysterious "madman" moves into the apartment upstairs, Christoph slowly discovers the genius, struggle, and beauty behind one of history's greatest composers.

Featuring actors, orchestra, and more than 25 excerpts of Beethoven's music — including Moonlight Sonata, Für Elise, and the Fifth and Ninth Symphonies — this 45-minute concert blends storytelling, drama, history, and live symphonic music in a way that is engaging for students and families.

TSO's Annual Young Persons' Concert is recommended for ages 6 and up. Reservations are available for K-12 school groups for the 9:30 AM and 10:45 AM performances.

GRADES: K-5

DATE: 2/22/27

TIMES: Concert #1: 9:30-10:15; Concert #2: 10:45-11:30

FEE: No fee

**LOCATION: Moody Music Building,
The University of Alabama**

MEET THE MAESTRO

Attend a final dress rehearsal of the Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra, explore the Moody Concert Hall and participate in a talk with TSO Maestro, Adam Flatt.

GRADES: 6-12

**DATES: 9/14/26, 10/19/26, 11/16/26,
1/25/27, 4/26/27**

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

FEE: No fee

**LOCATION: Moody Music Building,
The University of Alabama**





TUSCALOOSA COMMUNITY DANCERS: "The Nutcracker" Act I

WEBSITE: <http://www.tuscaloosadancers.com/>

RESERVATIONS CONTACT: Joanna Lemmon

Email: education@tuscart.org

FEE: \$5.00 per student

LOCATION: Bama Theatre

DATE: December 11, 2026 at 9:30am

GRADES: PreK-12



FIELD TRIPS TO KENTUCK ART CENTER

503 Main Ave Northport, AL | Dates available upon request | Ages 5-16 | Prices vary

During your visit to Kentucky Art Center, you'll have the opportunity to tour 3 art galleries with a diverse collection of local, regional, and national art. After seeing the galleries, students will participate in an outdoor scavenger hunt as well as a guided artmaking activity that allows them to express their creativity and imagination. Field trips typically last 1.5-2 hours. Prices vary depending on group size and chosen activity; email mnelko@kentuck.org for more information.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF MUSIC



Option 1: UA large ensembles (orchestra, band, choir) will allow your student group to attend University ensemble dress rehearsals on campus. Your students will gain an appreciation for many types of music and preparation of concerts. Must pre-arrange attendance. Days/times vary.

FEE: No cost

Option 2: UA School of Music faculty, staff, and/or music students (classical or jazz) share information about their career with short musical demonstrations in a 45-60 minute presentation on campus or at your site. Days/times vary.

FEE: No cost



Option 3: On campus: Private music lessons for all ages and abilities, group classes, ensembles, music enrichment classes for ages infant-5Y (with parent/caregiver).

Cost varies. www.cms.music.ua.edu or jweigel@ua.edu



WEBSITE: www.music.ua.edu

RESERVATIONS: 205-348-1672 or Ms. Brittany Hendricks at bmhendricks1@ua.edu

LOCATION: Moody Music Building on the UA Campus

WEST ALABAMA HERITAGE LEARNING CENTER

FREE FIELD TRIPS!

The West Alabama Heritage Learning Center in Northport, AL offers full day and half day field trips. There is no cost to students or teachers. All field trips are by appointment. The Center's field trips are designed for 4th grade Alabama History using standards set by the State of Alabama. Fall field trips focus on early Alabama. Students will rotate through presentations including: Native Americans in Alabama, the Spanish, French and British in Alabama; Early 1800s Lifestyle; Frontier and settlement life. Spring field trips focus on the Civil War Era. Students will rotate through presentations including: Music of the Civil War Era including northern and southern music, Civil War medicine, Home Front drama, Clothing and Lifestyle, Civil War Battle Sites in Alabama and Soldier's Campsite. The full day field trips include a place for students to eat their lunch, then continue with rotations after lunch that include living history demonstrations and hands on experiences. (Building a log cabin, Children games of the time period, Historic Shirley Place, the Umbria School House and others may be included in the full day or half day field trips depending on the school's time frame).



Email wahlc4@gmail.com to schedule your visit or call and a leave message at 205.764.1101 and someone will get back with you.

Please check out our website at www.westalabamaheritage.org

***The West Alabama Heritage Learning Center
911 Main Avenue, Northport, AL 35476***

Field Trips to Druid City Makerspace



MOSAIC GLASS SUNCATCHERS

Taught by Tiffany Amirkhanian

Owner of Druid City Makerspace/Stained Glass Artist /Former Jr. High Educator

Students will:

- Learn how different glasses are made
- Use colorful stained glass to fill in a suncatcher
- Clear resin will set the pieces of glass and allow light to shine through



Teacher will choose theme (shape) of suncatcher. This allows you as the educator to tie into another lesson you may be teaching. Possibilities are endless - any shape, animals, cell (the mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell), things in nature, foods, etc.

Ages: 2nd grade and up due to the use of sharp glass

Fee: \$200 per class of 15 (\$8 for each additional student)

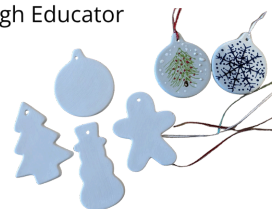
GLAZING POTTERY

Taught by Tiffany Amirkhanian

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Students will:

- Get one bisqueware ceramic piece to glaze.
- Instruction on glazing
- Supplies to glaze a piece of their very own



Teacher will choose ceramic design. Tie it into another lesson, or make it as a special gift. Cost cited here covers most trinket dishes and ornaments. Other options are available, but tend to cost more.

Ages: Any grade

Fee: \$12 per student

FIBER ARTS - WEAVING OR KINUSAIGA

Taught by Tiffany Amirkhanian

Owner of Druid City Makerspace/Stained Glass Artist /Former Jr. High Educator

These projects work best with smaller groups, or groups that will meet multiple times.

- Weaving: Wide variety of what and how we can weave.
- Kinusaiga: Wide variety of size and image

Ages: 4th Grade and up

Fee: Varies





SPECTRA

SPECIAL TEACHING RESOURCES IN THE ARTS

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

For questions or help with booking,
please contact our Director of
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AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING



Kentuck's Kids Studios

Thursdays 10:00am–11:00am | Ages 2–5 | \$15 per person |

Location: Kentuck at Queen City

Kentuck's Kids Studios are a wonderful opportunity for younger children ages 2–5 to play, explore and learn what the arts have to offer. Kids will explore a new theme and a new activity in each class, and all classes follow the visual arts standards for the state of Alabama. This class takes place at Studio 2, 503 main Ave Northport, AL 35476. Advance registration required, and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Register: <https://workshops.kentuck.org/kids-studios>





In this multi-day workshop instructed by Amy Smoot, students will have fun exploring a variety of hand building techniques to create functional and/or sculptural artworks. Students will receive instruction and encouragement through each step of the ceramics process from creating to glazing and decorating their work.





AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

TAKE HOME CLAY KITS

Get creative with Kentuck's Clay Studio Take-Home Kits. Make your creations at home with the clay, tools and paint on glazes provided in your kit. Once finished, email Kentuck's Clay Studio manager Amy Smoot at asmoot@kentuck.org to schedule a drop off. Fill out the drop off slip with your information.

Once dropped off, Amy will fire your piece in a kiln for the first firing, called a bisque, to make your creation permanent. Then your piece is dipped in a clear glaze and fired one more time to make it nice and shiny and food safe. You will receive an email once your pieces are done! Work can take up to 3-4 weeks to complete.



***Clay Kits available for
\$28 designed for all ages***

TAKE HOME alacARTE KITS

Can't make a workshop? Take one home with you with the Kentuck a la cARTE box. Choose between the abstract art or drawing box. These make perfect gifts for the budding artist in your life! Need it gift wrapped? We've got you covered!

What's Included?

Abstract Art Box

- sketch book
- oil pastels
- water colors
- introduction guide to abstract art

Drawing Box

- sketch book
- graphite pencils
- colored pencils
- ruler
- pencil sharpener
- introduction guide to drawing

Kits available for \$18 designed for all ages

Making School Beautiful

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING



Making School Beautiful: After School Mural Project

Give students the opportunity to transform their ideas into collaborative works of art while building creativity, confidence, and school pride. This hands-on after school program introduces students to public art, design, collaboration, and creative problem solving through engaging visual arts activities inspired by real world mural projects.

Students will explore how art can shape a school community, develop their own ideas through collaborative design activities, and work together to create a large scale mural on craft paper that can be proudly displayed in the school. The program also includes digital resources and printable signage to help schools celebrate and share the project with families and the community.

Program Options

One Week Intensive: Five consecutive after school sessions

Six Week Series: One after school session per week for six weeks

Program Fee: \$2,250

Optional School Mural Experience

Take the project one step further with a permanent mural for your school! In partnership with a local professional mural artist, student ideas will inspire a custom mural created on campus with administrative approval. This option includes mural design, artist coordination, student participation, and project facilitation.

Add Permanent School Mural: prices vary depending on size. Contact us for an estimate.

Students don't just make art. They discover how creativity, collaboration, and their own voices can make a lasting impact on their school community.

