

IN-PERSON
CLASS SCHEDULE
FALL 2022

Dance | Digital Arts | Drama | Music | Visual Arts | Creative Writing



SITAR
ARTS CENTER

In-Person Programming

COVID 19 Vaccination

COVID 19 Vaccination is required for participation at Sitar for students in Kindergarten-12th grade, along with adult students.

For this Fall semester, we will accept valid District of Columbia Department of Health-Religious Immunization Exemption Certificates once approved by the Department of Health. The certificate will need to list Sitar Arts Center as the school/childcare facility.

Safety Protocols

Below are some of the steps we are taking to create a safe learning environment this Fall:

- Requiring the use of masks and other PPE (personal protection equipment) for all Sitar staff, teachers, and students.
- Cleaning and disinfecting classrooms and high traffic areas throughout and at the end of each day.

Sitar Arts Center will continue to monitor guidelines and safety protocol as mandated by the District of Columbia. If in-person programming can no longer continue safely or is required to halt due to changes in guidelines/protocol, Sitar Arts Center will contact students' families to discuss alternatives which include virtual programming and/or providing credits or tuition refunds.

Class Supplies

After snack, each student will wash/sanitize their hands before receiving the supplies they will need for the class from their teacher. When class time is over, the students will wash/sanitize their hands again and disinfect their materials. They will play a very important role in helping their teacher clean up the classroom .

Early Childhood Arts

Ages 0 - 6
IN-PERSON

WEDNESDAY

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Art Soup

4 - 6 yrs.

Melissa Strova Valencia

We invite you to join this beautiful and playful class where students share and create, from their own made up stories (they can be as serious or as silly as you want), games and experiences exploring music, storytelling, drama, dance and visual arts. Which one is your favorite? Do you have stories or topics you would like to share? Art is so much fun. Come and play with us!

THURSDAY

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Bilingual Drama

3 - 6 yrs.

Karen Morales Chacana

Where are we going? A journey from words to places. Through role play, we study emotions in imaginary scenarios proposed and invented by the children.

SATURDAY

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Bollywood

K - 3rd

Shuchi Buch

Students will learn classical Indian poses, beautiful and high energy choreographies to popular Indian songs (Bollywood). At the end of the session students will have an opportunity to perform their dances to family and friends. These classes create an opportunity for working as a team, building performance confidence, learning about culture and language through the arts. Ms. Shuchi Buch is a performing teaching artist classically trained in Bharanatyam. She directed a professional dance company in India. In Washington DC, Ms. Buch is the Director of Taal Academy of Dance. Boys and girls of all skill levels are welcome.

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Hip Hop

3 - 6 yrs.

Jessica Denson

The goal of this class is to help students further their developmental agility through improvisational games, isolations of body parts and learning structured movement phrases that emphasize dynamics, musicality, and locomotion. The class structure emphasizes building stamina and coordination. Students will experience the joy and freedom of dance and the benefits of rehearsal and teamwork in a fun environment with the freshest (and kid-appropriate) music and moves.

Arts Afterschool **Grades K - 12 and Adult** IN-PERSON

TUESDAY

4:00 - 5:30 PM

3D Art

K - 3rd

Juliana Biondo

Students will explore structure and construction by creating art work using all sorts of materials beyond pencils & paper.

4:15 - 5:00 PM

TWB: Pre-Ballet

K - 2nd

TBD

Students learn Pre-Ballet techniques from professional instructors. The curriculum follows the same standards for studio classes at The Washington Ballet.

4:30 - 6:00 PM

Digital Photography

5th - 8th

Gregg Adams

The class will look into the impressionistic and surreal side of photography through experimentation with exposures, composition and visual effects to convey narration and feeling in ways that are more limited in traditional photography. In addition to class projects, we will look into photographic works of Man Ray, Nathan Lerner, Rene Magritte and others.

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Painting Exploration

6th - Adult

Debbie Wallace

Create both abstract and representational works of art. In this class we will use acrylic paints to experiment with color, composition, and technique. New painters and more experienced painters are welcome.

5:15 - 6:30 PM

TWB: Ballet

3rd - 5th

TBD

Students learn Ballet techniques from professional instructors. The curriculum follows the same standards for studio classes at The Washington Ballet. Tuesday/Thursday Class

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Fundamentals of Drawing

6th - 12th

Alejandra Giraldo

This class will break down what it takes to draw self-portraits, still lifes, and landscapes. Students will be given the chance to experiment with different mediums (like possibly compressed charcoal or water color) to create a great foundation for any portfolio.

Arts Afterschool **Grades K - 12 and Adult** **IN-PERSON**

WEDNESDAY

5:00 - 5:45 PM

**Exploring Music:
Recorder Ensemble**

1st - 5th

Gabriel Johnson

Students in the second and third grade will be introduced to the soprano recorder. The course will focus on establishing proper breathing and articulation techniques while learning the notes, D, C, B, A, G, F#, E, and D. Compositions featuring a variety of rhythmic patterns will be learned by ear. Students will learn to accompany each other using simple percussion and play as an ensemble.

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Abstract Art & Textures

5th - 8th

Hiba Alyawer

The class is an introduction to the wonderful world of abstract painting. The class will both inspire and delight students providing them with the tools needed to begin their artistic journey into self-expression, reflection, and creative thinking. Students will learn to use shapes, colors, forms, textures, and gestural marks to communicate an idea of nonrepresentational images.

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Jazzin' Afterschool

4th - 12th

Herman Burney

Jazzin' Afterschool is a partnership class with the DC Jazz Festival where students have the opportunity to learn from professional Jazz musicians! This class will focus on ensemble playing, jazz rhythms, & experimenting with different instruments. All levels welcome!

THURSDAY

4:15 - 5:00 PM

TWB: Beginning Ballet

K - 3rd

TBD

Students learn ballet techniques from professional instructors. The curriculum follows the same standards for studio classes at The Washington Ballet.

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Plants, Animals, & Art

4th - 7th

Kendra Rubinfield

What better way to explore the magic of this world's living creatures than through art!? Celebrate the gorgeous patterns, colors, textures, and movement of earth's plants and animals through multi-medium exploration. As we paint, draw, print, carve, mold and construct, we'll discover how we are connected to it all, and create art that will fill our hearts (and homes) with the beauties of Mother Earth. Culminating with an optional field trip into nature!

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THURSDAY

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Dancing Basics

1 - 3rd

Kaylee Burkett

Bring dance to life! Students will learn the basics of lyrical & contemporary dance - using the language of dance to tell stories together.

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Art Journey Studio

1st - 5th

**Kelsey Bachenberg
& Diane Lathrop**

Each week we'll explore and combine different mediums and techniques to create both 2D and 3D art pieces. Projects will combine elements of craft (using fiber, paper, recycled materials, and more) and art, allowing students to maximize their creativity to produce unique works of art.

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Poetry & Pause

6th - 12th

Rebecca Rashid

Writing out how the world makes us feel. A space for students to process what may be going on in the world around them (whether that be at home or at school or what they see on their phones or in the news) and then how that information connects to who they are, what they feel about themselves, and what it means about their perception of the world around them.

SATURDAY

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Digital Photography

K - 3rd

Gregg Adams

How do we see things? This class will concentrate on the perception or how we see things in a series of hands on challenges that will eventually lead to the beginning of photography and graphic arts.

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Intro to Watercolor
(Bilingual)**

3rd - 5th

Camila Rodriguez

In this class we will learn to use watercolor and its different techniques as a means of free expression and learning. In this way the student will be able to explore and develop their skills in the medium and as an artist.

11:30 AM- 1:00 PM

Digital Photography

6th - Adult

Gregg Adams

A special offering for older students & adults - in this class, students will gain experience in digital photography & photo-editing software.

S.E.A.L. Program

FRIDAY

4:00 - 6:00 PM

SEAL Xchange

6th -12th

XChange - Build community inside and out in XChange, our program for high school students! XChange will be partnering with Young Playwrights Theater through the SAFER (Students Advocating for the Eradication of Racism) Program on Fridays. During their sessions they will be able to identify a social justice issue and create a performance that will raise awareness and create a dialogue within the community.

Throughout the semester, SEAL member swill also have the opportunity to participate in community service projects, as well as attend field trips for group bonding & arts exploration.

Visit the SEAL page on our website for more information.