

IN-PERSON  
CLASS SCHEDULE  
**FALL 2022**

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



**SITAR**  
**ARTS CENTER**

# In-Person Programming

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## 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 - 5:30 PM**                      **Project Create:  
Art from the heART**                                      **K - 3rd**                                      **TBD**

Art from the heART provides students an opportunity to create various art pieces inspired by how they feel. Using multiple mediums and visual art activities, students are provided a fun and creative way to share what's on their heart. Activities include painting, clay sculpting, drawing, sketching, and much more!

**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.

**5:30 - 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.

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## WEDNESDAY

**4:45 - 5:45 PM**      **Architecture Design**      **6th - 12th**      **Revanth Guttikonda**

This course will explore the history of the world's most iconic skyscrapers and how their design has evolved over the years. We will implement the techniques architects have used to build our own super structures out of basswood.

**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**      **Project Create:  
Mixed Media for Families**      **K - Adult**      **TBD**

Led by a teaching artist & art therapist, this mixed media arts class is designed to bring families together through creative expression. Families will be engaged in a wide range of drawing and painting activities. In addition, the art experiences will foster problem solving, improve self-awareness and self-esteem, and social skills.

**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!

# Arts Afterschool

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## 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 Rubinfeld**

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!

**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.

**6:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Fashion Design**

**6th - Adult**

**Jasmine Chandler**

Students will learn design concepts and practices to develop a fashion collection. They will develop their sewing skills, explore textile and fabric manipulations, and practice the art of illustrating fashion.

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**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**      **3rd - 5th**      **Camila Rodriguez**  
**(Bilingual)**

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**

**Nickole Best  
Korina Isler**

**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.**