

# CLASS SCHEDULE

# **SPRING 2026**

January 26 - May 2

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



**SITAR**  
**ARTS CENTER**

# Early Childhood Arts Ages 0 - 6

## MONDAY

**5:30 - 6:30 PM**

**Family Tree  
Mixed Media Art**

**3 - 5 yrs &  
Caregivers**

**Ana Kourchenko**

Family Tree Mixed Media Art explores the worlds of collage, painting, drawing, textile art, and beyond. Designed for families to take together, participants will work with fabric, paper, paint, photographs, natural elements, and other materials to create a collaborative family tree that reflects both a shared history and individual stories. Families will explore visual journaling, shape-making, calligraphy, and weaving to bring their tree to life. Perfect for those looking to learn new art forms, uniquely tell their family story, and create a meaningful piece together.

## TUESDAY

**4:00 - 4:45 PM**

**Musical Beginnings**

**1.5 - 3 yrs &  
Caregivers**

**Caitlin Dotson**

This caregiver and child music class invites little ones to explore sound, rhythm, and movement through age-appropriate instruments and interactive musical play. Using colorful Boomwhackers, bells, maracas, small drums, and xylophones, toddlers will begin to engage with the foundational elements of music in a joyful, sensory-rich environment. This class aims to support early developmental milestones such as language acquisition, motor coordination, and social bonding through active music engagement. Caregivers participate alongside their children, fostering connection through shared musical experiences, singing, and movement.

**5:00 - 5:45 PM**

**Music and Me**

**3 - 5 yrs**

**Caitlin Dotson**

In this program, children will explore a variety of percussion instruments and connect them to basic musical figures and elements in a playful, engaging environment. Instruments such as Boomwhackers, colorful bells, maracas, drums, and xylophones will be used alongside materials like colored ribbons and visual aids to help children recognize musical concepts both aurally and visually. In addition to building musical understanding, this class will holistically support children's overall development. Activities are designed to encourage self-expression, enhance motor coordination, and promote social interaction through shared musical experiences.

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## THURSDAY

**5:00 - 5:45 PM**

**Creative Movement**

**3 - 5 yrs**

**Sylvana Christopher**

Creative Movement introduces students to dance through song, gesture, and pathway. In this class, movers use their entire bodies to tell stories, practicing facial expression, problem-solving, observation, and turn-taking. Students will build confidence and clarity of direction and intention through opportunities to actively engage both sides of their brain. This class is ideal for students interested in the intersection of music, movement, and storytelling.

## SATURDAY

**10:00 - 10:45 AM**

**Creative Adventures  
Preschool**

**3 - 5 yrs &  
Caregivers**

**Manique Buckmon**

Creative Adventures Preschool is a joyful, hands-on class designed for children (ages 3-5) and their caregivers to explore creativity together. In a safe and fun environment, they'll connect through activities like color mixing, clay, music, games, movement, and storytelling. This class encourages fine motor development and social-emotional skills, creating meaningful ways to bond and grow.

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Hip Hop**

**3 - 6 yrs**

**Jessica Denson**

In Hip Hop, students will build confidence while experiencing the joy and freedom of hip hop dance fundamentals, in an encouraging and fun environment, with the freshest (and kid-appropriate) music and moves! The goal of this class is to help students further their developmental agility by learning movement phrases that emphasize dynamics, musicality, isolations of body parts, and locomotion. The class structure emphasizes building stamina, coordination, and teamwork through practice and play.

# Arts Afterschool Grades K - 12 and Adult

## MONDAY

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Beginner Group Guitar**

**3rd - 5th**

**Joe Link**

Beginner Guitar introduces students to foundational techniques, music theory, and the basics of playing in an ensemble. Guitarists will explore the major scale and its harmonization while developing skills in chord playing, strumming, and note reading. By the end of the semester, students will work together to perform at least one song as a group. This class is a great starting point for aspiring musicians ready to build confidence and enjoy making music with others.

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Design Day Club  
(Bilingual)**

**5th - 7th**

**Cecilia Cortes-Earle**

Design Day Club is a project-based class where young designers explore the essential elements of graphic design, including images, typography, color palettes, and messaging. Students will learn how design communicates ideas by considering audience, purpose, and visual impact. Through hands-on projects such as packaging, logo design, and infographics, designers are encouraged to think creatively and intentionally while creating meaningful work they can take pride in. This unique class provides a supportive space for exploration, and bilingual instruction is available when needed.

**5:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Rising Stars**

**3rd - 6th**

**Maria del Mar Rodriguez**

This dynamic acting class is for anyone with a passion to perform, offering a fun, creative environment to develop your craft. Students will build a strong foundation using acting techniques, engage in high-energy theatre games, and apply their skills directly through focused scene work to explore character and text. It's a great place for students to use their imagination and have fun being a star.

**5:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Saints Band Jr.**

**6th - 12th**

**Joe Link**

Students will dive into the rhythms and melodies of rock, jazz, R&B, and Latin music, learning to perform a wide range of styles that will broaden their musical horizons in a band. By the end of the semester, students will showcase their talents in a live performance, demonstrating their growth as versatile, confident musicians! This class is for students who have some musical experience: drums, bass, guitar, piano, vocals, violin, woodwinds, or brass.

# Arts Afterschool Grades K - 12 and Adult

## MONDAY

**5:00 - 6:00 PM**

**The Sketch Lab**

**8th - 12th**

**Sharon McKenna Gundrum**

This playful, no-pressure drawing class invites students to fill their sketchbooks while building essential drawing skills. Young artists will explore fundamentals such as shapes, line, shading, contour drawing, composition, and the use of color to help tell visual stories. Throughout the semester, students will progress from simple sketches to more developed drawings in a supportive environment that encourages curiosity, experimentation, and confidence.

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

**Adult Sketch Lab**

**Adult**

**Sharon McKenna Gundrum**

This playful, no-pressure drawing class invites students to fill their sketchbooks while building essential drawing skills. Artists will explore fundamentals such as shapes, line, shading, contour drawing, composition, and the use of color to help tell visual stories. Throughout the semester, students will progress from simple sketches to more developed drawings in a supportive environment that encourages curiosity, experimentation, and confidence.

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

**Graphic Design Lab:  
Poster Art**

**6th - 9th**

**Emma Spainhoward**

Want to learn to speak the language of visual design? The colors, shapes, and compositions around us all have something to say. Students will explore the meanings behind colors, lettering, and layout, and learn how to use these tools to communicate the things that matter most to them. Using both digital design tools and traditional art materials, students will learn by doing: they'll create stickers, cards, and more—before designing a final poster to teach others about one of their interests.

# Arts Afterschool Grades K - 12 and Adult

## TUESDAY

**4:15 - 5:15 PM**

**TWB: Ballet Group A**

**K - 2nd**

**Moira Ragen**

Students will learn pre-ballet by way of creative movement and will gradually progress to beginner ballet technique introducing them to the foundation of classical ballet at a developmentally appropriate level. Students will exercise creativity, imagination, rhythm, and motion while developing body awareness, increased strength, agility, and motor coordination.

**4:30 - 5:30 PM**

**DCJF: Jazzin' Afterschool**

**6th - 12th**

**Herman Burney**

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

**4:30 - 5:30 PM**

**Eco Art Explorers**

**K - 2nd**

**Hope Glastris**

Become an intrepid nature explorer! In this mixed-media class, students (aka explorers) will practice their art skills and learn to combine different materials to create unique art inspired by plants, animals, and landscapes. Explorers will draw, paint, sculpt, and collage to discover interesting ways to use both traditional art supplies and materials found in our day-to-day environment. Each class will have a nature-themed activity, and explorers are encouraged to imagine ways to make projects their own.

**4:30 - 5:30 PM**

**Intro to Printing: Dry-Point Etching**

**3rd - 5th**

**Jeff Soifer**

In Intro to Printing: Dry-Point Etching, students will explore dry-point printmaking by using etching tools to scratch designs into acrylic plates. They will learn how to ink plates and create multiple prints on paper. The class also offers opportunities to hand-color prints using colored pencils or watercolor. Through hands-on activities, students will develop skills in drawing, mark-making, and printing while expressing their creativity. This class is perfect for young visual artists excited to try a unique and fun printmaking process in a supportive environment.

**4:30 - 6:00 PM**

**Digital Photography**

**5th - 8th**

**Gregg Adams**

In Digital Photography, students will use photojournalism and street photography to tell stories of everyday life. Photographers will learn the basics of camera operations, composition, and post-editing to create visually pleasing images and experiment with ways to display their completed projects. A fan-favorite class for curious young photographers eager to understand the world around them.

# Arts Afterschool Grades K - 12 and Adult

## TUESDAY

**5:15 - 6:15 PM**

**TWB: Ballet Group B**

**3rd - 5th**

**Moira Ragen**

Students will learn beginner ballet techniques introducing them to the foundation of classical ballet that will prepare them for more rigorous dance training. Students will work to master foundational ballet postures, positions and movements at center and across the room and at a barre, if available. Students will develop and strengthen gross-motor skills, coordination, balance, muscle strength and confidence.

**5:30 - 6:30 PM**

**Art Journey Studio**

**1st - 3rd**

**Alejandra Giraldo**

Each week, young artists will journey through the world of visual art to explore new concepts, mediums, and techniques. Students will maximize their creativity to produce unique works of 2D and 3D art through the combination of fiber arts, recyclable crafts, painting, and more. Great for curious minds looking to try something new!

**5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**Painting Exploration  
with Watercolors**

**7th - Adult**

**Deborah Wallace**

Discover the joy of painting in a fun and relaxed environment where creativity comes first. Students will explore a range of techniques using watercolor and acrylics while experimenting with unique materials—such as watercolor pencils, wax crayons, plastic wrap, and salt—to create exciting textures and effects. This class welcomes all skill levels, offering a supportive space for both beginners and returning artists to grow their confidence and expand their creative practice.

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

**Cartoon Lab**

**6th - 8th**

**Valery Herrera Cordon**

Cartoon Lab invites young artists to design an original character from scratch using Procreate, a digital illustration app. Students will explore basic drawing tools, body and head shapes, clothing, and color palettes while building digital art skills and imaginative worlds. They'll create inspiration boards, sketch expressive poses, and develop characters with unique stories and personalities. This hands-on, tech-friendly class is ideal for artists who love cartoons, comics, and creating their own characters.

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

**Move + Rest:  
Restorative Yoga**

**7th - Adult**

**Hope Glastris**

In this relaxing yoga class, students will learn simple but effective yoga practices to encourage deep, intentional rest. Students will explore using props and modifications to adapt the practice to their bodies and mobility levels. Each session will begin with a few moments of mindful breathing and a warm-up, followed by gentle movement to stretch out and loosen up. Then, students will wind down with longer-held poses and 10-15 minutes of quiet rest (naps welcome!). Open to all experience levels.

# Arts Afterschool Grades K - 12 and Adult

## WEDNESDAY

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**      **Songs and Stories**      **K - 2nd**      **Liz Meredith**

In this fun class, students will work together to create their own mini musical! They'll learn simple songs, dances, and acting skills while practicing teamwork and imagination. At the end, the class will share their performance with families.

**4:30 - 5:30 PM**      **Familiar & New!**      **1st - 3rd**      **Sherri Roberts Lumpkin**

Familiar & New! is a class where students will use familiar concepts and materials to learn new art mediums and techniques. From portrait drawing and landscape painting to magazine collages and pipe cleaner crafts, artists will grow and test the boundaries of their imagination. Ideal for young creatives looking to think outside the box.

**4:30 - 5:30 PM**      **Painting with Pastels**      **3rd - 5th**      **Heidi Harper**

Explore the vibrant world of pastel art in this engaging and fun class! Students will learn basic drawing techniques, explore the inspiring works of famous pastel artists, and experiment with various types of pastels and their applications. They will create their own colorful artwork to showcase at the end of the term. No experience needed—just a love for creativity and self-expression!

**4:30 - 5:30 PM**      **Percussion Ensemble**      **3rd - 8th**      **Rob Smith**

Discover the exciting world of drums and percussion in this high-energy, hands-on class. Students will learn basic rhythms, patterns, and techniques while building coordination and confidence. Percussionists will play together to explore dynamics, timing, and creative expression, turning simple beats into powerful group performances. Perfect for anyone ready to make music, build skills, and have fun through rhythm!

**5:00 - 6:00 PM**      **Intro to Photoshop and Illustrator**      **7th - Adult**      **Valery Herrera Cordon**

This beginner-friendly course introduces Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator, essential tools for digital art and visual design. The course emphasizes how these programs can support creative thinking and expression. Through demonstrations and creative challenges, students will build core skills in both programs, focusing on image editing and transformation, creating clean vector graphics, practical application of color, typography, and composition, and preparing and exporting artwork for print and digital use. Each project is designed to encourage experimentation, support skill development, and contribute to an early portfolio.

# Arts Afterschool Grades K - 12 and Adult

## WEDNESDAY

**5:30 - 6:30 PM**

**Collage**

**5th - 7th**

**Mallory Lewis**

Explore the dynamic art of mixed-media collage through hands-on exploration of textures, colors, and found materials. Students will experiment with magazine cutouts, fabric scraps, photographs, and unconventional materials while learning layering techniques and composition design. Students will create expressive artwork that reflects their unique perspectives and interests. Perfect for creative minds ready to transform everyday materials into extraordinary art!

**5:30 - 6:30 PM**

**Pottery: Intro to Handbuilding**

**7th - Adult**

**Jessica Leskin**

In Intro to Handbuilding, potters of all skill levels will come together to work on both guided and independent projects. Artists will learn and practice pinch, coil, and slab construction to make bowls, ceramics, small sculptures, and more. Ideal for teens and adults looking to try something new or grow their skills in a small class setting.

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

**Darkroom Photography**

**7th - Adult**

**Cate Ogata**

This Intro to Darkroom Photography class will be an exciting opportunity to explore black and white film photography and printing in the darkroom. Students will learn the fundamentals while getting the chance to play with editing techniques that inspired photoshop. It will be a fun way to experience the origins of an art form.

# Arts Afterschool Grades K - 12 and Adult

## THURSDAY

**4:00 - 5:00 PM**

**LEGO Lab**

**5th - 8th**

**Benton Bishop**

Get ready for an exciting journey into LEGO robotics! Using the LEGO® SPIKE™ Education kit, students will build and program moving creations with bricks, motors, and sensors. Each week brings fun challenges, beginner-friendly coding, and teamwork in a playful, hands-on environment. Perfect for beginners and LEGO lovers, this class blends STEM learning with creativity and imagination. Students will gain confidence in engineering and technology—all while having a blast!

**4:15 - 5:00 PM**

**Dance Fiesta**

**3rd - 5th**

**Sylvana Christopher**

Dance Fiesta is an energetic class where students can move vigorously to dreamy drumbeats and rhythmic patterns from around the world. The uplifting music and positive movement activities leave dancers feeling refreshed, grounded, and connected. Students will explore basic dance techniques, creative expression, and group movement exercises in a fun, supportive environment. This class is perfect for young movers eager to release energy and celebrate the joy of dance.

**4:30 - 6:00 PM**

**Intro to Wheel &  
Handbuilding**

**3rd - 5th**

**Amy West**

In Intro to Wheel & Hand-Building, young potters will learn the basics of wheel throwing and hand-building techniques. This class will cover skills such as shaping, trimming, and glazing, providing a solid foundation for further exploration in ceramics/pottery. Ideal for beginners, as well as those looking to refine their craft.

**5:00 - 6:00 PM**

**Abstract Graphic Design**

**5th - 7th**

**Benton Bishop**

Each week, students will explore a new creative tool in Procreate and apply their skills through dynamic, hands-on digital art activities. Digital artists will examine how abstraction is used to interpret everything from music to literature, studying the visual language that makes iconic covers so memorable. As the class builds, students will strengthen their illustration and design techniques and ultimately create an original album, book, or magazine cover using their newly developed skills.

**5:30 - 6:30 PM**

**Mix & Match:  
Bilingual Art Lab**

**3rd - 5th**

**Francesca Smith**

Unlock creativity and language together! In this fun and varied visual arts class, students will explore art techniques like collage, drawing, and mixed media while learning and practicing Spanish vocabulary. Through playful, guided activities, students will explore new ways to express themselves artistically and linguistically. Some experience with Spanish is helpful, whether it's speaking it at home or learning it at school.

# Arts Afterschool Grades K - 12 and Adult

## THURSDAY

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

**Fun with Felt, Fabric,  
and Yarn**

**6th - Adult**

**Kristen Hayes**

Fun with Felt, Fabric, and Yarn, introduces students to the creative world of textile art through hands-on projects and playful experimentation. Young artists will explore techniques like weaving, hand-sewing, needle-felting, and simple embroidery using yarn, fabric, and felt. From sewing stuffies to trying out macrame, students will bring their ideas to life with color and texture. This class offers a fun, supportive space for creative exploration. It is perfect for anyone curious about working with fiber—no experience needed!

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

**The Science of Sound**

**7th - 12th**

**Kevin Stabinski**

Learn the fundamentals of music production by diving into both the science and the art of sound! In this hands-on course, students will learn how sound is made, transformed, and arranged into music using the digital audio workstation, Ableton. Students will explore the physics behind sound waves and experiment with beat-making, mixing, and mastering their own music. This interactive lab welcomes participants of all levels and encourages creativity, intellectual curiosity, collaboration, and expression in a fun and supportive environment.

# Arts Afterschool Grades K - 12 and Adult

## SATURDAY

**10:00 - 10:45 AM      Group Piano      K - 2nd      Debra Loh**

This beginner-friendly piano for class for students in grades K-2 introduces young musicians to the fundamentals of playing the instrument in a fun and supportive environment. Students will learn note names, how to find notes on the keyboard, and simple techniques to begin making music right away. Short practice assignments may be offered at the end of each class to help reinforce new skills and build confidence. Perfect for first-time players ready to explore the joy of piano.

**10:00 - 11:00 AM      Digital Photography      K - 3rd      Gregg Adams**

Digital Photography teaches students how to capture simple stories through photography. During this class, young photographers learn basic camera handling, composition for creating quality pictures, and fundamental computer skills, as well as receive hands-on experience using Paint 3D and Photoshop to bring their inner stories to life. A picture-perfect opportunity for students to view the world through a different lens.

**10:00 - 11:00 AM      Interior Design 102      3rd - 5th      Krystal Robinson**

Join us for Amiracle Kids Interior Design 102, where creativity comes to life! In this fun and interactive course, students will dive into the exciting world of interior design, architecture, and engineering. They'll learn how to create floor plans, measure spaces, explore color schemes, design styles, budgets, furniture placement, and much more. Through hands-on projects, students will not only flex their creative muscles but also develop valuable team-building skills as they collaborate with their peers on group projects. It's a wonderful opportunity for young designers to express themselves and explore the amazing possibilities of interior design!

**11:00 - 11:45 AM      Group Piano      3rd - 5th      Debra Loh**

This beginner-friendly piano class introduces students in grades 3 -5 to the essential skills needed to start playing with confidence. Young musicians will learn foundational techniques, explore the keyboard, and begin reading simple sheet music by the end of the course. Short practice assignments may be offered after class to help reinforce new concepts and support steady progress. This class provides an encouraging space for students ready to discover the joy of making music.

# Arts Afterschool Grades K - 12 and Adult

## SATURDAY

**11:00 - 11:45 AM**

**Creative Explorers**

**K - 2nd**

**Manique Buckmon**

Designed for elementary school-age students (grades K-2), students will explore painting, drawing, sculpting, printmaking, and mixed-media techniques, with an emphasis on creativity and collaboration. Artists will engage in using a variety of art materials to create 2-D and 3-D artwork, such as collages, animal sculptures, and needle-felted portraits. Artists will be supported through group projects and individual work, nurturing a love for art while developing teamwork skills.

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Scenic Design**

**3rd - 5th**

**Margarita Syrocheva**

In this fun, hands-on class, students will step into the role of scenic designers and explore how stages are transformed to bring stories to life. Designers will study how theater traditions from around the world use visual elements to create atmosphere and meaning, while learning core principles such as color, shape, pattern, and proportion. Through painting, collage, construction, and creative design challenges, students will build miniature stage sets and develop the skills to imagine spaces just like a professional scenic designer.

# Teen Programming

Grades 9 - 12

## WEDNESDAY

**5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**Sitar's Emerging Arts  
Leaders (S.E.A.L.)**

**9th - 12th**

**Nickole Best**

Sitar's Emerging Arts Leaders Program is for teens ready to grow as artists and leaders while giving back to their community. Through the S.E.A.L. program, students from a range of artistic disciplines work together to produce the Set in DC Youth Film Festival and support other Sitar events. Participants take part in workshops led by creative professionals in film, public art, and more, and attend field trips to local arts and cultural institutions. S.E.A.L. members also have access to open studio time. They can use Sitar's creative spaces on Fridays to develop their work free of charge. This program offers a dynamic opportunity for youth to collaborate, create, and lead.