

CLASS SCHEDULE

FALL 2026

September 21 - December 5

Dance | Drama | Media Arts | Music | Visual Arts



SITAR
ARTS CENTER

Early Childhood Arts Ages 0 - 6

MONDAY

4:30 - 5:15 PM

Creative Movement

3 - 5 yrs

Luisa Lynch

Creative Movement encourages young dancers to use their imagination as they explore the joy of movement. Through introductory improvisation, dancers will respond to physical and imaginative prompts while discovering how elements like color, texture, and speed can inspire original choreography. Throughout the course, students will build confidence, creativity, and self-expression in a supportive and playful environment. The semester culminates in a performance that celebrates each dancer's unique ideas and artistic growth.

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Family Tree Mixed Media Art

**3 - 5 yrs &
caregiver**

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.

SATURDAY

10:00 - 10:45 AM

**Creative Adventures
Preschool**

3 - 5 yrs

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.

Early Childhood Arts Ages 0 - 6

SATURDAY

10:00 - 11:00 AM

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.

4:15 - 5:00 PM

Puppets Around the World

2nd - 5th

Sharon Saydah

Young puppet makers will explore puppet traditions from around the world. Students will create sock puppets inspired by the United States and Great Britain, papier-mâché puppets from Brazil, shadow puppets from China and India, and rod puppets from Indonesia and Europe. Using a variety of mixed-media materials, artists will bring their puppet characters to life while exploring storytelling, creativity, and cultures both near and far.

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.

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Rhythmic Movement

3rd - 5th

Luisa Lynch

Rhythmic Movement introduces students to the relationship between music and dance. Dancers will learn how to count music and embody varying layers of rhythm through improvisation and choreography, resulting in a performance created collaboratively and presented to an audience at the end of the semester. Throughout the semester, students will have opportunities to bring their own interests and backgrounds into a welcoming and exploratory space. Perfect for dancers looking to deepen their relationships with music.

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Grades K - 12 and Adult

MONDAY

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Intro to Studio Art

5th - 8th

Gaia Yun

Through a variety of mediums, students will learn fundamental studio art skills such as still life drawing, portraiture, and color theory. Students will work on creative projects that apply these skills and explore art theories and history through discussions of artworks. No experience is needed - just a desire to create, learn, and improve!

6:00 - 7:00 PM

**Graphic Design Lab:
Poster Art**

6th - 9th

Emma Spainhowerd

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.

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TUESDAY

4:00 - 5:30 PM

The Art of Baking

4th - 7th

Hailey Romero

The Art of Baking is a hands-on class where students will work together to bake, decorate, and eat delicious treats. Students will not only practice basic cooking skills, like measuring ingredients and preheating the oven, but also build their problem-solving skills in the kitchen. A giant spoonful of fun for young bakers wanting to try new recipes!

4:30 - 5:30 PM

TWB: Ballet Group I

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

Take A Bow

1st - 3rd

Sally Roffman

Young performers will explore the exciting world of acting through tongue twisters, theater games, freeze frames, and imaginative storytelling. Students will discover how to use their voice, body, and emotions to bring characters to life while learning that it's not just what they say, but how they say it. Along the way, performers will build confidence, communication, and teamwork skills as they prepare to step into the spotlight and take a well-earned bow.

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

DCJF: Jazzin' Afterschool

6th - 12th

Herman Burney

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

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TUESDAY

4:30 - 5:30 PM

**Intro to Printmaking:
Relief Printmaking**

3rd - 5th

Jeff Soifer

Students will explore relief printmaking by carving original designs into printing blocks and creating multiple prints from their artwork. Young artists will learn to safely use carving tools, apply ink, and experiment with bold shapes, composition, and positive and negative space. Throughout the semester, students will strengthen their drawing and tool-control skills while transforming their carved panels into a small artist's book. This hands-on class offers an engaging introduction to the creative possibilities of printmaking.

4:30 - 6:00 PM

Digital Photography

4th - 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.

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Mixed Media Workshop

1st - 3rd

Natasha O'Brien

Mixed Media Workshop invites young artists to explore color, texture, and creativity through a variety of hands-on materials and techniques. Students will experiment with paint, paper, fabric, and found objects to create layered collages, assemblages, and sculptural works of art. This workshop encourages imagination, storytelling, and creative exploration while inspiring artists to discover new ways to express their ideas.

5:30 - 6:30 PM

TWB: Ballet Group II

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.

Arts Afterschool

Grades K - 12 and Adult

TUESDAY

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Painting Exploration

7th - Adult

Deborah Wallace

Painters will explore the creative possibilities of acrylic and watercolor as they experiment with abstract and representational painting. Students will build foundational skills in color mixing, value, brushwork, and composition while developing confidence and their own artistic voice. In a welcoming studio environment, artists of all experience levels are encouraged to experiment, grow, and discover the joy of painting.

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.

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Grades K - 12 and Adult

WEDNESDAY

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Masterpiece Makers

3rd - 5th

Heidi Harper

Masterpiece Makers introduces young artists to the colorful world of art through the work of renowned artists from a variety of styles, cultures, and time periods. Students will explore how artists used color, shape, texture, and technique before creating original works inspired by their unique approaches. Through hands-on projects and a variety of artistic materials, young artists will build creativity, confidence, and an appreciation for the many ways art can express ideas and tell stories.

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Familiar and New!

1st - 3rd

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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

Percussion Ensemble

3rd - 8th

Joe Link

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 - 6:30 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.

Arts Afterschool

Grades K - 12 and Adult

WEDNESDAY

5:30 - 6:30 PM

GarageBand

6th - 9th

Matt Grason

GarageBand is an app for producing music on iPads tablets and Mac computers. This class will introduce students to the basics of music and audio production, including using GarageBand's virtual instruments and plug-in effects, recording their own digital audio tracks, recording acoustic instruments like guitars or vocals, making their own samples, and putting all the pieces together. Students will learn how to make their music and podcasts using GarageBand on the iPad.

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Drawing Basics (Bilingual)

7th - Adult

Johana Campos

Drawing Basics introduces students to the fundamentals of drawing, beginning with the simple dot and building toward more detailed artwork through step-by-step instruction. Young artists will develop essential drawing skills while learning Spanish vocabulary for art materials, techniques, and the creative process. As their confidence grows, students will strengthen both their artistic abilities and Spanish language skills in a fun, supportive environment. The course concludes with a gallery showcase celebrating the progress and achievements made throughout the session.

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Intro to Filmmaking

9th - 12th

Chrys Sotos

Intro to Filmmaking introduces students to the creative and technical elements of filmmaking through film screenings and hands-on projects. Each week, young filmmakers will explore a different aspect of film and put what they learn into practice as they create their own work. Throughout the semester, students will strengthen their understanding of visual storytelling, build technical skills, and complete original projects that showcase their creativity.

Arts Afterschool

Grades K - 12 and Adult

THURSDAY

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Fun with Food

K - 2nd

Hailey Romero

In Fun with Food, students will create works of art using common kitchen ingredients. Students will learn basic kitchen safety and cooking skills by making tasty treats and creating toys and art pieces. From personal pizzas to DIY lava lamps, this class welcomes aspiring chefs and mad scientists alike.

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

Exploring Digital Arts

2nd - 4th

Angela Robinson

Exploring Digital Arts encourages students to unlock their creative potential through technology while teaching fundamental computer skills. Young creatives will explore various digital arts mediums: designing graphics and images, composing music, and building video games. An exciting class for young tech lovers and curious tech novices!

4:30 - 6:00 PM

**Intro to Wheel &
Handbuilding**

3rd - 5th

Amy West

In Intro to Wheel & Handbuilding, young potters will learn the basics of wheel throwing and handbuilding 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

**Mix & Match:
Bilingual Art Lab**

K - 2nd

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

5:00 - 6:00 PM

Game Design

5th - 8th

Angela Robinson

In this class, students will learn to make their own video games using RPG Maker! They'll create exciting maps, design cool characters, write thrilling stories, and build fun puzzles for players to solve.

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Darkroom Photography

7th - Adult

Joel Aronfy

Students will explore realistic/abstract and mimetic possibilities of photography. By the end of the semester, each student will have produced at least six finished darkroom photographs in their portfolio. The photographs will be photos of found objects or surfaces that resemble objects in nature, or become abstract patterns, portraits, self-portraits or landscapes. The workshop will be introduced and used as a class.

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Beatmaking 101

7th - 12th

Kevin Stabinski

Aspiring music producers will turn ideas into original tracks while exploring the fundamentals of beatmaking and digital music production in Ableton. Students will create beats, shape sounds, and experiment with sampling, arranging, mixing, and mastering as they discover how music is built from the ground up. Along the way, producers will explore the science of sound, collaborate with peers, and develop their own unique style in a creative, hands-on studio environment.

6:00 - 7:00 PM

**Introductory Acrylic
Painting**

5th - 8th

Casey Landecker

Introductory Acrylic Painting introduces young artists to foundational painting techniques while guiding them in developing their own creative style. Students will explore color mixing, brushwork, and composition while examining artwork found in D.C. museums for inspiration. Throughout the course, painters will create a portfolio of original works and select a D.C.-based artist whose work inspires a final painting.

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Art Around the World

1st - 3rd

Riley McCall

Students will explore what makes them unique, while discovering the connections they share with others and with the world around them. Each week, the young artists will learn about a different artist and use what they discover as inspiration to create works of art that reflect their own experiences and perspectives. Through painting, photography, sculpture, and other art forms, students will strengthen their observational skills, experiment with new techniques, and express their creativity.

Arts Afterschool

Grades K - 12 and Adult

SATURDAY

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.

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 **Beats in Motion**

4th - 8th

Michelle Issac

Beats in Motion is a high-energy dance class where dancers build their skills and explore movement through open style dance. Students will learn step-by-step choreography that blends elements of hip-hop, street jazz, commercial dance, and modern grooves while developing rhythm, coordination, and musicality. This energetic class encourages dancers to build confidence, express their individual style, and bring music to life through movement.

Creative Career Programs

Grades 9 - 12
and Adult

TUESDAY

5:30 - 7:00 PM

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.