

## **Art, Dance, Music, Martial Arts Classes at Darien Arts Center: Register Soon**

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The Darien Arts Center is offering a variety of creative opportunities for winter and spring of 2018, as well as Improv Night for adults on Feb. 3. View all classes and workshops and register at [darienarts.org](http://darienarts.org). The DAC is located at 2 Renshaw Road in Darien, behind the Town Hall. For more information, call (203) 655-8683

### **FOR AGES 3 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL:**

**DANCE and MARTIAL ARTS:** *Spring classes begin Jan. 22, see catalog at [the DAC website](#) for tuition, dates and times.*

Dance classes for all levels, ages 3 & up include Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Teen Lyrical, Teen Contemporary, Modern, Broadway Dance, Tap, and Pointe. Martial Arts for all ages 4 & up, the art of Karate and Kung Fu, focusing on self-discipline, self-control, self-defense and fun.

### **MUSIC:**

Private Instruction in Piano, Guitar, Violin, Cello, Flute, Percussion, Voice — 30 minutes for \$50, 45 minutes for \$75 or one hour lessons for \$99, Jan. 2 to June 15.

**VISUAL ARTS:** (New projects accommodate new and returning students.)

—**Scribble Scrabble** — *ages 3-5, FRIDAYS, 1:10-1:55 p.m., Jan. 12-April 20. Young learners develop fine motor skills while using imagination to create drawings, paintings, collages & prints. \$200.*

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—**Cartooning** — *ages 7-12, MONDAYS*, 4:10-5:10 p.m., Feb. 5-May 21. Students design their own characters & use them in one-panel cartoons and three-panel comic strips. Study facial expressions & body language as it relates to cartooning & the human figure. TV storyboards & caricature included. \$280.

—**Elementary Art Studio** — *ages 6-11, WEDNESDAYS*, 3:40–4:40 p.m., Feb. 7-May 30. Developmentally appropriate projects will originate from art principles such as line, color, texture & form. A variety of media includes pastels, watercolors, acrylics & ink. Develop techniques & originality. \$280.

—**Click! Digital Photography** — *ages 9-12, FRIDAYS*, 4:40-5:40 p.m., Feb. 9-June 1. Learn to use a digital camera or iPod Touch to take great photos with the rule of thirds, filling the frame, negative space, color, texture and scales. \$240.

—**Drawing/Painting** — *ages 10-15, WEDNESDAYS*, 5-6:30 p.m., Jan. 3-Mar. 21. Draw figures, landscapes, still life and images from imagination. Technical skills developed and creativity encouraged. \$300.

—**Maker Station: Fantasy Inventions** — *ages 6-11, SATURDAY*, 1-3 p.m., Mar. 10. Use STEAM skills and create inventions from imagination using new and recycled materials to problem solve and build new tools for everyday life. \$40.

### **FOR ADULTS:**

#### ***BALLET, TAP or MARTIAL ARTS:***

—10-class card for \$160

#### ***VISUAL ARTS:***

—**Adult Painting** — *TUESDAYS, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Jan. 30–April 17*. For all levels. Split into 5 sessions of watercolor and acrylics, focus will be on improving in each medium and understanding the fundamentals of creating an effective painting, such as composition, color, tone and scale. \$280.

—**Portrait Basics** — *SATURDAYS, 12 noon–3 p.m., Mar. 3-Mar. 10*. Beginning to intermediate students will learn how to draw the human head from frontal, three-quarter and and profile views. Includes a field trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art. \$80.

—**Plein Air Painting** — *SATURDAYS, 12 noon-2 p.m., May 5 and May 12*. A 2-day workshop at Weed Beach and Pear Tree Point in Darien. The fundamentals (proportion, values, color) will be explained and every level is welcome. A great hands-on experience for the artist who wishes to get out of the studio and enjoy the natural beauty of the Long Island Sound. \$80.

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**ALSO:**

*IMPROV NIGHT with Mario Fuentes, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m.*

A night of improvisation sure keep the audience laughing. No audience participation required. Tickets: \$20 at [the DAC website](#).