

Darien Arts Center Registration Now Open for Classes Beginning Soon

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You can register now for Darien Art Center's upcoming adult and children's educational classes in dance, visual arts, music, theater and martial arts, as well as special events.

- Use the DAC's new improved registration system, sign up for their newsletter or find more information at DarienArts.org or call (203) 655-8683. The DAC is located at 2 Renshaw Road, behind the Town Hall.

—an announcement from [Darien Arts Center](http://DarienArtsCenter.org)

FOR AGES 3 THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

Theater

NEW! A Wrinkle in Time, grades 6 to 8, Auditions: Saturday, Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Rehearsals: Saturday, March 2 to April 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Performances: May 3 to 5. An ensemble-driven one act production. To sign up for an audition slot, email maria@darienarts.org by Feb. 4. \$360

NEW! Kids in the Cast, grades 3 to 5, Thursdays, 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., April 4 to May 19. This fun and silly hour has students play the games of improv, study acting and develop their unique performance skills. \$225.

NEW! Shakespeare or What You Will, grades 9 to 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m., April 4 to May 18. Young actors

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work along Shakespeare on the Sound Artistic Director, Claire Kelly and Education Director Nick Urda to uncover the secrets of performing and loving Shakespeare. \$250.

Dance and Martial Arts

Spring classes Jan. 22 to June 3, see catalog at DarienArts.org 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 3 1/2 & 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 min for \$75 or 1 hour lessons for \$99, Jan. 2 to June 14.

NEW! Young Composers, Grades 3 to 12, Saturdays, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., Jan. 12 to March 30. Aims to fill a gap in students' music education that is too often overlooked: the ability to write, notate, record and perform one's own music. \$300.

NEW! Rock Ensemble, Grades 5 to 12, Saturdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Jan. 12 to March 30. Up to 8 students will form a rock band and play music from across rock music' repertoire, from 1950's rock and roll through modern indie rock. \$300.

Visual Arts

(New projects accommodate new and returning students.)

Cartooning, Grades 2 to 6, Mondays, 4:10 to 5:10 p.m., Feb. 11 to May 20. Students design their own characters & use them in one-panel cartoons and three-panel comic strips. Study facial expressions and body language as it relates to cartooning and the human figure. TV storyboards and caricature included. \$260.

NEW! Art in Movement: Drawing, Yoga, Dance, Grades 3 to 6, Tuesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Feb. 5 to April 9. Explore the study of movement and figure drawing. This class combines the art of yoga and dance with learning basic techniques of drawing and sketching. \$200.

Art Studio, Grades 1 to 5, Wednesdays, 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., Jan. 30 to May 15. Students will create developmentally appropriate art projects using the elements of art. A variety of media and techniques explored. \$260.

Drawing/Painting, Grades 5 to 9, Wednesdays, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Jan. 23 to May 8. All levels welcome. Students will use traditional and experimental materials to draw figures, landscapes, portraits, still life, as

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well as images from their imaginations. Technical drawing skills developed and creativity encouraged. \$330.

Digital Photography, Grades 4 to 6, Fridays, 4:40 to 5:40 p.m., Feb. 8 to May 17. Learn to use a digital device to take great photos with the rule of thirds, filling the frame, negative space, color, texture and scales. \$240.

FOR ADULTS

Theater

NEW! Adult Playwriting, Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m., Feb. 4 to March 18. A six-week workshop, led by internationally produced playwright Jason Pizzarello. Writers conquer the blank page by focusing on core story building blocks: character, conflict, structure, dialogue, dramatic action and theatricality. \$300.

NEW! Scene Study, Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., April 4 to May 17. Led by Carole Claps, director of Darien's Got Talent. A traditional acting and scene study class for those with a love of performing or who have wondered what it would be like to act on stage. \$300.

Ballet, Pop Pilates, Midday Yoga, Martial Arts for Adults

\$20 drop-in fee. 10-class card for \$180

Visual Arts

Watercolor Painting, Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Jan. 15 to April 2. For all levels. Focus will be on understanding the fundamentals of watercolor, technique and composition. \$340.

Oil Painting Workshop, Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., Jan. 16, 23, & 30. All levels welcome. Students will learn essentials painting techniques: color theory, composition, brushwork & more. \$140.

Music

Private Instruction in Piano, Guitar, Violin, Cello, Flute, Percussion, Voice — 30 min for \$50, 45 min for \$75 or 1 hour lessons for \$99, Jan. 2 to June 14.

SPECIAL EVENT FOR ALL AGES

Pic Darien, Smartphone Photo Contest

Submit photos online at darienarts.org from Jan. 1 through Feb. 14. Awards reception on April 28, 6 to 8 p.m..