



WINTER 
CLASSES
2023

ART

Fine Art Academy Program "Become an Artist" by Elizabeth Schettini Sowell Zak [®]™

Master Fine Artist | Ages 9-15

Jan 9 - Mar 13 (No class Jan 16 + Feb 20) | Mon 5:30-7:00 pm

For Young and Intermediate Artists

8 Classes: Members \$320, Non-members \$350*

***includes materials**

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Watercolors and MORE with Miss Fish! | Ages 4-8

Jan 23 - Mar 13 (No class Feb 20) | Mon

CLASS 1: 4:00-5:00 pm

CLASS 2: 5:15-6:15 pm

7 Classes: Members \$105, Non-members \$120

For those little artists who just LOVE to PAINT and CREATE! Under the loving and expert direction of Miss Fish, students will use watercolors to make beautiful paintings and make amazing art pieces and craft projects with clay, cray pas, paper and more! Students will love these classes run by legendary art educator, Miss Fish, who will stir the imagination and bring out the creative best in every child! Each week, students will learn new tips for painting and create their own masterpieces! Supplies included.

FABULOUS Art for FANTASTIC Artists with Miss Fish! Ages 8-12

Jan 18 - Mar 15 | Wed 4:00-5:00 pm

9 Classes: Members \$135, Non-members \$150

For those older artists, ages 8-12! Under the loving and expert direction of Miss Fish, students study the elements of art and the creative process in this hands-on, multi-media class. Learn about art fundamentals such as line, shape, composition and color. Students will explore a variety of materials including graphite, charcoal, pastel, paint and more. Students will love these classes run by legendary art educator, Miss Fish, who will stir the imagination and bring out the creative best in every child! Each week, students will learn new tips for painting and create their own masterpieces! Supplies included.

CLAY! CLAY & more CLAY with Doodle Dude! | Ages 5-12

Jan 23 - Mar 13 (No class Feb 20) | Mon 4:00-5:00 pm

7 Classes: Members \$105, Non-members \$120

We will have a blast working with clay, while learning about the greatest clay animators of all time! From the amazing characters of *Nightmare before Christmas*, *Rudolf*, and *Wallace and Gromit* to the amazing clay worlds of Tim Burton, Rankin and Bass, and Aardman Animations, each class will have plenty of character creation and more! What you create will AMAZE you! No one brings art to life like Art Kaney, the Doodle Dude! From the cute and cool, to the crazy, and from the basics to more advanced techniques, the Doodle Dude will educate, entertain and inspire!

The Art of Roblox, Minecraft and Pokémon with Doodle Dude | Ages 5-12

Jan 18 - Mar 15 | Wed 4:00-5:00 pm

9 Classes: Members \$135, Non-members \$150

Let's learn how to draw Roblox, Minecraft and Pokémon characters, but also create and design our own. We will work on character development and work with many different media including paint, clay, glow in the dark paint, oil pastels and more. Let's get off the video games and on to the drawing board! Gaming party last day of class! No one brings art and painting to life like Art Kaney, the Doodle Dude! From the cute and cool, to the crazy, and from the basics to more advanced techniques, the Doodle Dude will educate, entertain and inspire!

Painting-palooza with Doodle Dude! | Ages 5-12

Jan 19 - Mar 16 | Thurs 4:00-5:00 pm

8 Classes: Members \$135, Non-members \$150

Get creative with the Doodle Dude who will introduce you to the awesome world of painting in his unique way. Let your imagination run wild while you have a blast working with watercolors, acrylics, gouache and even glow in the dark paint! No one brings art and painting to life like Art Kaney, the Doodle Dude! From the cute and cool, to the crazy, and from the basics to more advanced techniques, the Doodle Dude will educate, entertain and inspire!





DANCE

Intro to Tap with Dawn Ferro | Ages 5-8

Jan 10 - Mar 14 | Tues 5:00-6:00 pm

10 CLASSES: Members \$150, Non-members \$170

A highly energetic class in the timeless art of Tap. Under the nurturing and skilled instruction of Dawn Ferro, beginning students will have a blast while learning and improving foundational rhythms and classic combinations, in a variety of tap styles such as Broadway, Rhythm and Contemporary Tap. Develop coordination, speed, clarity, dynamics and the ability to execute complex rhythmic combinations. Dawn has over 30 years of experience teaching dance and theater to students of all ages and is the former studio director/owner of Miss Dawn's Studio of Dance in Metuchen.

Try this with Intro to Hip Hop for an awesome combo-class!

Intro to Hip Hop and Creative Movement with Samantha Amaral | Ages 5-8

Jan 10 - Mar 14 | Tues 4:00-5:00 pm

10 CLASSES: Members \$150, Non-members \$170

This class is a great opportunity for students to learn the basics of this popular and innovative dance genre including freestyle, popping, and locking in a fun and welcoming environment. Dancers will learn the fundamentals of freestyle, choreography, and have a blast learning about hip hop culture. Miss Sam received her Bachelor of Arts from Hofstra University and has over 15 years of experience teaching dance to students of all ages and choreographing award winning musicals in NY and NJ.

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Beginning Hip Hop with Samantha Amaral Ages 9-12

Jan 10 - Mar 14 | Tues 5:00-6:00 pm

10 CLASSES: Members \$150, Non-members \$170

This class is a great opportunity for students to build on and improve their Hip Hop dance skills. Dancers will focus on the fundamentals of freestyle, choreography and the whole Hip Hop scene. This class is for students who have taken the Intro to Hip Hop Series or have some experience with Hip Hop dance. Students will learn to master those basic grooves and then make those moves their own! Miss Sam received her Bachelor of Arts from Hofstra University and has over 15 years of experience teaching dance to students of all ages and choreographing award winning musicals in NY and NJ.

Princeton Ballet and MAC Present: Pre-Ballet and Creative Movement | Ages 3-6

Jan 14 - Mar 4 | Sat 9:00-10:00 am

8 CLASSES: Members/Non-members \$175

This fun and engaging class was specially designed for younger beginning dancers, ages 3-6. Students will be introduced to the fundamental building blocks of movement, rhythm/musicality, as well as begin to create movement of their own. Students will develop understanding of movement concepts, flexibility, balance, and coordination through specific ballet-based movements and creative exploration. Princeton Ballet School (PBS) is known for nurturing developing dancers in a safe and progressive way. As a result, PBS students develop self-esteem, self-discipline, and a strong fitness level that will provide a powerful edge in any future endeavor.

Uniform:

Girls uniform color: Pink

Girls ballet slippers and tights: Pink or skin tone

Boys uniform color: White shirt, black tights

Boys ballet slippers and tights: Black

Princeton Ballet and MAC Present: Ballet | Ages 7-9

Jan 14 - Mar 4 | Sat 10:00-11:00 am

8 CLASSES: Members/Non-members \$175

This fun and engaging class was specially designed for dancers, ages 7-9. Students will be introduced to the fundamental building blocks of ballet technique and movement. Students will develop understanding of movement concepts, flexibility, balance, and coordination through ballet movements and creative exploration. Princeton Ballet School (PBS) is known for nurturing developing dancers in a safe and progressive way. As a result, PBS students develop self-esteem, self-discipline, and a strong fitness level that will provide a powerful edge in any future endeavor.

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MUSICAL THEATER

THE WIZARD OF OZ, JR. with Kathy Connolly **Ages 9-12**

Jan 18 - Mar 25 | Wed 5:00-7:00 pm

10 CLASSES: Members \$565, Non-Members \$595

SOLD OUT! We are working to expand this program to meet the high demand. Email middletownartscentermail@gmail.com to request a spot on our Waitlist.

Start the year right with this high-energy musical theater class. Students will have voice, acting and dance training culminating in three fully-staged performances of *Wizard of Oz, Jr.* Although students will audition for roles, every student will receive a part. Students will receive two complimentary tickets for the show.

Auditions: Tues, Jan 17 from 5:00-7:00 pm

Tech Rehearsals (mandatory): Students must be available during the week of March 20-23 when class will meet every night from 5-7pm for tech rehearsals.

Show Dates: Mar 24 at 7:00 pm, Mar 25 at 2:00 + 7:00 pm

Winter Mini-Musical Theater Intensive with Kathy Connolly | Ages 6-9

Jan 19 - Mar 16 | NEW DAY AND TIME! Thurs 4:00-6:00 pm

9 CLASSES: Members \$310, Non-members \$330

This exciting class is for younger performers ages 6-9. Using a professional conservatory approach, the students will take individual classes in Acting, Dance, Improv, Scenic Design and Voice. Under the expert instruction of award-winning director and teaching artist, Kathy Connolly, our team of professional theater artists and visiting Master Class presenters, the students will explore their creativity and develop their confidence and skills in a fun and nurturing environment!

THEATER

Acting with Kathy Connolly | Ages 9-12

Jan 20 - Mar 17 | Fri 4:00-5:30 pm

9 CLASSES: Members \$205, Non-members \$230

In this fun and exciting class, students will study the fundamentals of acting technique and theater through theater games, scene work and improvisation. Under the expert instruction of award-winning director and teaching artist, Kathy Connolly, students will work on monologues and scenes in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. While the focus is always on fun, this class also has wonderful additional benefits including strengthened self-esteem, improved reading comprehension and the continuing development of positive social skills.

Beginning Acting with Felicia Russell (& Kathy Connolly) | Ages 6-8

Jan 13 - Mar 17 | Fri 4:00-5:00 pm

10 CLASSES: Members: \$150, Non-members: \$120

Students will have a blast and build confidence exploring theater games, storytelling, improv and more! Under the nurturing instruction of NJ performer and teaching artist, Felicia Russell (a proud MAC alum!), students will learn the fundamentals of acting technique and theater in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. Students will also get guest instruction from award-winning director and teaching artist, Kathy Connolly, to work on monologues and scenes and even collaborate to create new short pieces together!



MUSIC



ZUMBINI with Lisa Zwerin | Ages 0-4

Jan 11 - Mar 15 | Wed 10:00-10:45 am

10 CLASSES: Members \$150, Non-members \$170

A child-focused journey into the world of music, movement and dance, a Zumbini class is a celebration of the power of music to enhance our lives, stimulate learning, inspire dance movement, and strengthen the bond between parent and child. What is Zumbini you ask? A 45-minute music and movement experience, which is developmentally appropriate for the age range of the class. Every class, designed for children 0-4 years-old with a caregiver, includes dancing, singing and playing instruments. A bonding experience for all is involved, including caregiver to child, child to child, and caregiver to caregiver. The class focuses on energy, fun, and play to contribute toward the natural development of cognitive, social, emotional and physical skills.



Private In-Person Piano or Voice Lessons with Miss Peggy! | All Ages

Start playing songs or improve your singing from your very first lesson! Under Miss Peggy's nurturing instruction, you'll learn to read, understand, and create beautiful music from day one!

No matter what your skill level, in these 30 or 60-minute sessions, students will learn a combination of exercises and approaches to improve confidence, proper technique and overall musicality. Miss Peggy makes learning piano or voice accessible and fun for everyone!

NEW STUDENTS: Please email artscenter@middletownnj.org for more details or to schedule a lesson.

ART

Painting Workshop | Grace Graupe-Pillard

Jan 10 - Feb 14

Tues 9:30-11:30 am | 12:00-2:00 pm | 2:30-4:30 pm

6 WEEKS: Members/Non-members \$120

Painting workshop participants will be taught to use paints (either oil or acrylic) and will be instructed on color, form and space. Since this is a workshop, the instruction is individualized and Grace strongly believes that her job is to teach people "to see" the subtlety and nuances of what makes a good work of art in a fresh and original way. This workshop is for all levels from the rank beginner to professional artists and teachers who come for feedback in an environment conducive to serious study.

Evening Painting Workshop with June Wilson

DATES TBD | Tues 7:00-9:00 pm

6 WEEKS: Members/Non-members \$120

Join artist June Wilson for this EVENING Painting Workshop! Adult participants will be taught to use paints (either oil or acrylic) and will be instructed on color, form and space. Since this is a workshop, the instruction is individualized and is welcome to all levels from beginner to professional artists and teachers who come for feedback in an environment conducive to serious study.

Fine Art Academy Program "Become an Artist" by Elizabeth Schettini Sowell Zak ^{®TM}, Master Fine Artist Ages 18+

Jan 9 - Mar 13 (No class Jan 16 + Feb 20)

MORNING SESSION | Wed 10:30 am-12:30 pm**EVENING SESSION | Wed 6:30-8:30 pm****8 CLASSES: Members \$425, Non-members \$475******includes materials**

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YOGA

Adult Yoga with Mimi Cross

Jan 14 – Mar 18 | Sat 8:00–9:00 am

10 CLASSES: Members \$150, Non-members \$170

This gentle but stimulating Yoga class will allow individuals of all levels and fitness experiences to engage in the practice of Yoga. Yoga is an ancient form of full body exercise that focuses on core strength, balance, control and breath. Exercises can be modified for injuries and all bodies. No previous experience required. Please bring a mat.

Mimi, a 200+ hour certified Kripalu Yoga Instructor, is an author, songwriter and arts educator as well as the creator of Body of Writing, a practice that adds an additional dimension to the traditional mind-body-spirit discipline of Yoga: story. She's been teaching people of all ages Yoga and music since 2001, both privately and in various studios in the Two River region of Monmouth County. To learn more, please visit www.mimicross.com.



Register by phone, in person, or online at www.middletownarts.org

You do not need to be a resident of Middletown to participate in the Middletown Arts Center's programs. Please note that Member and Non-Member rates relate to membership in the Middletown Township Cultural and Arts Council (MTCAC). The MTCAC is the non-profit 501c3 organization that operates the Middletown Arts Center. Membership is optional and benefits include discounted rates on classes, camps, and workshops. Memberships are annual from the date of enrollment.

Become a MEMBER today and receive discounts on classes, events, and more!

Tax-deductible membership levels:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: • \$60 Family • \$30 Adult • \$25 Student/Senior

LEADERSHIP MEMBERSHIP: • \$1000 Benefactor • \$500 Patron • \$250 Friend • \$100 Supporter

All members receive:

- Membership card(s)
- Discounts on select MAC events and all classes
- Invitations to Member only events

Visit middletownarts.org or call 732-706-4100 to become a member today.

Give the gift of inspiration!

Middletown Arts Center Gift Cards are valid for fine arts, music, dance classes, summer arts camp, special events, and more. Visit our ticket office or call 732-706-4100 to pick one up today.

About Us

The mission of the Middletown Township Cultural and Arts Council, Inc. (MTCAC), the nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that operates the Middletown Arts Center, is to enhance the quality of life of all area residents by supporting and promoting the arts throughout our large, diverse community. The needs of our community drive our arts program planning. The MTCAC began in 2002 in response to a need for arts programming in the township, home to over 68,000 residents and covering approximately 42 square miles. The MTCAC worked jointly with Middletown Township to create the beautiful, award-winning Middletown Arts Center.



Middletown Arts Center | 36 Church Street in Middletown, NJ (next to the Middletown Train Station)
MAC Annex Education Building | 121 Kings Highway, Middletown, NJ (next to Middletown Reformed Church)



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