



TAKE A CLASS

ArtsWestchester is a multi-faceted organization with over 100 member organizations, many of which offer classes for both kids and adults. Here's a list of many of the places offering creative and professional learning opportunities. Some scholarships are available.

VISUAL ARTS

Center for the Arts at Westchester Community College (White Plains) — offers art classes for students of all ages. Sign up for one class or more, at any level. All are welcome. Contact them to register for classes in drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry and digital arts. Visit their Open House on Thursday, September 5, 6:30–8:30pm. 914-606-7500, www.sunywcc.edu/arts

Center for the Digital Arts at Westchester Community College (Peekskill) — has five post-production studios and is dedicated to fostering digital arts education. From digital video production to an *Introduction to 3D Animation*, the Center for the Digital Arts is an access point to creating art in the digital age. 914-606-7300, www.sunywcc.edu/peekskill.

Clay Art Center (Port Chester) — offers extraordinary clay classes and workshops in pottery and sculpture. Their classes are available to adults and children in Westchester and Connecticut. 914-937-2047, www.clayartcenter.org

Clay Art Center (White Plains) — offers extraordinary clay classes to students of all ages and abilities. 914-937-2047, www.clayartcenter.org

Color Camera Club of Westchester (Valhalla) — has a mentoring program offering tutoring to small groups on various subjects or specialties each month. The programs are designed to educate the interested photographers on how to develop and fine tune their skills with a camera. 914-769-7758, www.colorcameraclub.org.



Westchester Community College



Music Conservatory of Westchester

Croton Cortlandt Center of the Arts (cccArts) — places emphasis on the process of art-making and exposing all ages to the language of art. They promote learning by doing. Their classes and workshops include clay, drawing, painting, sculpting, animation and more! 914-739-4320, www.cccArts.org.

The Katonah Art Center (Katonah) — offers classes for children, teens and adults! From painting, drawing and photography to musical theatre, ballet, yoga, tai chi and more, KAC offers over 150 classes to choose from. 914-232-4843, www.katonahartcenter.com

Pelham Art Center (Pelham) — has choice offerings for anyone looking to broaden their artistic knowledge and talent. Fall classes include *Intro to Programming* (for the "Gamer"), digital photography, millinery (hat making), pottery and much more. 914-738-2525, www.pelhamartcenter.org.

Picasso's Corner Paint & Party Art Studio (Elmsford) — provides a fun and relaxing environment that inspires creativity. Their friendly instructors guide customers from the novice to the experienced painter in a step-by-step process to create their own authentic masterpiece. 914 885 4346, www.picassoscorner.net.



Rye Arts Center

Rye Arts Center (Rye) – offers classes pre-k through adult, including drawing, oil, acrylic, watercolor and portrait painting, illustration, cartooning, fashion design, architecture, dance, clay, Minecraft, video game art, acting, Lego engineering, photography, photo and broadcast journalism and writing. 914-967-0700, www.ryeartscenter.org

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MUSIC

Music Conservatory of Westchester (White Plains) – offers lessons customized for all ages and skill levels. Classical, jazz, rock, pop. Composition, songwriting, theory, ensembles. Young children's classes. Programs for adults. 80 accomplished, inspiring teachers. Fabulous facility with Recital Hall and digital recording equipment. 914-761-3900, www.MusicConservatory.org

Rye Arts Center (Rye) – offers year-long private, semi-private and small group instrumental and vocal instruction, as well private study in songwriting and composition. Private parent/child lesson programs are offered for piano, guitar and violin. Teen workshops in a cappella and *Beat Boxing*. 914-967-0700, www.ryeartscenter.org

Songcatchers (New Rochelle) – offers several core programs for younger music students, including a Concert Choir, After-School Music Program, and Early Childhood Music Program. Children can learn a variety of instruments and participate in advanced training in an Instrument Ensemble. 914-654-1178, www.songcatchers.org/programs.

THEATER

Axial Theatre (Pleasantville) – Howard Meyer's Acting Program, a project of Pleasantville's Axial Theatre, offers aspiring and experienced actors a selection of workshops. Children (ages 10 and up), teens, and adults can take workshops in acting technique and scene study, playwriting, voice and movement, improvisational acting, monologue auditioning, and more. 914-962-8828, www.hmacting.org

The Cortlandt School of Performing Arts (Croton-on-Hudson) – develops the musical talents of all ages on all instruments and voice, at both the pre-professional and recreational levels, with some of the finest music instructors in the Tri-State area. Other services include instrument rentals and sales and vocal performance opportunities for teens, and special pre-school programs. 914-402-4250, www.cortarts.com

Youth Theatre Interactions (Yonkers) – provides weekly classes for children ages 6-19. Courses are offered in percussion, drama, and steel drums, as well as a range of dance study that includes jazz, Latin, modern, step, street, African, and tap styles. 914-963-3040, www.ytixonkers.org

DANCE

Evolve Dance Inc. (Tarrytown) – offers Dance at the Y, a comprehensive dance program at the Family YMCA at Tarrytown. Open to all ages and all levels of interest and training, regardless of ability to pay, instructional classes are given in ballet, jazz, modern, tap, hip hop, and more. Students also have unique opportunities to explore performance, choreography, teaching, mentoring and other possibilities dance offers as a profession or pastime. For class schedules and more information, call 914-631-4807 x32 or visit www.evolvedance.org and click on the "Dance at the Y" tab.



Axial Theater's Howard Meyer's Acting Program

special section



Sarah Lawrence College writing workshop

Steffi Nossen School of Dance (White Plains) – offers dancers ages 3 and up opportunities to learn modern, jazz, and ballet dance styles between its main site in White Plains and Chappaqua. Also offered are classes in hip hop, theatre and *Moving Wheels N' Heels* classes for wheel chair dancers. 914-328-1900, www.steffinossen.org

FILM

Jacob Burns Film Center and Media Arts Lab (Pleasantville) – classes are held after school, in the evenings, on weekends, and during vacations, with programs available in film and new media production, animation, sound, *Final Cut Pro*, documentary filmmaking, screenwriting, and much more. Scholarships are also available to ensure access to these creative and educational opportunities. 914.773.7663, ext. 8, www.burnsfilmcenter.org



Jacob Burns Film Center and Media Arts Lab

LITERARY ARTS

Alliance Française de Westchester (White Plains) – offers year-round French classes and tutoring to beginner, intermediate and advanced learners, scheduled on a quarterly basis. Students are arranged by age and fluency level in French. All of their classes are taught by experienced, native French speakers. Their private tutors tailor their classes to the needs of each student. 914-681-8735, www.afwestchesterny.org.

Hudson Valley Writers' Center (Sleepy Hollow) – offers workshops for family-history buffs, poets, novelists, screenplay writers, playwrights, memoirists, and more. HVWC welcomes aspiring and established authors alike. Kids and teens classes also available. 914-332-5953, www.writerscenter.org

Greenburgh Arts and Culture Committee (Greenburgh) – offers *Learning to See*, an ongoing series of adult workshops based on the Ekphrastic method (using visual arts to stimulate new poetry). For beginning and advanced poets. 914-682-1574, www.greenburghartsandculture.org/LearningtoSee.



Evolve Dance Inc.

Sarah Lawrence College (Bronxville) – offers affordable non-credit writing classes in a variety of genres including memoir, fiction, non-fiction, poetry and more at the Writing Institute at Sarah Lawrence College. Fall classes begin in September. Visit their Open House on September 13, 4-6:00pm. www.slc.edu/ce/writing-institute/index.html or contact Katrina Brown at kbrown1@sarahlawrence.edu to be put on our mailing list.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Music Conservatory of Westchester (White Plains) – provides professional, individualized programs for each student, addressing communicative, social, emotional, and physical needs at the organization's Music Therapy Institute. 914-761-3900, www.musicconservatory.org

Steffi Nossen School of Dance (White Plains) – offers *Moving Wheels N' Heels* classes for wheel chair dancers. 914-328-1900, www.steffinossen.org for more information.

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USE YOUR IMAGINATION AT ARTSWESTCHESTER

By Alison Kattleman

Beginning this October, ArtsWestchester is expanding its collaborations with some of its member organizations to offer new and exciting classes at the Arts Exchange. Partnerships with Port Chester's Clay Art Center, the Pelham Art Center, and Sleepy Hollow's Hudson Valley Writers' Center allow these organizations to extend their community outreach, and provide children and senior citizens with specialty art classes at ArtsWestchester's centrally located Arts Exchange building in downtown White Plains.

The Clay Art Center will offer two ceramics classes at ArtsWestchester for children aged 6-10. *Clay Afternoons* (Tuesdays, 4-5:30pm, October 1-November 19) and *Clay Saturdays* (Saturdays, 10-11:30am, October 5-November 23) will teach students about the magical qualities of clay through hand-building whimsical animal sculptures, memory boxes and more. Additionally, the Clay Art Center's class for senior citizens, *C.L.A.Y. – Continue Learning About Yourself* (Wednesdays, 1-3pm, October 2-November 2), shows that clay can be for grown-ups too.

The Pelham Art Center's class at ArtsWestchester, *Animating Paint: Bring Your Painting to Video Life!* (Wednesdays, 3:30-5pm, October 2-November 20), blends traditional painting with digital technology. Students aged 8-13 will discover techniques for painting on glass, and utilize these skills in stop-motion mixed media animation to bring their creations to life.

A writing and performing class will be offered by **The Hudson Valley**

Writers' Center this fall at ArtsWestchester, with teaching artist Frank Ingrasciotta. Kids aged 7-12 can look forward to turning their stories into poems and plays, and to bringing their words to life by performing for their peers. Please check www.artsw.org and the next issue of ArtsWNews for more detailed information on this class.

Lastly, **ArtsWestchester** will be offering classes of its own. *Telling Our Stories* (Fridays, 12-1:15pm, October 4-November 22), a class for senior citizens with teaching artist Denise Bessette, encourages students to write memory-based stories and perform them as monologues in a nurturing, creative environment. Bessette, a professional actress for the past 30 years, is Hudson Stage Company's producer and an acting professor for Pace University. Artist Alan Reingold also comes to ArtsWestchester to teach *Basic Drawing* and *Anime* for kids aged 7-12 (Saturdays, 12-2:30pm, October 5-November 23). Best known for his artwork that has graced the covers of over 100 national magazines, Reingold will provide instruction in the Japanese animation style of anime, in addition to basic drawing techniques such as proportion and composition.

Materials for all classes are included and scholarships are available. The Clay Art Center, Pelham Art Center, Hudson Valley Writers' Center, and ArtsWestchester all offer discounted prices for their classes to their members. For more information and to register for any class, visit: www.artsw.org/classes.

PRE-COLLEGE DIGITAL ARTS PROGRAM THIS SUMMER

at Westchester Community College Center for the Digital Arts

Every summer, the Center for the Digital Arts Peekskill Extension opens its post-production studios to students 7-17 years of age for arts technology programming. Have your child experience constructing 2D & 3D animation, interactive designs, games, digital films, paintings, and drawings. The Center offers three course modules per day to accommodate working families.

Please see our website www.sunywcc.edu/peekskill for more information. Call us at 914-606-7300 or email peekskill@sunywcc.edu.

SUMMER PRE-COLLEGE DIGITAL ARTS PROGRAM
July 8 - July 18 and July 22 - August 1

Westchester Community College
Center for the Digital Arts
www.sunywcc.edu/Peekskill

