

COUNTRY DAY CREATIVE ARTS

2026 CLASS DESCRIPTIONS



**VERY IMPORTANT:
YOUNG ARTISTS SHOULD WEAR
OLD, COMFORTABLE CLOTHES TO
CDCA EVERYDAY!**

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Drawing/Painting



You, Me, Us, We!

Learn to draw faces like a portrait artist! Young artists will dive into the magical world of faces, learning how to sketch eyes, noses, mouths, and all the little details that make each person unique. We'll explore proportions, experiment with fun techniques like collage, storytelling self-portraits, and create our own characters! With every class, we'll build our skills, boost our creativity, and most importantly - make wonderful art. By the end, we'll each have a collection of awesome, one-of-a-kind portraits and the confidence to keep drawing faces like a pro!

Ages: 7-9

Artist/Teacher: Ash Gaude, New Orleans, LA

Wall to Wall - We'll cover it all

Tiny artists... BIG MURALS. SO. MANY. MURALS! Murals on paper, murals on cardboard, collaborative murals, drawing murals, tape murals, painted murals, collage murals, and so much more! Dream big, and paint bigger! Climb inside the canvas and get messy working with acrylic paint, oil pastel, chalk pastel, watercolor, charcoal, and your whole body. In this class not only do you have permission to, but we WANT you to DRAW ON THE WALLS!

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Sara Shearman, New Orleans, LA

Medium to Medium I + II

For all of you that are interested in building up a basic knowledge of how different paints work, this class would work perfectly for you! We are going to be learning how to create different artworks with a variety of wet mediums. We will start with pen and ink wash, and then move on to watercolor painting, and then finish off with an acrylic painting. At the end, each young artists will have a repertoire of mediums that they can use to create their own works of art in the future!

Medium to Medium I 7 - 9

Medium to Medium II : 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Kami Galeana, New Orleans, LA



Odd Things I + II

In this class we will explore how to take odd things, ordinary things, every day things that spark your interest to make paintings of. Electrical outlet? Sure. Pen cap? Why not? Battery? Let's do it! The only limit is your imagination. We will use various mediums to create interesting works from odd things.

Odd Things I: 7 - 9

Odd Things II: 10 -13

Artist/Teacher: Kami Galeana, New Orleans, LA

Portrait Artist for Hire!

Learn to render faces like a professional portrait artist! In this engaging portraiture class, young artists will explore the basics of drawing faces while developing their creativity and observational skills. We will learn how to sketch facial features, understand proportions, and add expressions to bring our portraits to life. We will embrace the idea of becoming young professional artists able to sketch portraits when the time calls for it. We'll use a mix of traditional and playful techniques, including collaged faces, narrative self-portraits, and even creating characters! By the end of the class, we will each have a collection of our own unique portraits and the skills to continue drawing faces with passion.

Ages: 10 -13

Artist/Teacher: Ash Gaude New Orleans, LA



Glazing with the Greats: Oil Painting

This is the first time in CDCA's 43 year history that oil painting is being offered.

There's a very good reason why classic paintings of yesteryear were so fantastically vivid and colorful. One of the answers is oil paint glazes! In this class we will learn how light bends and moves through different layers of oil paint glazes. Let's learn how painting masters like Cezanne used this technique to create beautiful, naturalistic paintings.

Ages: 10-13

Artist/Teacher: Kami Galeana, New Orleans, LA

To offset the costs of the costly materials, there is a \$30 fee for the Glazing with the Greats class. If your child is part of this class, the fee will be added to your online account at the end of the second week of the program. This fee is due by June 18th.

Mrs. Saucington's Very Sophisticated Watercolor Instruction for Mindful Young Artists

In this class, we will transport ourselves to the lush English countryside where dappled light drips thick through the leaves like golden honey, where we will find ourselves working small and slowly both relenting to and controlling the flow of water, pigment and creativity.

Ages: 10-13

Artist/Teacher: Sauce Mott, New Orleans, LA



Ceramics

Totem Tales - A Ceramic Adventure

Get ready to stack your creativity sky high! In this exciting ceramic totem pole class, young artists will use clay to design and build their own unique totem sculptures. Students will learn fun hand-building techniques to shape, carve, and add textures as they create different sections of their totem pole. Each piece of the totem can tell a story that features animals, faces, symbols, or imaginative creatures. This hands-on class encourages imagination, storytelling, and playful experimentation with clay.

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Jennifer Jones, New Orleans, LA

Mystical Masks

Get ready to get your hands messy and your imagination working! In this exciting ceramic mask-making class, young artists will transform simple clay into amazing one-of-a-kind masks. Using fun hand-building techniques students will shape, sculpt, and add textures to create masks that can be silly, mysterious, magical, or even inspired even inspired by animals and fantasy creatures. This class is all about creativity and experimentation, and having fun with clay!

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Jennifer Jones, New Orleans, LA



Variegated Vessels

With ceramic sculpture, an artwork's surface matters as much as form. This class is an intensive look at how to make rich, inviting textures with texture molds, sprig-molds, and glazing techniques. We are going to explore how to bring made and found textures into a work of art. We will make coasters, vases, and a wild sculptural platter so amazing that you can literally feel the creativity.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Jeffrey Thurston, New Orleans, LA

Flower Pots of Funk

We are going to explore coil building to make some flowerpots that look like anything but your typical flowerpots. Have you wanted to put a flower in a dinosaur? What about a winged crocodile eating a coconut? If you can dream it, we can make it a flowerpot. We will start the summer by making a quick bug sculpture, then spend the remainder of the time learning how to coil-build fantastic flowerpots that leave you stunned by our creativity.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Jeffrey Thurston, New Orleans, LA

Big Art

Under the BIG ART sea I + II

Break the bounds beyond the 9x12 drawing paper and dive into the world of BIG ART making! Submerge yourself deep in the oceanic abyss with giant marine animal sculptures big enough to ride on! Paint your way through crunchy, coral reefs and twirling, kelp forests. Young artists will work with cardboard, acrylic paint, paper mache, and their imaginations to splash into the Sea of BIG ART! Whale sharks, dolphins, and mermaids may join us along the way. Snorkels not required. Let's create a BIG ART WORLD!

BIG ART I: 7 - 9

BIG ART II: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Sara Shearman, New Orleans, LA



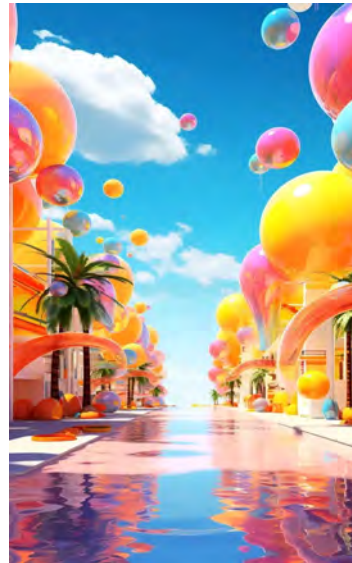
Sculpture

Mermaid Playground

Trash becomes sunken treasure in this sculpture class. Young artists will re imagine alternative and recycled materials to cultivate a lively coral reef. Take a “deep dive” into marine life and find out just how much a cupcake liner can look like barnacles. Together we will cultivate a magical landscape for life, aquatic.

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Sauce Mott , New Orleans, LA



Pinata Making I + II

Make a beautiful piece of art to take home and destroy! You start with a sphere, add your personal theme, and then apply flour paste and paper to give it shape and strength. You'll fill it with whatever handmade “treat” you can dream up, cover the outside in a custom design, and violà - a personalized piñata to share with family and friends. This class is a little bit messy and very zen. Bonus: on Watermelon Day, you get to bash a piñata made by your instructor!

Pinata Making I: 7 - 9

Pinata Making II: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Sarah Wardell, New Orleans, LA

Art-chitecture I + II

Imagine a city where skyscrapers featured every color in the rainbow, glistened in the daylight, and even got a little funky! Simplicity meets vibrancy as we practice the sculptural basics of precise and planned three-dimensional fabrication using wire and dowels. Young artists will then bring their towers to life by adorning their framework with vibrant mixed materials in kaleidoscopic color, and playful textures!

Art-chitecture I: 7 - 9

Art-chitecture II: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Josh Jackson, New Orleans, LA



Mega Monster Mash-Up Melee

We're back, baby! Do you ever watch a puppet show and ask yourself, “Why aren't these puppets 8 feet tall and trying to destroy each other?” Have you ever watched a wrestling match and wondered, “why aren't these puppets?” Let's fix that, shall we? Young artists will help build/adorn larger-than-life puppets built to do battle on the biggest stage at CDCA while learning about how artists team up and collaborate to create epic tales of good versus evil.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Ross Turner & Josh Jackson, New Orleans, LA

Float Builders Wanted!

Do you want to make Mardi Gras in July? Then we want you for our float builders. We will explore the world of float buildings by making pull floats. Our young artists will work in groups of 3-4 to build a 6-foot-long float. This year, each float will be an homage to a notable artist. We will take our floats to the streets and have a parade to open our arts festival on July 10th.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Jeffrey Thurston, New Orleans, LA

Mixed Media

Terra Firma

Young artists will explore a garden theme and be introduced to a variety of materials and techniques. We will begin by making a mosaic and create colorful designs, learning to adhere tiles with mortar adhesive. Later materials will include wire and fabric to create underground dwellers and even more mixed materials to create floral and plant sculptures. This workshop class provides opportunities to learn new and fun skills, take risks and create artwork inspired by elements of nature. The mosaics and mixed media classes will share exhibition space to create a rich and magical environmental installation for Festival night! I can't wait to see what grows in our garden!

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Jeanie Osborne, New Orleans, LA



Animal Art

Step into the wild and discover the incredible patterns, textures, and perspectives of the animal kingdom. Young artists will explore fascinating animal features as inspiration for their artwork. We will construct habitat shadow boxes, embroidered animal portraits, and watercolor paintings inspired by close-up, microscopic views of feathers, scales, and other animal patterns. The young artists will also design vibrant jungle scenes and create their own sketchbooks to capture ideas along the way. Get ready to paint, draw, stitch, and explore the world of animals through art!

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Granite Pilch, New Orleans, LA

Frankenstein's Art Laboratory I + II

Become an 'art-scientist' and learn how to build faces and figures in many experimental ways. As mad art-scientists, we will study human proportions. We will then apply our data using our art skills to create our very own Frankenstein's Monsters. Our human-like monsters will be created through various methods and materials: paper mache, found objects, and even food. We will also create a catalog of lore to help our monsters come to life in their various forms! By the end of the class, we will have drawn, sculpted, painted, and eaten our very own creations.



Frankenstein's Art Laboratory I: 7 - 9

Frankenstein's Art Laboratory II: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Ash Gaude, New Orleans, LA

All the Small Things

Think small and dream big- create a world of tiny wonders in All the Small Things! In this class, you'll design incredible mini creations—from graffiti-covered fences and tiny art galleries to magical terrariums and detailed models inspired by your favorite stories. We'll even work together to install secret pop-up mini galleries around campus for others to discover. If you love big creativity in small spaces, this class is your chance to make something unforgettable!

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/ Teacher: Jessica Danby, New Orleans, LA

Whimsical Workshop

Whimsical, mystical, and magical forces will be at work in this journey of art making. We'll find dragons, dreams, and the wind as we explore. We will venture out into nature and forage for materials to create flowing wind chimes, dragon wings, prisms, and portals. Young artists will work with fabric, yarn, acrylic paint, glass, beading, flowers, and other collected items from nature to create playful sculptural installations. Fantastical imaginations and glitter included.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Sara Shearman, New Orleans, LA

Prompts + Circumstances

In front of you is a balloon, a permanent marker, a pile of Christmas lights and four sheets of felt. With these materials, please illustrate for me how it feels to get called on in class when you do not know the answer. If you are already brainstorming, then this class is for you! We are looking for young artists who work quickly, problem solve creatively and are not intimidated by a challenge to test their skills in this class where limited time and materials open the door to unlimited interpretations.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Sauce Mott, New Orleans, LA

Cut Out Canopy

We will look to the native plant species of Louisiana for inspiration as we create and install immersive topiaries made of Mardi Gras style flowers. We will cut, glue, and paint thick paper and wire to create flowers of our own design. We will make a small ink pen bouquet and a giant paper flower garden house float. We will transform ordinary spaces with clouds and waves and all of their inhabitants. We will make colorful paper masks that express our finest artistry.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Ashley Sercovich, New Orleans, LA

Bookmaking

Dream Diary

Collect your receipts, ticket stubs, packaging, photos, and found treasures—we're making a junk journal! Each Young Artist will create a handmade journal that will capture everyday moments while showcasing artistic techniques learned in class. We will explore bookbinding, paper making, stamp making, printing, drawing, weaving, embossing, and painting as we build our pages. This class is all about experimenting, reimagining materials, and giving everyday "stuff" new life!

Ages: 10 -13

Artist/Teacher: Granite Pilch, New Orleans, LA



Adventure Art

Song Apothecary

Nestled in the deepest recesses of the Song Locker Bay is a strange little workshop where young artists can transmute energy into powerful relics of creativity. Hone a traveler's wand, bottle the aurora borealis, and tell fortunes as we play in the overlap of fantasy and certainty.

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Sauce Mott, New Orleans, LA



Ritual Art + Myth Making I + II

In this class, we will peer through the looking glass at art-making techniques and our relationship to earth and history through an old-world lens, looking at ancient practices like alchemy, cuneiform, cave drawings, even magic for inspiration. We will explore art making as a ritual practice by creating our own signals, symbols and runes, building earth altars and land art installations across campus, creating "artifacts", performing alchemical and magical experiments and putting together a grimoire of our myths, spells and practices which we will develop together throughout the course.

Ritual Art I: 7 - 9

Ritual Art II: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Ella Roche, New Orleans, LA

World Building with Dragons

Yeah, DND characters are super cool and fun to play. But what about the worlds that can make them? Build your very own Dungeons and Dragons game world that is ready for any character to jump in - and for any DM to wreak havoc. Because after all that's where all the fun is, right?

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Maiya Tate, New Orleans, LA



Comics

Comical Comics I + II

Do you like to laugh? Do you like to make other people laugh? Let's get hilarious! We will learn about fun ways to make funny comics. Come up with silly ideas, draw them, and stand back and watch as the world erupts in laughter! No drawing ability is necessary, though if you like to draw, you'll love this class, and we will cover some easy drawing tips to make your comics better and better.

Comical Comics I: 7 - 10

Comical Comics II: 11 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Kyle Bravo, New Orleans, LA

Graphic Novelties I + II

If you love stories in books, TV shows, and movies, then you'll love creating your own characters and watching them come to life in comics. We'll learn some fun ways to design characters and tell interesting stories about them panel by panel. No drawing ability is necessary, though if you like to draw, you'll love this class, and we will cover some easy drawing tips to make your comics better and better.

Graphic Novelties I: 7 - 10

Graphic Novelties II: 11 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Kyle Bravo, New Orleans, LA

Mosaics

Mora Flora /Mosaics

Bits and pieces fit together, making richly colored designs and beautiful pieces of art. CDCA older artists will work with glass and tiles. Our atelier class offers choices of adorning garden vessels, developing sculptural wall reliefs, decorating bottles and more inspired by garden flowers, plants, birds and other nature ideas! Artists spend their time learning mosaic art techniques, creating design ideas, sorting and selecting colors, crimping glass and tile, gluing with adhesive, and using grout to finalize their artwork. The mosaics and mixed media classes will share exhibition space to create a rich and colorful environmental installation for Festival night!

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Jeanie Osborne, New Orleans, LA

Fiber Arts

Weave Got This

Get ready to twist, weave, and create in this playful fibers class designed just for ages 7-9! Young artists explore the colorful world of fiber art through hands-on projects that turn everyday materials into imaginative masterpieces. From finger knitting cozy strands of yarn to weaving on burlap, crafting yarn stick mobiles, students will experiment with texture, pattern, and form. Together, we'll collaborate on vibrant group creations like a giant string art wall and a joyful banner. Using recycled and found materials, this class sparks creativity, builds fine motor skills, and shows kids that art—and happiness—can be from made just about anything!

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Jessica Danby, New Orleans, LA

Felt like Making Art: Soft Sculpture and Beyond

Step into a world of texture, creativity, and color! Students will explore sewing, weaving, and felting techniques while transforming simple and recycled materials into imaginative works of art. From stitching sweet soft-sculpture desserts and quirky sock animals to designing woven tapestries and sculptural T-shirt yarn bowls, each project builds skill and confidence. Young artists will also experiment with both needle and wet felting to create everything from tiny plants to lush landscapes and wearable art. As a class, we'll collaborate on a bold sewn banner filled with positive energy and shared creativity. This course is perfect for curious makers ready to bring their ideas to life—one stitch at a time!

Ages: 10 - 13

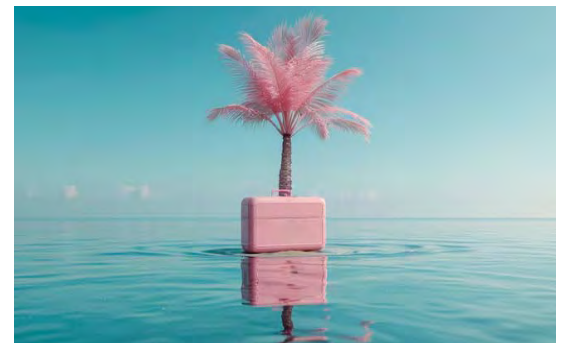
Artist/Teacher: Jessica Danby, New Orleans, LA

Quilting: More than it Seams

For generations, fabric and thread have been the tools communities have used to weave their stories together. In this textile and sewing course, artists will explore the form and history of quilting, culminating in a single quilted project. But, of course, quilting is more than it seams. We will build our own quilting community and tell our stories in hidden and unconventional ways. Young artists will learn such practical skills as hand and machine sewing basics, and such fanciful skills as daydreaming, chitchat, and nonlinear storytelling.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Sidney Astl, New Orleans, LA



Functional Art

Glow with the Flow

Have you ever wanted to capture the luminosity of the moon in your room? Well come on into the paper lantern studio and become a professional young lantern designer. Learn how to use dowels and wire to frame your lighting designs and then transform it with lantern paper to create colorfully layered illuminated designs. Using traditional techniques and color changing LED's, this design-based class leaves stress at the door and celebrates the magic of light, color, and the beauty of handmade objects.

Ages: 10 - 13
Artist/Teacher: Josh Jackson, New Orleans, LA



Costumes / Adornment

Fashion Design: Capelets I + II

Capelets- the dreamy accessory you never knew you needed! In this slow fashion class, you will work with a pattern and create your own fabric mosaic by cutting and fusing up cycled garment pieces. Once your design is pinned, you may choose to add as many textile embellishments as you wish. We will explore fabric dyeing, block printing, fringe making, bedazzling, resin treatment, and embroidery. Be ready to show off your design at our end-of-camp Fashion Show!

Fashion Design I: 7 - 9
Fashion Design II: 10 - 13
Artist/Teacher: Sarah Wardell, New Orleans, LA

Embellishment of Self

We shall adorn ourselves with all of the finery we can possibly create in one summer! We will create statement jewelry of strung breads and friendship bracelets. We will use hot glue to transform ordinary materials into bejeweled cuffs and fun animal accessories. We will build and paint ornate and gilded crowns, faux Mohawaks, paper wigs, and headpieces. We will decorate tote bags with the help of the sun. It's up to you to build the accessories collection of your dreams!

Ages: 7 - 9
Artist/Teacher: Ashley Sercovich, New Orleans, LA

Wardrobe Department for Madonnarella the Musical

Calling all Material Girls! We will design and create costumes to be worn by performing artists of the CDCA musical. We will use scrounged materials, upcycled fabrics, and hot glue to make poufy skirts, ruffle collars, Mohawk headdresses, ears, tails, paper masks, fascinators, and epaulettes. We will explore hand sewing and machine sewing techniques. We will transform the chaos of a multitude of materials into lovely and interesting wearable costumes which will be featured in the musical. We will get to keep everything we make!

Ages: 9 - 13
Artist/Teacher: Ashley Sercovich, New Orleans, LA



Woodworking

Everything but the Kitchen Sink

Woodworking to support your culinary creativity. Let's ditch those plastic spoons and cutting boards for something crafted by hand with love out of stunning hardwoods like cherry, walnut and maple. Together we'll create spoons, cheese knives, and citrus boards so gorgeous they'll make food taste better.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Ross Turner, New Orleans, LA

Some Assemblage Required

Young Artists will experiment with three-dimensional collage. It's sculptural improv We'll work together to find new meaning in found objects. We'll make sculptures with driftwood and see where the current takes us. We'll take chairs apart and re-arrange their pieces to pieces to make something unexpected.

Ages: 10 - 13

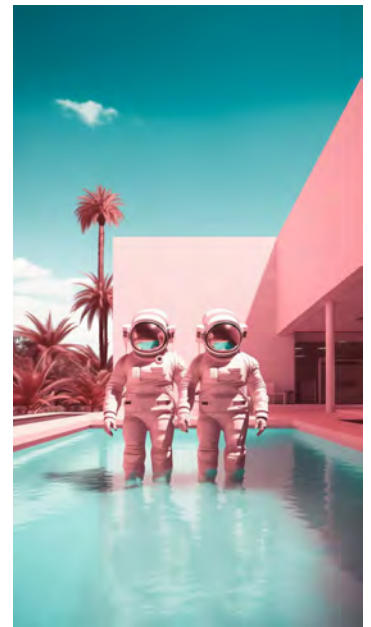
Artist/Teacher: Ross Turner, New Orleans, LA

The Heat is On!

Do you have a burning passion for drawing? Let your talents ignite in this class on pyrography! We'll use heat to char images into wooden surfaces. Calligraphy, Self-portraits! Landscapes! It's going to smell incredible.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Ross Turner, New Orleans, LA



Sign Language

Silent Fun Hour! I + II

SHHHHHHHH!!!! Have you ever used your hands to talk? How about your eyes to listen? In this class, we be using all kinds of resources to communicate without using our voices, such as writing, drawing, charades, and especially American Sign Language, which we will be learning as we go. You can be a total beginner!

Silent Fun Hour I: 7 - 9

Silent Fun Hour II: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Goldie Sylvan, New Orleans, LA



Puppetry/Stilting

Creatures, Characters, + Cardboard! I + II

Let's design and build our own world filled with giants, goblins, and colorful creatures! Here we work with our hands and get a little messy with papier mache and paint to create big scale puppets, masks, and cardboard characters. In learning to breathe life into our creations; working together to make the giants walk, and the goblins scurry and do tricks; together we will create a puppet show, inspired by Norse and west African mythology, nature, and our dreams.

Creatures Characters + Cardboard I: 7 - 9
Creatures Characters + Cardboard II: 10 - 13
Artist/Teacher: Torri Lynn Ashford, Vermont



String, String, String

String puppets are great! And what's even better is making your own, three ways! You will have made not one, but three puppets by the end of CDCA! Made from Three main materials: Plastic bags, stuffed animals and dolls, and lastly with cloth (hand sewing, yay!). We will learn to move our string puppets, also known as marionettes, and create and build our own stages and stories for them to share with our CDCA community.

Ages: 10- 13
Artist/Teacher: Torri Lynn Ashford, Vermont

Stilt Dancing Bird Flock

Young artists in this class will learn to walk, dance and fly on stilts. Learning to balance, stilted choreography and the opportunity to build your own wings and bird masks from cardboard and papier mache. Let's create our own stilted flock and fly around the campus!

Ages: 11 - 13
Artist/Teacher: Torri Lynn Ashford, Vermont

Media Arts

Color Dipped / Stop Motion Animation I

Lets turn a colorless world into a wild rainbow of fun! In this introduction to stop motion animation, we are going to breathe life and color into a boring, drab world using paper, paint, wire and clay! We will start at the beginning with the basics of this magical art form and finish the summer with an amazing collection of shorts featuring your new monsters at a grand, gruesome Masquerade Ball. Let the mashing begin!

Ages: 7 - 9
Artist/Teacher: Emily Brink, New Orleans, LA



Claymation Moving Making / Stop Motion Animation I + II

In this class, we will all work together to create an animated movie from start to finish. Storyboarding, script writing, creating sets and puppets, music and sound effects are just a few of the skills we will need to make our stop motion movie come to life. Jeffery Katzenberg, the CEO of Dreamworks Animation says that 'What I love most about animation is, it's a team sport, and everything we do is about pure imagination.' I can't wait to collaborate with you and use our imaginations to create something spectacular!

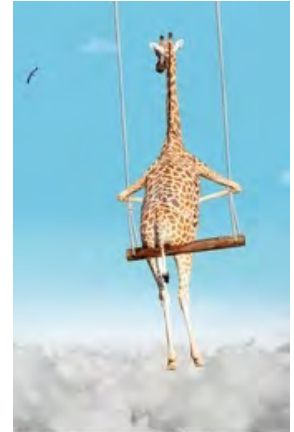
Claymation Movie Making I: 7 - 9

Claymation Movie Making II: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Emily Brink, New Orleans, LA

Animate CDCA/ Stop Motion Animation II + Editing

Let's get out of the classroom and into the beautiful grounds of CDCA. We are going to make beloved camp features come to life using the magic of stop motion animation! What if the mailbox could talk... What would it say? And what if the lawn games could move themselves? Join me in an immersive five weeks of exploration using the art of pix-elation, where everyday objects become the subject of some very cool stop motion shorts. Together we will change our point of view as we awaken CDCA like never before, culminating in a collection of beautiful films, all the while learning the ins and outs of stop motion animation. We will also try our creative hand at editing the short films from other stop motion animating classes, helping to elevate their work for all of camp to see!



Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Emily Brink, New Orleans, LA

Give it a Shot: Photography

Can you use a camera to distort reality? Can you use a camera to bend light? Can you use a change perspectives? Is there anything you can't do with a camera? I don't know, but I'd like to see you give it a shot. In this digital photography course, young artists will be learning the basics of photography and getting a little weird with it.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Sidney Astl, New Orleans, LA

Film

Movie Magicians

Did you know that a video camera is also a magic wand?! It is! In this class, you will become as powerful as your favorite superhero! We will explore the greatest secrets of video magicians, attempt time travel and much more!

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Jimmy Mehiel, New Orleans, LA

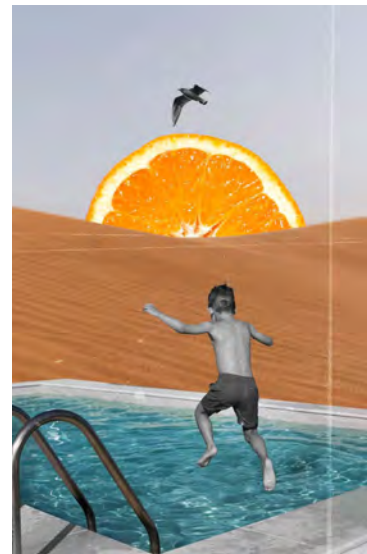


Video Dream Lab

Have you ever imagined handcrafting a dream!? Movie making is all about how to control the visual language of dreams! And that's exactly what young filmmakers will learn in this class. From absolute silliness to the visual poetry of the human experience. This class will give you the power to craft video dreams that manipulate time & space and allow you to communicate ideas through the language of illusion!

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Jimmy Mehiel, New Orleans, LA



Science & Nature

Plant Play

Get to know the magic of plants in Plant Play! In this class, Young Artists will explore how plants grow by planting sunflowers and creating terrariums filled with moss and tiny treasures. We'll discover how pollination keeps the world buzzing, and witness the wonder of metamorphosis by raising butterflies. Along the way, campers will experience the healing side of plants by sipping tea and making plant salves. We will also be painting, drawing, working with paper, and creating and maintaining sketchbooks.

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Granite Pilch, New Orleans, LA

Miniature Art

Have you ever wanted to shrink yourself down to the size of an ant and explore? Well, we haven't invented the technology yet, but for now, we can build an aquarium or a Terrarium! Create and grow a mini ecosystem using collected water and plants over the course of CDCA. We will learn how to use microscopes to see what is swimming around in puddles, so we can create observational drawings, and sculptures of what we see!

Ages : 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Grace McIntyre-Willis, New Orleans, LA

Swamp Art

We don't have to go to the store and buy materials- let's just use some orange peels and a little science! In our laboratory, we will be experimenting with natural dyes, recycled biomaterials, and of course... ART! Together, we will get messy and create large natural sculptures with found materials. Come prepared to think like an artist, and a scientist!

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Grace McIntyre- Willis, New Orleans, LA

Tasty Test Lab I + II

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Tasty Test Lab I: 7-9

Tasty Test Lab II: 10-13

Artist/Teacher: Bella DeLatte, New Orleans, LA



Robotics/Engineering

Robot Pets

Design and create your own robot pet from scratch! In Robot Pets, we learn how to use basic circuitry and fabrication techniques to build unique and wondrous robots, modeled after real or make-believe animals and pets. We will learn how to solder and design our own working circuits to make movement, light (possibly even sound!) for our mini robot creations. This class combines circuitry with sculpture and art-making, as we create the bodies of our pets completely from scratch by sculpting arms, legs, heads, eyes, ears - picking fur, scales or even clothing and accessories for your pet to wear. Bring your imagination and we will bring it to life with fabrication!

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Ella Roche, New Orleans, LA

Circuit Building Sandbox

Do you love taking things apart to see what's inside? Want to learn how to create active and interactive works of art with old electronics? In this class we'll learn how to manipulate and "circuit bend" old tech like CD players, radios, old toys and TVs to create handmade electronic music and use tools like contact mics to listen to and even sample machine-made noises out in the wild. This class will be a sandbox of creative experiments in which we will explore how electronics work on the inside and perform small hacks to make some crazy sounds.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Ella Roche, New Orleans, LA

To offset the costs of our robotics classes, there is a \$60 fee for the robotics classes. If your child is part of this class, a fee will be added to your online account at the 2nd week of the program. This fee is due by June 18th.

Music

Drums in Motion

Do y'all want to rock out on some drums?!? Do you want to create music for videos? Let's play some music and move to our beats while communicating with our peers and ancestors through the rhythm that lives in us.

Ages: 7-9

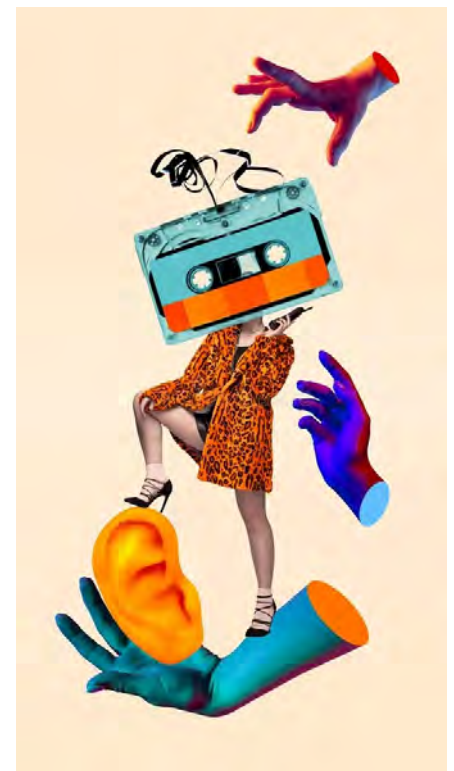
Artist/Teacher: Bryant Watson, New Orleans, LA

Found Sound Station

The CREATOR has a MASTER PLAN, y'all! In this class, we will be practicing Deep Listening to the world around us. We will seek to heal ourselves from the noisy world around us. Through sound walks, sound baths and daily sonic meditations, we will explore what makes a sound musical. Then, we will explore the musical capacities of ordinary objects around us, also known as found objects. And then? We're gonna build our own instruments out of those objects. And then? We're going to play those instruments. This class works best for more introspective children who are curious to explore their inherent extroversion.

Ages: 7-9

Artist/Teacher: Byron Asher, New Orleans, LA



Sonic Explorers

This class is a Love, Supreme, baby! Any and all young instrumentalists and instrument-curious kids will be welcome in this class, as we learn how to make music with each other. Through improvisation and sound exploration, we will learn a song or two and maybe even write a song or two. There will be plenty of instruments to go around, and if we don't have enough, we'll invent some more! This is not a band, per se, but it's not NOT a band, and we will make a LOT of music together. We will definitely be performing our music for the CDCA community at the end of the summer!

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Byron Asher, New Orleans, LA

Solar Sound System

Let's make some music and become composers of our own universe! Students will use their imagination to create worlds, memories, and moments through rhythm, texture, and dynamics. Using drums, keyboards, and atmospheric sound-making instruments, we'll build original music that tells a story.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Bryant Watson, New Orleans, LA



The Band

This class ROCKS. Bring your instrument, bring your voice, bring your best garage band self. Horns? Strings? Guitars? Keys? Drums? Singers? Yes to all. We're gonna listen to our favorite songs, learn your favorite songs, and write a new favorite song. And at the end of it all, we're gonna headline the Festival, and it's gonna crush. Last year, Edge Of The Earth went triple platinum with their radical cassette album and taught us all never to STOP BELIEVIN'. Can this years' band top that? That's up to you and the GODS OF ROCK AND ROLL...

Ages: 10 - 13

Equipment: Musical instrument, if you have one, but not necessary

Artist/Teacher: Byron Asher New Orleans, LA

Radio

Radio CDCA

A camp fave. Unlock your inner Amy Goodman! Be the podcaster you always dreamed of being! Every Friday...well, most Fridays... and maybe a Thursday... or like another day if we have to... but definitely FOUR times, we're releasing a live broadcast into the world, during lunch, from our CDCA to yours.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Byron Asher New Orleans, LA



Acting

Modern Myths

Mythical heroes are famed for strength like Hercules, ambition like Gilgamesh, and even courage like Beowulf. Let's learn about the myths that have shaped the world around us, and then create a myth inspired by you, where YOU are the hero.

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Maiya Tate, New Orleans, LA

Camprov! I + II

Do you love performing but not memorizing lines? In this class, new and experienced performers will learn the fundamentals of improv comedy through fast-paced games, scene work, and creative collaboration. Young artists will build confidence, strengthen communication skills, and learn the core improv rule of "Yes, and..." as they create unique characters, stories, and entirely new worlds on the spot. Every day will bring new games, ideas and brand-new performances – no two classes are ever the same! By the end of the program, we will create a comedy showcase for CDCA! The performance may include improv, written-sketch (performed live or filmed), stand-up comedy, and any other comedic styles we explore throughout the course creating a truly fun variety-style show based on the ideas of the young artists of CDCA.

Camprov! I: 7 - 9

Camprov! II: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Spencer Schnell, New Orleans, LA

The Floor is Lava: Explorations in Physical Theater

Have you ever wanted to create an all-waterfowl stage version of K-Pop Demon Hunters? How would you play the part of an unattended ice cream cone on the hottest day of the year? What if you and 1 of your closest friends had to perform Hamlet, but the floor is... wait for it... LAVA?! This class will challenge young artists to think inside the box; confronting collaborative conundrums and clever constraints to create compelling works of physical theatre!

Ages: 7-9

Artist/Teacher: Erin Cessna, New Orleans, LA

B.Y.O. Words, Words, Words

How did William Shakespeare write verse after verse of some of the most famous stories and poems in the English language? Well, when he ran out of words, he invented his own! In this performance class, we'll dive right into the words and rhythms of the Bard's iconic scenes and sonnets, learning to perform complex language with ease and panache. And once we speak the speech(es), we'll take on writing our own!

Ages: 10-13

Artist/Teacher: Erin Cessna, New Orleans, LA



Musical Theatre



Chorus: Everyone SINGS!

I sing, you sing, we ALL can sing! Yes, finally a place for the young artist that loves to belt it out! Here we will explore old songs, new songs, bird songs, and pop songs. We will experiment with making our own songs with familiar melodies. Make our own beats with our hands and feet. Make our own choir robes, daily vocal warm ups, learn to properly use our voices, and the importance of breath. Like birds we will sing as a form of communication. As a chorus, we'll sing styles of call and response, in a round, and chorally.

Ages: 7 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Torri Lynn Ashford, Vermont

CDCA Musical: Let's Make a Musical Musical Theatre Acting, Singing + Story Telling

Let's create a musical together! We will retell a classic, beloved fairytale: Cinderella; set to the musical stylings of Madonna! How does "Cinderella" get to the ball? Will there be a glass slipper or something even greater? And what happens after midnight!? Our storytellers will help us decide. We want all actors, singers, and storytellers to help us create this new story on the CDCA stage! Inspired by Cinderella stories throughout the ages, and Madonna's family friendly hits, this musical will be adapted by students with the help and direction of Jade Coates-Ranck.

***IMPORTANT:** Please only apply for this class if you are able to perform on July 8th and 9th.

Ages: 7 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Jade Coates-Ranck, New Orleans, LA

CDCA Musical: Let's Make a Musical Musical Theatre - Dance Choreography + Story Telling

Let's create a musical together! We will retell a classic, beloved fairytale: Cinderella; set to the musical stylings of Madonna! We will create choreography for this new story on the CDCA stage! Inspired by Cinderella stories throughout the ages, and Madonna's family friendly hits, this musical will be adapted by students with the help and direction of Jade Coates-Ranck.

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Ages: 9 - 13

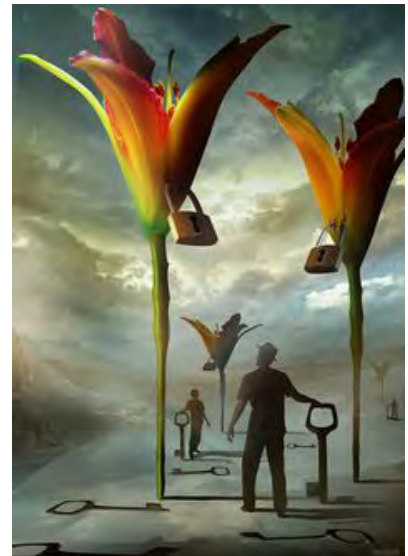
Artist/Teacher: Jade Coates-Ranck, New Orleans, LA

Musical Theater-Stagehands

Creating a musical is no small task! All hands are on deck to get this show on the road! We will make the musical sparkle and shine by creating props, running the lights and sound, and helping our Cinderella story come together before the clock strikes midnight! Inspired by Cinderella stories throughout the ages, and Madonna's family friendly hits, this musical will be adapted by students with the help and direction of Jade Coates-Ranck.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Jade Coates-Ranck, New Orleans, LA



Express Yourself: Designing Theater Magic

You'll collaborate with fellow artists to design and build the complete set for an original musical that re-imagines *Cinderella* through the iconic music of *Madonna*. This is your chance to transform a classic fairy tale into a contemporary visual spectacle—and bring it to life on stage. If you're passionate about theater, design, construction, storytelling or *Madonna*, this is your creative home. Whether you're an experienced builder or trying set design for the first time, you'll grow your skills while creating something truly magical.

Ages: 10-13
Artist/Teacher: Jessica Danby

Creative Writing

How to Build a Better Person

People are complicated. They have personalities, fears, hopes, and dreams. What if you could create someone from scratch? In this class you will build your person's life- and then you will literally build them from the groundup. Because the world could use more people made from creativity.

Ages: 7 - 9
Artist/Teacher: Maiya Tate, New Orleans, LA



Fantasy 101

Fantastical worlds and stories help us escape. Books with magic and fairies, movies with talking plants and animals, plays with witches and vampires - are meant to transport us to worlds we wish were real. But they have to start somewhere. Young artists will learn how to build magic systems, colorful pantheons, villains we love to hate, and so much more. Collaboratively, we'll build fantasy realms and characters Tolkien could only dream of.

Ages: 10 - 13
Artist/Teacher: Maiya Tate, New Orleans, LA

Journalism

The Newspaper

At CDCA, there's always something going down. It's our job to deliver the scoop. In this class, a team of very serious journalists will work together to write, format, and disseminate CDCA's weekly periodical. At the Newspaper, there's something for everyone and lots to do! From breaking the news on current camp events to advice columns to critiques of art and entertainment, there's never a dull moment. Young journalists will learn how to find the scoop, how to develop a personal voice, and the importance of the media.

Ages: 7 - 13
Artist/Teacher: Sidney Astl, New Orleans, LA



Culinary Arts

Passport to Flavor I + II

Pack your aprons and grab your whisks—we're going on a world tour. In Passport to Flavor, young chefs will travel to a new country each week, exploring the vibrant cultures and iconic ingredients that make global cuisines so unique. From the art of hand-rolling Italian pasta to the science of balancing citrus and spice in Mexican salsas, students will build essential culinary skills while expanding their palates.

Each class is a hands-on adventure where we focus on:

Cultural Discovery: Learning the "why" behind traditional dishes.

Kitchen Fundamentals: Knife safety, measuring, and stove top techniques.

The "Chef's Palate": Understanding how different regions use herbs, spices, and textures.

Whether they are 7 or 13, every student will take home new recipes, a "stamped" flavor passport, and the confidence to cook for the whole family.

Passport to Flavor I: 7 - 9

Passport to Flavor II: 10 - 13

Artist/ Teacher: Jason Goodenough, New Orleans, LA

To offset the costs of fresh ingredients used daily, there is a \$60 fee for the cooking class. If your child is part of this class, a culinary arts fee will be added to your online account at the end of the second week of the program. This fee is due by June 18, 2026.

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Tasty Test Lab I: 7-9

Tasty Test Lab II: 10-13

Artist/Teacher: Bella DeLatte, New Orleans, LA

Dance

Intro to Ballet

Let's embark on a journey into the world of classical ballet! Artists in this class will engage in graceful leaps, turns, and stretches, harmonizes their minds and bodies to create breathtaking movements and shapes. Dancing in time to the music, we will express our ideas and creative imaginations. By learning ballet positions, steps, and the French vocabulary associated with the art form, we will unlock new avenues for discipline and imagination. Young artists will share what they have learned by performing a captivating piece on stage, showcasing their newfound skills and technique.

Ages: 7-9

Artist/Teacher: Emily Conelly, New Orleans

**ballet shoes encouraged but not required*



Creative Movement

This class will focus on a sense of joy and playfulness to teach us rhythm, style, movement quality, and expression. We'll use games and movement to explore various dance styles and learn different ways of moving. We'll work together to create a unique performance piece showcasing our new-found skills.

Ages: 7-9

Artist/Teacher: Emily Conelly, New Orleans

**ballet shoes encouraged but not required*

Exploring Ballet

Let's jump, stretch, bend, and twirl! In this class, we will delve into the world of ballet, learning positions, movements, and vocabulary that will enable us to create a graceful performance. For both new dancers and those with some experience, this class will utilize ballet technique and movements to evoke emotions and creative expression. If you've ever been curious about ballet, this class is the perfect fit for you. We'll review terminology and positions, expand our dance vocabulary and movements, and ultimately create a unique performance piece. Throughout the class, we'll focus on developing grace, movement quality, and musicality.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Emily Conelly, New Orleans

**ballet shoes encouraged but not required*

Dance Improv

This class will utilize modern dance and ballet terminology and technique to facilitate the expression of our emotions, feelings, thoughts, and creative impulses. But, you don't need any dance experience to participate and thrive! We'll focus on improvisational based choreography and will collaborate in pairs and groups to develop a student-led ensemble art piece.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Emily Conelly, New Orleans

**ballet shoes encouraged but not required*

Physical Arts

Stage Combat I - Do your Own Stunts

Learn how to tuck and roll, take a hit, put 'em up, and win the day! Inspired by fights and stunts in our favorite shows and movies, we'll tackle how to carefully choreograph and perform daring and dangerous-looking stage combat moves... safely! This beginner-level class will have young artists working as an ensemble to build confidence, focus on the physics of fighting, and learn to tell a story through action!

Ages: 7-9

Artist/Teacher: Erin Cessna, New Orleans, LA

Stage Combat II - Roll for Initiative

Welcome, Adventurers! Level up your next Dungeons and Dragons character in CDCA's first live action battle simulation arena! This stage combat class will cover how to safely perform thrilling fight choreography, while telling a story with the help of the almighty twenty-sided dice.

Ages: 10-13

Artist/Teacher: Erin Cessna, New Orleans, LA



Circus Arts

Free Juggling I + II

It's time to let our juggling loose! In this class, you aren't going to just learn juggling skills – you're going to set your juggling free! Whether it's a classroom, playground, an office, or anywhere else where you can throw and catch things, it's time to bring the world to life with juggling.

Free Juggling I: 7 - 9

Free Juggling II: 10 - 13

Artist/ Teacher: David Chervony, New Orleans, LA



Natural Juggling

Water, light, dirt, trash: things that we experience every day – but what if we did cool stuff with them?! In this literally groundbreaking class, we bring our juggling minds to the natural world, creating new and unique ways to manipulate found objects and our natural environment. Scientific wanted, with no experience needed!

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: David Chervony, New Orleans, LA

Yoga

Yoga I: Journey

Journey into the world of yoga exploration through creative storytelling, nature-inspired movements, play, and breathing exercises. We will learn fundamental yoga poses while building focus, balance and flexibility. Artists will be able to teach their favorite poses and lead their own guided meditations by the end of this adventure.

Ages: 7 - 9

Artist/Teacher: Sasha Martin, New Orleans, LA

Yoga II: Deep Dive

Dive deeper into the practice of yoga through mindful movement, breath work, and self-exploration. Young artists will develop a connection between body and mind as we expand our yoga vocabulary with more advanced poses and sequences. We will incorporate elements of psychology and philosophy, exploring how yoga can help us understand ourselves, others and the world around us. Artists will have the opportunity to teach their own sequences.

Ages: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Sasha Martin, New Orleans, LA



Martial Arts

Capoeira I + II

Capoeira is a spectacular martial art from the South American country of Brazil! Kick, jump, run, spin, headstand, handstand, and flip your way into the awesome world of Capoeira! Learn Capoeira in a fun-filled, non-stop hour! Did I mention the handmade instruments or Brazilian music we'll play? It's all happening HERE! Don't miss out!

Capoeira I: 7 - 9

Capoeira II: 10 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Joia Galviria, Brazil!

Sports

Team Games

Come one, come all, to the best time of all... Team Games! It will be an hour of flag chasing, ball throwing fun. Games of all types for people of all ages. This class will get the blood pumping and the heartbeat thumping. Team Games - everybody loves them!

Ages: 7 - 13

Artist/Teacher: Mike Seely, New Orleans, LA

