About Us

THE ARTS IN CT CORPORATION IS A CONSORTIUM OF MORE THAN 2000 PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS, CERTIFIED TEACHERS, AND SKILLED CRAFTSMEN. USING THEIR TALENTS IN EDUCATION, CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SETTINGS, AS THEY TRAIN, EDUCATE, AND EMPOWER ALL AGES WITH OVER 70 DIFFERENT ARTISTIC PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

THE MISSION OF OUR ORGANIZATION IS TO INSPIRE, ENRICH AND SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH DELIVERING QUALITY ARTS OUTREACH PROGRAMS. WE ACQUIRED OUR NONPROFIT 501(C)3 STATUS IN 2016, WHICH HAS ENABLED US TO EXPAND OUR OUTREACH PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT CONNECTICUT.

WITH OVER 24 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY ARTS AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, WE BELIEVE THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL CAN EXCEL TO THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL THROUGH CREATIVE LEARNING AND WITH THE RIGHT NURTURING, GUIDANCE AND INSTRUCTION.

WE HAVE MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT WITH MAIN OFFICES IN NEW HAVEN AND MILFORD, CT.
Outreach Programs at Arts in CT

We empower local neighborhoods by hiring artists within their communities to reach out and share their abilities! Arts in CT understands the vision of skills and knowledge that are expected from today’s students. We provide them with a unique opportunity of an alternative pathway to success through the arts. Our lesson plans are developed as a distinctive form of support to help ensure that all students can learn new standards regardless of their learning style.

After-School Programs Combine with the Arts Integration!

Arts in CT combines S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, English, Arts and Math) to our curriculum so we understand that not every student can easily connect with what they are learning in the classroom! The entire concept behind Arts in CT is to combine S.T.E.A.M. or the Common Core with our programming to show students that abilities in these subjects can be developed through the arts. Through our after-school curriculum, students learn to read, write, listen, speak and use language effectively. This will not only advance them in their classes at school, but will also start them down the path to college and career readiness. We provide Common Core-aligned programming tailored to a school’s needs and with fully customizable classes! In addition, we are happy to collaborate the experience students have with our artists in their after-school programs and produce a showcase or theatrical production for the entire student body.
School Assemblies/School Performances

Are you looking for a different type of assembly for your school? We offer educational school assemblies on topics of your choice which will be presented by a specially selected group of talented artists. Let us help your students prepare for their Connecticut Aptitude Placement Testing (CAPT) or Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) in a unique way! Our assemblies will get students out of their seats singing and dancing which will raise their overall morale when it comes to standardized testing time!

Arts Camps
Do you want your child to be a part of something cool? Create your own arts camps winter/spring/summer. Create your camp and we will supply the arts staff. They will experience a fully-customizable package for their artistic needs. Kids collaborate with professional artists and other campers to put together a final performance will be at the end of each session!

Daycare and Preschool Programming
At Arts in CT, there is “No Tot” left behind! Your preschooler will get a chance to create on their own canvas as they sing, dance, act, paint exercise and play their hearts out under the instruction of our dedicated artists. Your little ones will be excited by age-appropriate activities that are targeted to introduce and improve literacy, math and social skills through their involvement in the arts.

Mommy and Me Programs
Come and have a fun-time with your child by signing up for one of the Mommy and Me classes that Arts in CT has to offer! We have art programs designed to hone the gross motor skills of young artists which will help them master fine motor and social skills. Through music, art, theater and dance you will find yourself bonding with your child and enjoying experiences together that will last a lifetime!

Programming for Seniors
We offer several programs for the young-at-heart to keep their minds active, their bodies in movement, and bring their artistic interests to life! Our instructors are happy to come to you with customized classes based on your interests and abilities! You are never too old to learn.
ARTS IN CT Course Offerings for Children and Adults

Bringing the arts to your door for all ages!

Class Offerings for Children and Adults Include:

**Theater**
- Improv Jam
- Stage Play
- Story Time
- Musical Theater
- Monologues/Dialogues
- Puppetry
- Cold Readings
- Mime & Movement Class
- Shakespearean Style Class
- Shadow Box Theater
- Commercials
- Public Speaking

**Music/Instrumental**
- Piano
- Violin/Strings
- Guitar
- Recorders/Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Drums (Traditional or African)
- Recording (in-studio)
- Brass
- Hand Bell
- Ukulele

**Voice/Singing**
- Voice Class
- Tiny Tot Choir
- Big Kid Choir
- Acapella Choir
- Show Choir
- Audition Class
- Barbershop Quartet
- Spoken Word/Poetry
- Rap
- Kinder Music

**Dance**
- Tap
- Hip Hop
- Modern/Contemporary
- Praise Dance
- Ballet/Jazz
- African Dance
- Irish

**Art**
- Jewelry Making
- Pop Art
- World of Bows
- Fashion Merchandizing
- Fashion Design
- Drawing
- Realistic /Abstract Painting
- Photography
- Arts and Crafts
- Digital Art
- Wire Art
- Sculpting

**Specialty Arts**
- Digital Design
- Martial Arts
- Creative Writing
- Mommy & Me
- Song Writing
- Crocheting /Knitting
- Cheerleading
- Zumba or Yoga
- Hat Making
- Scrapbooking
- Edible Arts (Cooking and Baking)

**Self Esteem Arts**
- Self-Image
- Hair Design
- Make-up Artist
- Modeling
- Fashion Design
- Modeling

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(All curriculum offerings can be adapted to your program specifications and needs)
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Class Offerings for Children and Adults Include:

**Self Esteem Arts**
- Self-Image
- Hair Design
- Make-up Artist
- Modeling
- Fashion Design
- Modeling

**Step Dance (College)**
- Acro Class
- Tumbling
- Majorette Dancing
- Kinder Dance

**Voice/Singing**
- Voice Class
- Tiny Tot Choir
- Big Kid Choir
- Acapella Choir
- Show Choir
- Audition Class
- Barbershop Quartet
- Spoken Word/Poetry
- Rap

**Specialty Arts**
- Edible Arts (Cooking and Baking)*
- Fashion Merchandising
- Jump Rope Team Art

**Step Dance (College)**
- Acro Class
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* Facility Equipped

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Voice Classes

Our artists teach students of all ages how to sing alone and in a group. We provide opportunities for students to perform in front of their peers which teaches stage presence. They are asked to use their vibrant imaginations to create their own songs thus making them young songwriters. We also engage them in partner song collaborations and support them in learning their part.

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Barbershop Quartet (Style) Class
Barbershop vocal harmony, is a style of unaccompanied vocal music generally consisting of four parts. Each of the parts has its own role in each song. Singers will learn to sing individually while working together to create beautiful music!

Spoken Word Class
Spoken word involves performance-based poetry that focuses on word play and story-telling. It includes experimentation with other art forms such as music, theater and dance. Spoken word usually tends to focus on the performance of the words themselves, the dynamics of tone, gestures, facial expressions, and more.

Rap Class
Rapping is spoken or chanted rhyming lyrics that are recited in time to a beat. The components of rap include "content", "flow" (rhythm and rhyme) and "delivery". Rapping is distinct from spoken word poetry in that it is performed in time to a beat. Skills provided in this class can be applied as a study tool in students learning, remembering and mastering school content as well as learning to express their feelings in an alternate way.
Theater/Junior Theater Classes

Our theater teachers lead students of all ages with a variety of theater techniques and give them an opportunity to perform in front of their peers while teaching stage presence for both straight plays and musical theater. Classes range in level based on age and experience. Basic classes include a general introduction to theatre, with theater games as well as class exercises in acting.

Theater Workshops

In Theater Workshops, the class or director usually selects a theatrical work to focus on. They apply higher-level thinking to analyze characters and the choices they make, figure out which character they find themselves connecting with and work with classmates to present a showcase of their own interpretation of the show they selected.

Storytime Theater Class

The theater director leads a read-a-long with the class as they go on an adventure through the book. They then take the book using common core standards and bring it to life. Built on the mindset behind the common core, the class is asked to apply higher-order thinking and open their perception and knowledge to real life plays. This class is essential for early learners and those children who would like to increase their reading levels and motor skills.
**Improv Jam**

Students will learn and practice thinking quickly on their feet during this class. Everyone involved must work together responsively to define the parameters and action of the scene, in a process of co-creation. This class offers a great deal of fun, laughter and creativity for all!

**Monologue/Dialogue Class**

Students will focus on specific techniques in order to successfully perform monologues and dialogues with confidence and ease. Memorization, character building and stage presence will be just some of the skills they will work on. Students will also prepare for auditions and will learn skills to successfully read aloud from a script or other text with little or no rehearsal, practice or study in advance. In addition, this class is fundamental for any students preparing to audition for a theatrical production of any type.

**Puppetry Class**

Puppetry is a type of performance that involves the manipulation of puppets. Students are taught to create their own variety of characters, develop them into puppets and learn how to be a puppeteer! They will work together with their instructor to develop a short puppet play for performance!

**Mime & Movement Class**

In this class, students will focus on the art of pantomime which involves miming and the acting out a story through body motions, without using speech. In addition, other forms of non-verbal acting and expression will be the focus of this class.

**Shakespearean Style Class**

Students who participate in this class will tackle the challenging language of William Shakespeare. They will focus on breaking down the text, understanding the characters and motives and being able to develop them into a theatrical showcase.
MUSIC

All music classes can be done either as individual lessons or in a class setting and are customized to fit.
All music classes can be done either as individual lessons or in a group and will be modified based on individual abilities and needs.

Musical Instruments Lessons Offered Both Individual and in Group Include (but are not limited to):

- Piano
- Drums
- Violin/Strings
- Guitar/Bass
- Recorders
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Brass Instruments
- Hand Bells
- Ukulele

If you have an interest in an instrument that is not listed, please call and ask!


Piano Class

Students are taught a stimulating, thorough and graduated course of recital solos, theory, technical studies and classic piano repertoire. Class size may vary, with group activities as well as one-on-one instruction. A group atmosphere is often more beneficial and enjoyable for beginner-level students because they are motivated by their peers, but are also allowed to progress at their own pace.

We offer an abundance of teaching materials for beginners and intermediate students. It is important to carefully balance classical pieces designed to teach particular skills with contemporary music pieces that teach the basics of pop and rock or other genres of music that students may be interested in.

Violin/ Strings Class

This Class will teach the basics of the violin and the important role it plays both in the string family and in an entire orchestra. Upon completion of this class, students will be able to read and play some of their favorite songs.
Guitar Classes
No prior musical training is required.
Have you ever thought of playing guitar but found the prospect of jumping into to private lessons too daunting a commitment to start off with? In this introductory class students will learn the basics in a step by step approach beginning with the parts of the guitar and how it works. Our approach is simple and, by the end of the course, students should know how to play on the fretboard fairly quickly.

Recorders
Students from grades 2 and above get an opportunity to learn the recorder. They will learn music theory, how to read the staff and play effectively. It is a fun way to learn how to play your first instrument and transition to other instruments.
Students will learn a host of songs and perform them at the end of the 8 weeks to friends and family.

Clarinet
Private / Group Clarinet Lessons:
Private and Group lessons focus on basic technique: embasure, fingering, breathing technique, tone, scales (all-keys), sight-reading, musicianship skills, literature (etudes and solo literature).
Drum Class
Have fun with your little one in this drum circle for parents and their kids focused on learning basic hand drumming techniques and call and response phrases by ear, including West African songs and games.

Youth Drum Circle
Introducing hand drumming techniques, call and response, polyrhythmic grooves, and other elements inherent in West African drumming. Limited drums available for class so please bring any hand drum that might be available to you.

Drum Set - Ages 9 and up
Foundational rudiments and techniques, independence, grooves, fills, advanced polyrhythmic concepts, reading music with a focus on sight reading, and composition.

Percussion - Ages 9 and up
Comprehensive classical and symphonic percussion, including advanced rudimentary snare drumming, timpani, auxiliary percussion, basic mallet technique, and bass drum.
Dance
African Dance
African dance offers students an experience in a traditional pastime, bestowing them with a source of self-knowledge and spiritual communion. Students will learn traditional dances and rhythms from West Africa while exploring the importance of these dances in relationship to expressing their feelings in their own life. African dance technique includes working on core strength, stretch, stamina, grounding, community building and rhythmic sensibility.

Tap Classes
Tap: Tap is all about rhythm. Learn how to create your own music with the sounds of your feet. We focus on both Broadway and Rhythm styles of Tap Dance.

Hip Hop Classes
Students will have fun while they exercise, express themselves; learn how to keep a steady beat through the urban sounds of Hip Hop.

Contemporary Dance
Contemporary dance is a style of expressive dance that combines elements of several dance genres including modern, jazz, lyrical and classical ballet. Contemporary dancers strive to connect the mind and the body through fluid dance movements.
Ballet Classes
Throughout the duration of ballet class, students learn different movement concepts including: level, energy, and shapes are presented while improving motor skills. Students will learn very simple choreographed dance motions along with movement across the floor.

Jazz Classes
In basic jazz, students will learn the essential steps of jazz along with creative expression. Students will learn very simple choreographed dance motions along with movement across the floor.

Liturgical Dance
Liturgical Dance is a class that is structured to teach all ages the fundamentals of public worship. This class will provide basic technique and introduction on how to express the word and the spirit of God through choreographed routines and movements. The class will incorporate various forms of dance such as modern, ballet and jazz.

Step Dance
Step dancing is a dance where the movement of the feet takes precedence over any other element of the dance and students tell a story with the sound of their shoes!

Acro
Acro Dance is a style of dance that combines classical dance technique with precision acrobatic elements. It is defined by its athletic character, its unique choreography, which seamlessly blends dance and acrobatics, and its use of acrobatics in a dance context. It is a popular dance style in amateur competitive dance as well as in professional dance theaters and in contemporary circus productions such as those by Cirque du Soleil.
Ballroom Dance Course Offerings:

- Salsa
- Hustle
- Meringue
- West Coast Swing

American Rhythm (Social & Competition Style)
- Rumba
- Cha Cha
- Swing
- Bolero

American Smooth (Social & Competition Style)
- Waltz
- Foxtrot
- Tango
- Quickstep
- Viennese Waltz

International Standard (Competition Style)
- Waltz
- Slow Foxtrot
- Tango
- Quickstep
- Viennese Waltz
Jewelry Making Class
In this class, students will learn how to make jewelry. They will make everything that dazzles from earrings, to bracelets to rings!

Pop Art Class
Students will learn to use pop art techniques to create a room poster and colorful gifts for loved ones while emulating well-known artists such as Warhol and Jasper. Students will learn and apply lots of unique colors and angles to make their art POP!

Fashion Class
Students will learn about the “do’s and don’ts” of fashion and how to dress accordingly for different occasions. Students will be creating their own unique outfits on a mannequin, and will style their mannequin differently for each occasion assigned.
Students will learn about fashion around the world, different types of material used for clothing, how to create their own unique clothing designs, and how to style a model (a classmate).

Drawing Class
Students will have the opportunity to create their own self-portrait or even to draw their favorite music artist or sport player. Grid drawing involves drawing on a grid over a reference photo.
Focusing on a square at a time until the entire image is transferred. Students will learn to replicate a beautiful work of art through this method and will take it home to hang up on the wall by the end of the class!

Realistic Painting Class
This class will be looking at realistic, everyday subjects, and then painting them in a way that remains objective. Students will also learn about the method and mindsets artists who have applied this method to create the beautiful realistic paintings that exist today.
ABSTRACT PAINTING CLASS

Abstract art encompasses a wide range of art, including paintings, sculpture, mixed media, photography and video. An abstract painting may be inspired by an object, an idea, emotions or even music. Students will find their inspiration and find a way to turn it into a stunning abstract painting!

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

The class will consist of how the camera works and how to take a good picture. Students will practice taking portraits, lighting, staging photos and even examine existing work so that they can learn to take the perfect pictures!
ARTS & CRAFTS CLASS

The class will teach how to make basic fun arts and craft projects including collages, clay creations, and more!

DIGITAL ART CLASS

This class will teach how to create art on a computer. Students will learn graphic design basics by using Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. They will be able to turn a drawing into a computer animation as well as free-handing graphic design.
Specialty Art
CROCHETING /KNITTING

This class will show the basic in the art of crocheting and knitting. Based on the level and experience of the student, they cast-on, pearl and knit or crochet their way to creating something beautiful!

CHEERLEADING

This class will teach the fundamentals of cheerleading. Modern cheerleading involves elements of dance, gymnastics, tumbling and stunts. These abilities will be combined to create a spirited routine to perform with others!

MAJORRETTE DANCING

A combination of choreographed dances using various styles of dance and marching.
SCRAPBOOKING

Everyone has his or her own individual approach to creating their own scrapbook but learn how to put your memories on a page and make a lifetime of happiness.

EDIBLE ARTS (COOKING AND BAKING)

Make your table a work of art, add a little design to your food as you prepare for your favorite meals and dessert.
JUMP ROping TEAM:
No everyone can jump rope, but it takes skill and coordination to jump with a team mate and make routines and make creative fun.

HULA HOoping:
Can you hula hoop? Join us for a class of music, fun, and balancing the hoops.
TUMBLING:

Join us for a floor gymnastics class without props or equipment. Also referred to as floor gymnastics, common moves performed in tumbling include flips, somersaults, tucks, handstands and handsprings.