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YOUTH ARTS CENTER

SESSION 5
2026
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Art Classes



Craft and Create
Mondays 3:30-4:30pm Ages 5-7

This class is all about creativity and self-expression. Students will explore a variety of hands-on art projects including painting, collage, sculpture, and seasonal crafts using materials such as paint, paper, clay, and mixed media. Projects are adaptable for both younger and older children, so everyone can feel successful and proud of their work. Along the way, students will learn basic art skills like cutting, gluing, coloring, and simple design while developing fine motor skills, problem-solving abilities, and confidence in their own artistic ideas.



Multi Media Sketchbooks
Mondays 5:30-6:30pm Ages 9+

We will begin by learning book binding techniques to create our very own custom sketchbooks. Then, we will dive into various techniques and mediums to decorate and fill our sketchbooks! We will explore collage, pastels, paintings, and journaling! By the end of the session, students will have beautiful pages of completed artwork and even more ideas to continue exploring in their sketchbooks!



Cartoon Art
Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm Ages 5+

In this creative class, students will design their own fun characters by exploring body shapes, expressive faces, hairstyles, and emotions. They'll learn how to add personality through clothing, accessories, and special powers while bringing their ideas to life with markers, colored pencils, and crayons. Each class includes guided drawing lessons and creative exercises, and students will finish with their own cast of characters and skills to keep creating at home.

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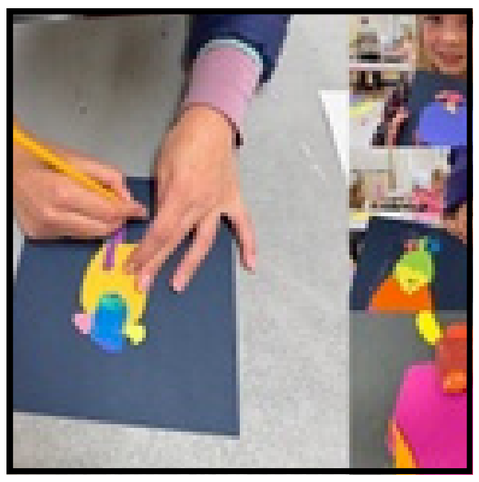
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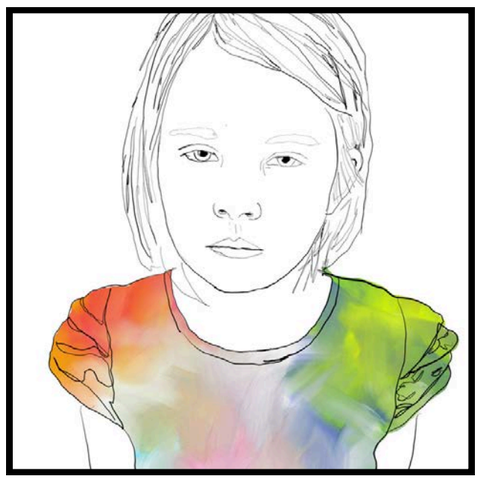
Holiday Gift Crafting
Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm Ages 9+

With the holidays right around the corner, now is the perfect time to create thoughtful handmade gifts for your family and friends! This class will explore various materials and techniques to create one-of-a-kind gifts and decorations to celebrate the season.



Collage Art for Kids
Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 Ages 5+

Snip, tear, glue, and layer your way to one-of-a-kind artwork! In this hands-on class, young artists explore the playful world of collage using colorful papers, magazine clippings, fabric scraps, natural materials, and found objects.
Each week, students try a new technique, such as torn-paper landscapes, textured portraits, mixed-media animals, and imaginary cityscapes. Along the way they learn about color, shape, pattern, and composition, and discover that there's no wrong way to make art. Our goal is to have FUN and discover the magic of our imaginations!
Projects are age-adaptable: younger artists focus on tearing, gluing, and exploring textures, while older students work on layering, detail, and developing their own style. No experience needed, just curiosity and a willingness to get a little messy!
What's included: All materials and weekly take-home, beautifully finished pieces.
What to wear: Clothes that can get glue and paint on them.



Mixed Media Art
Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm Ages 5+

In this innovative mixed-media course, students will bridge the gap between traditional artistic techniques and digital creation, learning to seamlessly blend both worlds. Through hands-on projects, young artists will discover how classical art methods can enhance digital work and vice versa, fostering creativity and technical skill development.

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Watercolor and Gouache Painting
Fridays 3:30-4:30pm Ages 5+

Dive into the magical world of watercolors, where colors flow, blend, and create beautiful surprises! In this hands-on class, young artists will explore the joy of painting through fun, age-appropriate projects and techniques.

Students will learn foundational watercolor skills like wet-on-wet blending, color mixing, and simple brushwork, discovering how water and pigment work together to create effects such as soft clouds, vibrant sunsets, and dreamy landscapes. We'll also experiment with gouache, an opaque, water-based paint with a matte finish that can be reactivated with water for easy blending and adjustments. Each session builds confidence with the brush while encouraging creativity and personal expression.

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Culinary Arts Classes



Beginning Culinary Arts Ages 5-8
Mondays 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm

Ignite a love for cooking with our playful and engaging program for Young chefs. Our hands on focus on the foundation of cooking through simple, fun recipes and sensory exploration. With close supervision, children will gain confidence as they learn basic kitchen skills and create their own edible masterpieces.



Culinary Arts
Mondays 4:45-5:45pm Ages 9-11
Tuesdays 4:45-5:45pm Ages 12+
Wednesdays 4:45-5:45pm Ages 9-11

Unleash your child's inner chef! Our dynamic Culinary Arts I program offers a hands-on adventure into the foundation of cooking. We build confidence and essential life skills through engaging, age-appropriate cooking challenges. Children will learn knife techniques and recipes, creating dishes from scratch and fostering a lifelong passion for cooking.



Intermediate Culinary
Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm Ages 9-11
Thursdays 4:45-5:45pm Ages 12+

Inspire culinary creativity with our intermediate program for young chefs! Students will move beyond the basics, exploring specialized techniques. We'll embark on a global culinary tour, creating dishes from diverse cultures and expanding our understanding of flavor and ingredients. This program is for ready to hone their skills and take on more ambitious cooking projects.
Prereqs- Culinary Arts 1 or administration clearance

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Dance Classes



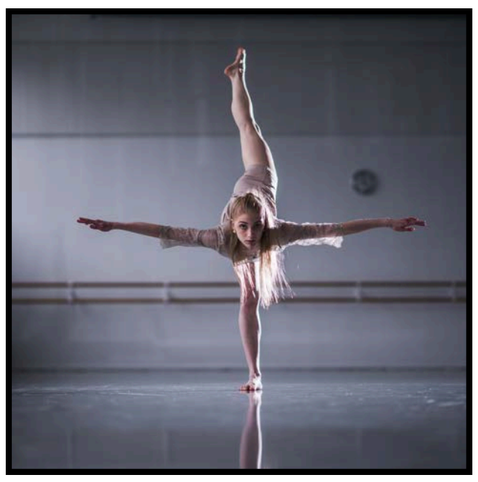
Beginning Ballet
Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm Ages 6 -10

This class will cover the fundamentals of classical ballet techniques through learning ballet positions, posture, and vocabulary. All that is required is a love of movement. Students need to either wear socks or ballet slippers, stretchy pants or leotard and tights, a comfortable appropriate top, and their hair pulled back out of their faces.



Ballet & Jazz I
Wednesdays 4:30pm-5:30pm Ages 11-18

This is an introductory Ballet & Jazz combo class for older students. From fun and energetic movement of the jazz style to classical ballet techniques paired with warm ups, stretching, strengthening, turns, leaps, jumps, and runs–this class has it all!



Ballet & Jazz II
Wednesdays 4:30pm-6:30pm Instructor Invite
Ages 11+

Our Intermediate classes are typically instructor-invite-only. However, if you have previous dance experience at a high level please contact us to see if this class would be a good fit for you!

This is an accelerated class for committed students. More difficult techniques will be introduced with an emphasis on the importance of strength, flexibility, rhythm, musicality, and memorization.

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Beginning Hip Hop A
Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm Ages 6-9

Beginning Hip Hop B
Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm Ages 10+

This class is an introduction to hip hop. The student will learn basic rhythm, coordination and basic footwork while learning how to dance to the beat of the music. Students will learn to memorize choreography by working on combinations in each class. Activities will include stretching, across the floors, simple warm-up dances, choreography, free dance, and games. The goal is for each student to feel comfortable dancing in a group setting, to gain self-confidence, and to learn how to work together as a team. Please wear clothes and shoes you can dance in. No dresses or boots! This is an upbeat and high-energy class so bring your funk!

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Baile Folklorico

Mondays 4pm-5pm

Ages 5-9

The unique and diverse rhythms of the Oaxacan state of Mexico are celebrated in this class that offers students the opportunity to experience the 8 regions of Oaxaca (Valles Centrales, Istmo, Sierra Norte, Sierra Sur, Costa, Cañada, Papaloapan, & Mixteca). Each with its own music coordination, footwork, stage presence, and a profound feeling of pride in the Indigenous dance traditions and communities which are the richest in the whole country. Rooted in Zaira's own Oaxacan heritage, this class connects students to the music, history, and the beauty of performance found in Oaxaca's biggest cultural celebration, the Guelaguetza. By encouraging students to have fun while connecting through culture, language, and self-expression, dancers will build coordination, confidence, and a stage presence while learning choreography that celebrates history and heritage. This isn't just a dance class; it's a chance for kids to feel the heartbeat of Oaxaca and carry a piece of its heritage with them, right here in Paso Robles.

No prior experience required—just enthusiasm, curiosity, and a willingness to have fun!



Contemporary Fusion

Mondays 5:15pm-6:30pm

Ages 9+

Curious about how different dance styles influence one another and how they playfully interact? Contemporary fusion explores the basics of ballet and contemporary with expressive and intentional movements that take the style into the dancers' own interpretation. Classes will vary with dynamic warm-ups, across the floor, and choreography to introduce students to storytelling through movement and expression. A welcoming environment for all dancers of all backgrounds. See yourself as the paintbrush, and the floor as your canvas. While you fill it up with your own touch and signature all over it, you'll gain a skill to blend your own ideas and others' to create an art form that is uniquely yours. Whether you're in your beginning stages of exploring dance or an experienced dancer, this class is meant to be a collaborative space where everyone deserves the freedom to dance.

Prior dance experience encouraged but not required; everyone is welcome to dance.

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Music Classes



Intro to Violin and Fiddle
Mondays 4:30-5:00pm Ages 7+

Is it violin or a fiddle? It's both, and this class is your first step towards rocking out on it. We'll start with an introduction to the instrument and its components, followed by basic playing technique taught through familiar songs. This class will also include melody, rhythm, and translating it from the page to physical motion.



Band I
Mondays 5:15pm-6:30pm Instructor Invite or Audition

Do you want to showcase your musical talent on stage? Want to join one of our youth bands or perform with one or two friends? This class is an introduction to musical performance taught by Simon and Sarah who have more than thirty years of combined experience playing on stage! In this class, we'll arrange your song, coordinate rehearsals in pairs and trios, and learn about the do's and don'ts of getting on stage and rocking out!



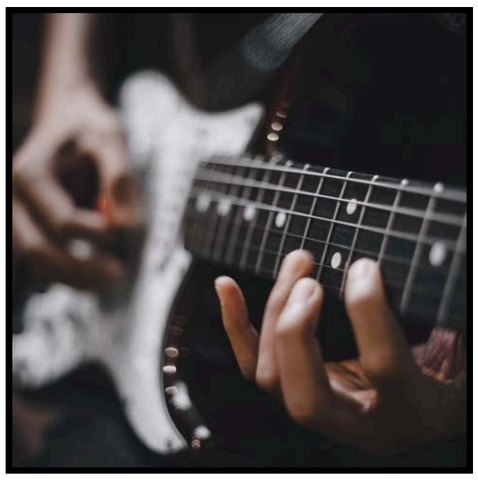
Band II
Mondays 5:15-6:30pm Instructor Invite Ages 12+

In this class, we'll refine your sound, arrange your song(s), coordinate rehearsals in pairs and trios, and learn about the do's and don'ts of getting on stage and rocking out! You will also work towards demo to promote yourself as an artist! Rock on!

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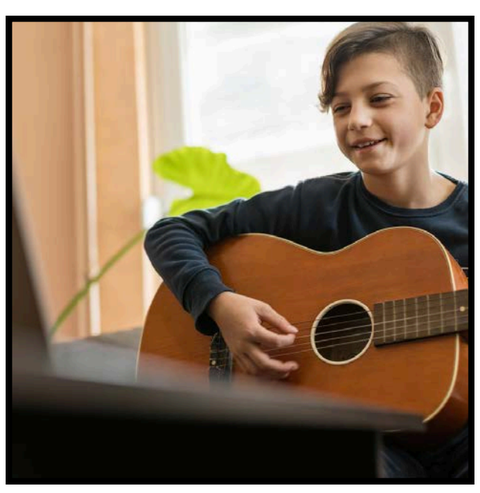
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Intermediate Guitar
Tuesdays 3:30-4:45pm Instructor Invite

Our intermediate guitar classes are typically instructor invite-only. However, if you have previous guitar experience at an intermediate level please contact us to see if this class would be a good fit for you! Intermediate guitar is for those who are ready to take their basic foundation skill set to the next level. The class will consist of: how first-position chords apply to barre chords, exploration of basis scales and key identification, root note identification and how it applies to chords and, scales, and more! This class is recommended for those who have attended and excelled in the intro to guitar course, or for those who have had previous outside experience with guitar, and basics thereof, such as identification of guitar parts, first-position chords, and strumming.



Intro to Guitar
Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:45pm 8+
Wednesdays 4:55-6:15pm 8+

Intro to guitar is for those who are seeking to channel self-expression. This course will help you to learn and explore the basic building blocks to take you to the next level of your desired guitar-playing dreams. From familiarity with the physical construct of the instrument to getting comfortable with proper form, basic first position chords, learning minor and major differences, and applying it all to song playing and improvisation..

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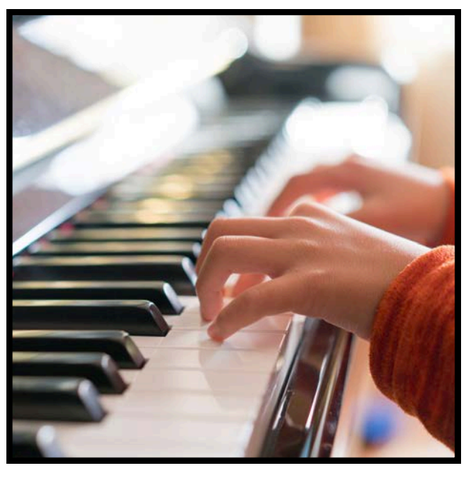
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Beginning Piano
Thursdays 3:30-4:30 Ages 8-11

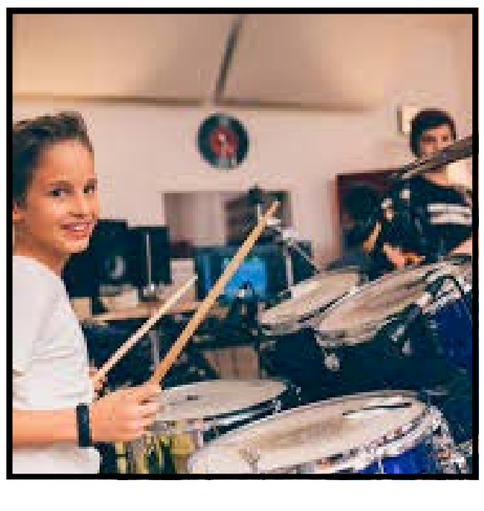
Beginning Piano will introduce students to proper technique, the musical alphabet, basic rhythms, time signatures, and how to read music. Through a game-based approach, students will develop their ear-training skills to become more confident musicians.



Intermediate Piano
Thursdays 4:30-5:30pm 12+

Our intermediate piano classes are typically instructor -invite-only. However, if you have previous experience please contact us to see if this class would be a good fit for you!

Intermediate piano will continue to explore more complex time signatures, musicianship, composing and improvisation, mastering key signatures, and analyzing and mastering assigned music.



Intro to Drums
Thursdays 4:30-5:15pm Ages 8-10
Thursdays 5:30-6:15pm Ages 11+

This class will introduce students to the basics of drums: how to hold your drumsticks, the anatomy of the drum set, common time signatures and notes, and drum beats to get students into the "rhythm" of the drums.

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Theatre Classes



Improv for Kids
Fridays 3:30-4:30pm Ages 8-11

In this course, students will boost their confidence, strengthen communication, and discover their unique comedic voice through improv games led by professional actress and improviser Kristina Hayes. They'll be encouraged to leave their worries behind and dive into creative adventures that spark fun, self-reflection, and new friendships.



Improv for Teens
Fridays 4:30-6:00pm Ages 12+

In this course, students will boost their confidence, strengthen communication, and discover their unique comedic voice through improv games led by professional actress and improviser Kristina Hayes. They'll be encouraged to leave their worries behind and dive into creative adventures that spark fun, self-reflection, and new friendships.