



ASPIRING ARTISTS

SPRING 2025



A PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENTS BY

OLD TOWN ARTISAN STUDIOS
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ABOUT OLD TOWN ARTISAN STUDIOS

Old Town Artisan Studios' mission is to provide free to low-cost, positive art experiences to all regardless of age, ability, and financial circumstance. This program embodies our commitment to fostering creativity and making art accessible to everyone.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Aspiring Artists is a non-district sponsored enrichment initiative designed to elevate visual arts education for high school students. This exciting opportunity aims to enhance artistic skills beyond the classroom setting, providing an immersive and comprehensive experience for young artists.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Aspiring Artists program is intended for high school students who are passionate about the visual arts and seek to deepen their knowledge and skills in a supportive, professional environment.

BENEFITS

By completing the Aspiring Artists program, participants will:

- Acquire essential skills and knowledge to thrive in the dynamic field of visual arts.
- Build valuable connections within the arts community.
- Gain professional experience through the group exhibition, learning how to present and sell their artwork.



CURRICULUM & ACTIVITIES

Over the course of five months, participants will engage in a variety of enriching activities, including:

- **Skill-Based Workshops:** Topics include crafting an artist statement, building a digital portfolio, and mastering the art of critique.
- **Field Trips:** Visits to local art institutions and galleries to gain inspiration and insight.
- **Group Exhibition:** The program culminates in a self-coordinated exhibition, offering students the opportunity to display and sell their artwork in a commercial gallery. The Opening Reception for this exhibition is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th, with the last day to view the show on Monday, May 12th.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

We are grateful for the support and collaboration with our community partners: Art on Main Street, La Quinta Art Celebration, and Artists Council at the Galen Center. These partnerships enrich the program and provide students with unique opportunities to engage with the broader arts community.

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ENROLLMENT PROCESS

The application for the Aspiring Artists program is open to all local high school students starting **Friday, September 13th**, and will close on **Friday, November 1st**. Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by **Friday, January 3rd, 2025**.

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