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Available Free Programs

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Writers in the Schools	WITS U	WITS U is a series of interactive online writing workshops for young writers. During WITS U, students will have the opportunity to engage with a professional WITS writer in a virtual small group setting. All sessions are free, and registration is required.	https://witshouston.org/virtual-workshops-events/
	Space City Grand Slam	The Space City Slam Series is an annual poetry slam series for young poets, emcees and spoken word artists ages 13-19. This citywide poetry event is an opportunity for young Houstonians to share their voices and compete to be on the 2021 Meta-Four Houston Youth Poetry Slam Team. Poets must compete and place in the top rankings at any of the 4 preliminary slams in order to be eligible for the Grand Slam. The top 6 students at the Space City Grand Slam will make the new slam team, and will have the opportunity to work closely with two professional performance poetry coaches. Meta-Four Houston members will compete at the Brave New Voices International Poetry Slam Festival in the summer of 2021.	https://witshouston.org/spacecity/
	Quick WITS	Quick WITS is a free 15-minute online writing experience for grade K-5 students. Quick WITS allows teachers and parents to access mini-workshops for their elementary school students online. WITS writers record themselves sharing a lesson and offer both questions for reflection as well as an accessible writing prompt/writing activity to accompany their lesson. Students are invited to share their writing with WITS via email or on social media, using the hashtag #quickwits. These mini-workshop videos are free and available through YouTube and our social media channels. Check back often for more lessons!	https://witshouston.org/quickwits/
Houston Ballet	Learning From The Masters	Learning from the Masters (LFM) is a free program that complements, supports and extends student learning in public schools with existing dance programs. Live, professional dance classes are available for dance students in 3rd - 12th grade. Classes are available in a variety of dance disciplines including classical ballet, modern dance, and jazz.	https://www.houstonballet.org/about/ece/learning-from-the-masters/
	Dance to Learn	Dance to Learn is a movement integration program that approaches academic curriculum from a kinesthetic perspective delivered live or prerecorded, via the school's preferred platform. Houston Ballet teaching artists work together with classroom teachers to create lessons that address TEKS in multiple subject areas while building Social Emotional Skills. Integration activities will surround 1-2 learning objectives.	https://www.houstonballet.org/about/ece/dance-to-learn/
	Adapted Dance	Adapted Dance takes existing Houston Ballet Education and Community Engagement programs and adapts them to populations with specific needs: such as down syndrome, autism, and the like. Our trained staff partners with schools, hospitals, and other organizations to create a program specifically designed for your students. Adapted Dance is designed for SLC, SLL, and SPED classes.	https://www.houstonballet.org/about/ece/adapted-dance/adapted-dance—other/
Ars Lyrica Houston	Bach Rocks! Exploring the Cello Suites	Ars Lyrica Houston presents Musical Moments Education: Bach Rocks! Exploring the Cello Suites. Join cellist Eric Smith on a journey back in time to the Baroque with a special focus on the cello. Learn about the Baroque period, what makes a Baroque cello different from its modern counterpart, and the life and music of J.S. Bach. Then, take a musical journey with Eric as he plays examples from Bach's Cello Suites. Listen to how Bach uses different musical techniques to add different emotions to his music and connect emotions with music using rhythm, mode, emotional descriptors, and emojis. Grade level: 1st-5th grade Program type: Family, music educator tool	https://youtu.be/XSV0QXd5CLo
	Musical Storytime: A Boy Named Giotto (Spanish and English)	Listen in as singer Cecilia Duarte and percussionist Jesús Pacheco tell the story of A Boy Named Giotto, where a gifted shepherd boy learns how to paint magnificent frescoes during the Italian Renaissance. The story is read in both English and Spanish, and Cecy and Jesús accompany the story with pieces for voice and percussion written during the Italian Renaissance. The video begins with an introduction in which Cecy and Jesús talk about the music in the story and the instruments they used to signify different emotions, themes, and motifs. Timestamps are included in the description of the video. Grade level: 3-8 Type: Family program	https://youtu.be/N5GHQpgQmE
	Think Like a Composer	How did composers think about the music they wrote, and how can we use their knowledge to inform our own listening experiences? In Think Like a Composer, composer Emma Wine teaches students about the Three Pillars of Music: Expectation, Action, and Momentum. Then, she uses Vivaldi's La Folia as an example of the Pillars in practice. Listeners can use the Three Pillars of Music to better understand any kind of music, from classical to pop to jazz! In Part 2, students learn about one of Emma's favorite songs that uses the Three Pillars very well, and then Emma helps viewers to analyze a song that doesn't use the three pillars as well. Lastly, Emma will guide students in a rewrite to make the song better! Grade level: 7-12 Type: Family, student workshop	https://youtu.be/N2_p0zbHuxI
FotoFest Literacy Through Photography	LTP Online Free Videos	Beginning in April, we will have a small sampling of free videos available on our Vimeo site and website. These will be video lessons created by our Teaching Artists this past year based on Literacy Through Photography's newly revised curriculum. Look out for more information on our website: www.fotofest.org/learningprogram .	

Available Paid Programs

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HMDC-Houston Metropolitan Dance Center	STEP-UP 5th Grade	STEP-UP - 5 session - 45 minutes - Grade 5 Created specifically for 5th Grade, offering fun and interactive ways to explore the changes in Fashion, History, Technology, and the History of Dance & Music. Step-Up opens the minds of the students to the progress that has taken place thru the decades. Students will explore the decades from the 1920's to Present Day, learning dances from each era and culminated evolution dance is created specifically for the students. A dance can be taught to students to perform for school/ virtual performance or graduation.	
	REFLECTIONS Grade 1-4	REFLECTIONS Grade 1 - 45 sessions- 45 minutes - Grades 1-4 An interactive program which gives students the personal connection to American History, technology, music, and dance. Each session motivates the students to move through the eras from the 1920's through present time. Students will learn and experience movement based on the style of Dance and Music that was popular during these decades.	
Exalted Arts	inspired! Performance and Enrichment Workshop for Youth	inspired! Performance and Enrichment Workshops introduce and teach performance skills while helping to strengthen character development in youth, grades 6 - 8.	https://exaltedarts.org/about-us/
Houston School of Art & Design	Art After School/ Homeschool and Saturdays	2 Hour once a week Art Lessons for ages 6 to adult. We offer individualized instruction in a small group setting. Each student picks their own unique project we teach them drawing skills and show them how to transfer their drawing to illustration board to create inspiring artwork guiding the students through with step-by-step and technique demos on how to master various mediums including Graphite Drawing, Watercolor, Colored Pencil, Acrylic, Oil and Pastels. We are set apart from other Art Schools by offering individualized step-by-step instruction to complete custom projects that broaden student's abilities and develop their technique. Our curriculum focuses on mastering: form, shape, line, contour, balance, composition, shading, perspective, proportions, value, texture, motion, fore-shortening, negative space and color theory. We also encourage our students and assist them in entering local art competitions to help build their portfolio and artistic confidence. Two Locations: Memorial Location: 1270 Conrad Sauer Dr. Suite 105, Houston TX 77043 Cypress Location: 12639 Kluge Rd, Cypress, TX 77429 The cost is \$150 per month (4 lessons) semester discounts available.	https://form.jotform.com/72256087943161
	Painting Parties	Custom Painting Parties tailored to the students request and show each student step by step how to do the techniques so no one is left behind. We provide all the supplies and do not finish the party until everyone has created a masterpiece.	
Ars Lyrica Houston	Origenes: Interact & Explore Spanish and Latin American Cultures	Origenes is a virtual, bilingual program that introduces students from Pre-K to 5th grade to early vocal literature and period instruments with an emphasis on Spanish and Latin American cultures. This program, curated by mezzo-soprano Cecilia Duarte and percussionist Jesus Pacheco, features impassioned vocal works accompanied by historical percussion and guitars. While examining the different roles in a classical music ensemble, Origenes connects students to the musical heritage of Spain and Latin America. Origenes is available for virtual presentation for early and late primary and includes teacher guides and student worksheets. Grade level: 1-3, 4-5 Type: Interactive Cost: \$600 (scholarships available)	https://www.arslyricahouston.org/schedule-an-outreach-program
FotoFest Literacy Through Photography	Literacy Through Photography Virtual Residency Program	Literacy Through Photography virtual residencies are led by our Teaching Artists via Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Residencies consist of a minimum of ten virtual sessions and Teaching Artists lead students through original video content and interactive lessons housed on Nearpod. Students will be hone their skills in the fundamental principles of our program: creative writing, photography principles, elements of photography, and visual literacy. They will also have opportunity to explore the four themes of our curriculum: SELF, HOME, COMMUNITY, and DREAMS. The residency will result in students creating original writing and photographic work that will be featured and exhibited through FotoFest and Literacy Through Photography's virtual programs.	

Available Summer Programs

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Houston Ballet	Ballet Talks	Check it out at the provided link!	https://www.houstonballet.org/about/ee/ballet-talks/
Houston School of Art & Design	Summer Art Camps	<p>Our summer camp schedule will be starting May 31st and runs every week thru August 13th</p> <p>The camps are weekly camps that are Monday thru Friday 10 AM to 12 PM OR 1 to 3 PM OR 3 to 5 PM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rates are \$185 for the week for any two hour session mentioned above •Half day camps are \$360 for 10 AM - 3 PM •Full day camps are \$525 for 10 AM - 5 PM <p>Prices include supply costs. EARLYBIRD save 5%</p> <p>Camps are split into two groups ages 6-12 year old and Teen camps 12- 18 year old. Students will enjoy developing their personal visions under the direction of enthusiastic instructors.</p> <p>REAL ART SKILLS Provided with age targeted Individual Instruction and Step-by-Step Demos of professional art techniques, so they can create amazing works of art. Our approach was developed to be easy to follow and simple to do regardless of experience (or talent) level. The art instructors are all practicing artists and share their artistic knowledge and experience, which makes our camps like all our students, one of a kind!</p> <p>Locations: Memorial: 1270 Conrad Sauer Dr. Suite 105, Houston TX 77043 Cypress: 12639 Kluge Rd, Cypress, TX 77429</p>	https://form.jotform.com/80745553684163
	Once a Week Art Lessons	<p>2 Hour once a week Art Lessons for ages 6 to adult. We offer individualized instruction in a small group setting. Each student picks their own unique project we teach them drawing skills and show them how to transfer their drawing to illustration board to create inspiring artwork guiding the students through with step-by-step and technique demos on how to master various mediums including Graphite Drawing, Watercolor, Colored Pencil, Acrylic, Oil and Pastels.</p> <p>We are set apart from other Art Schools by offering individualized step-by-step instruction to complete custom projects that broaden student's abilities and develop their technique. Our curriculum focuses on mastering: form, shape, line, contour, balance, composition, shading, perspective, proportions, value, texture, motion, fore-shortening, negative space and color theory.</p> <p>We also encourage our students and assist them in entering local art competitions to help build their portfolio and artistic confidence.</p> <p>Two Locations: Memorial Location: 1270 Conrad Sauer Dr. Suite 105, Houston TX 77043 Cypress Location: 12639 Kluge Rd, Cypress, TX 77429</p> <p>The cost is \$150 per month (4 lessons) semester discounts available.</p>	https://form.jotform.com/72256087943161
AFA	AFA Summer Music Festival	<p>The AFA Summer Music Festival offers intensive music-making experiences and camaraderie in a supportive environment for Houston's young musicians and has been a part of the community for over 25 years. Led by renowned faculty artists who are outstanding performers and educators, students make noteworthy progress – both individually and in ensembles – that will impact their lives as they continue to grow as musicians.</p> <p>The Summer Music Festival offers programs for musicians in grades 3-12 that last from 1-5 weeks, including large and small ensembles, technique classes, masterclasses, studio classes, sectional rehearsals music theory, ear training, and other enrichment studies. On top of the musical skills and knowledge gained, students also benefit from the diverse group of young musicians from across the Greater Houston area. Each session includes performances that make up the AFA Summer Concert Series, a free and family-friendly concert series.</p>	http://WWW.AFATEXAS.ORG/SUMMER
Ars Lyrica Houston	Boost Your Brain with Music!	<p>Did you know that music stimulates parts of the brain that nothing else can activate? It creates connections that are vital to language development and processing, aids memory, and improves focus. Learn how to create a custom playlist that will help boost your brain power with the help of musician and educator Kathleen Staten. This episode is part of Ars Lyrica Houston's free educational e-series "Musical Moments Education."</p> <p>Grade level: K-7 Type: Family program</p>	https://youtu.be/YsvF8VS-Sbc
	Music + Learning = Memory	<p>Do you still remember all of the presidents, capitals of states, or other facts you learned in a song when you were young? Using music to help commit information to memory is a powerful tool. Hosted by musician and educator Kathleen Staten, you will learn how to create your own learning songs and gain access to a curated list of sources to make your learning multi-dimensional, more productive, and fun! This episode is part of Ars Lyrica Houston's free educational e-series "Musical Moments Education."</p> <p>Grade level: K-7 Type: Family program</p>	https://youtu.be/2WaF276sISk
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	Literacy Through Photography Teacher Training	Literacy Through Photography Teacher Training provides foundational training in LTP's newly revised curriculum. The curriculum offers a comprehensive blend of social emotional learning, creative writing, photography, and visual literacy. At the end of the training, educators will have access to LTP's curriculum and be trained in its implementation in the classroom. The training is 6 hours and CPE credit is available. For more information on dates and how to sign up, please visit www.fotofest.org/learningprogram .	http://www.fotofest.org/learningprogram