



ARTS EDUCATION
CONNECTION
— SAN DIEGO —

**Arts are essential, learning is critical,
And arts in learning is transformational.**

2021-22 Program Guide

Arts Education Connection San Diego engages professional teaching artists to provide high-quality arts education programs in all art forms for students, educators, families and communities; advocating for, leading and advancing education in and through the arts.



"I consider Arts Education Connection San Diego the 'go-to' arts education provider in San Diego County. Not only have they, in my opinion, developed the strongest trained pool of teaching artists, but their staff has been a critical part of the leadership voice in and around virtually every arts education initiative in San Diego city and county schools." Russ Sperling, VAPA Director, San Diego Unified School District

Arts Discovery: Assemblies, Workshops, Family Arts Nights

In-School Performances: Live Music, Theater, Dance and Storytelling

In-School Performances connect age-appropriate educational content to the performing arts in an assembly format. The programs are engaging, inspirational, and feature top-quality, local artists that reflect the diversity of our community. Through a combination of artistry and audience participation, students and teachers alike experience the magic of live music, dance, theater, and storytelling.

30 minutes for grades K-3; 45 minutes for grades 4 and up. Can occur as single or multiple back-to-back performances.

Workshops: Hands-on Arts Experiences

Workshops are offered to groups of students (up to 35 maximum) to participate in 50-minute interactive classroom sessions, focusing on the exploration of dance, music, storytelling, theater, mime, visual art, or STEAM-related topics. Students learn basic vocabulary, concepts and techniques related to the art form, giving them the tools to enhance their creativity, problem-solving ability, and critical thinking skills.



Family Arts Nights: Bringing Parents and Students Together Creatively

Family Arts Nights feature a 30-minute performance paired with a 50-minute hands-on art project. These multi-disciplinary events occur during the evening at the school site, and promote family bonding, parent engagement and cultivate a more positive campus culture just by the sheer fun of doing something creative together. Family Arts Nights can be combined with other events like fundraisers, celebrations, and organizational milestones.

To schedule one or more of these Discovery programs in your school or community venue, call Keri Jhaveri, Professional Learning and Community Programs Manager at (619) 207-4503 or email her at keri@artsedsd.org.

Professional Learning: Dynamic Workshops for Classroom Teachers

The Professional Learning opportunities are designed to help you discover meaningful and manageable ways to integrate a variety of art forms into your lesson plans. In these sessions, you'll be guided by our Master Teaching Artists, and learn to infuse your daily teaching practice with innovation and creativity, imparting skills that will nurture your students' academic achievement and classroom engagement.

To take your teaching practice to the next level, call Keri Jhaveri, Professional Learning Programs Manager at (619) 207-4503 or email her at keri@artsedsd.org.



Artist-in-Residence: In-school Arts Immersion

Residency programs are long-term partnerships between AECsd and local schools. Our professional Teaching Artists work directly with students in the classroom in weekly lessons that bring consistency and depth to the arts learning process. Students learn a variety of art concepts, vocabulary, and techniques, while also cultivating imagination, critical thinking and other crucial life skills needed to succeed in today's world. Each residency is customized to meet the needs of the classroom teacher and/or school. An optional culminating event at the end of each residency offers an opportunity for students to showcase their learning for members of the school community.

Residencies are available in dance, music, theater, visual art and literary arts (e.g. poetry/spoken word). Schools can choose a different focus to suit their needs; Discrete Arts, focusing on one art form; Arts Integration, connecting an art form to another academic area such as science, math, English Language Arts, or Social Studies; STEAM, connecting inquiry-driven arts lessons to STEM standards; or Arts Intervention, supporting social/emotional skills: effective communication, respectful self-expression, and positive self-image. Residencies can be scheduled for 6 weeks or longer.

Residencies are delivered in the following formats:

- In-School: during the day with the classroom teacher present,
- Out-of-School: after school or on Saturday directly with the school or through one of our partner organizations - Boys and Girls Club, SAY San Diego, Harmonium, or Prime Time.

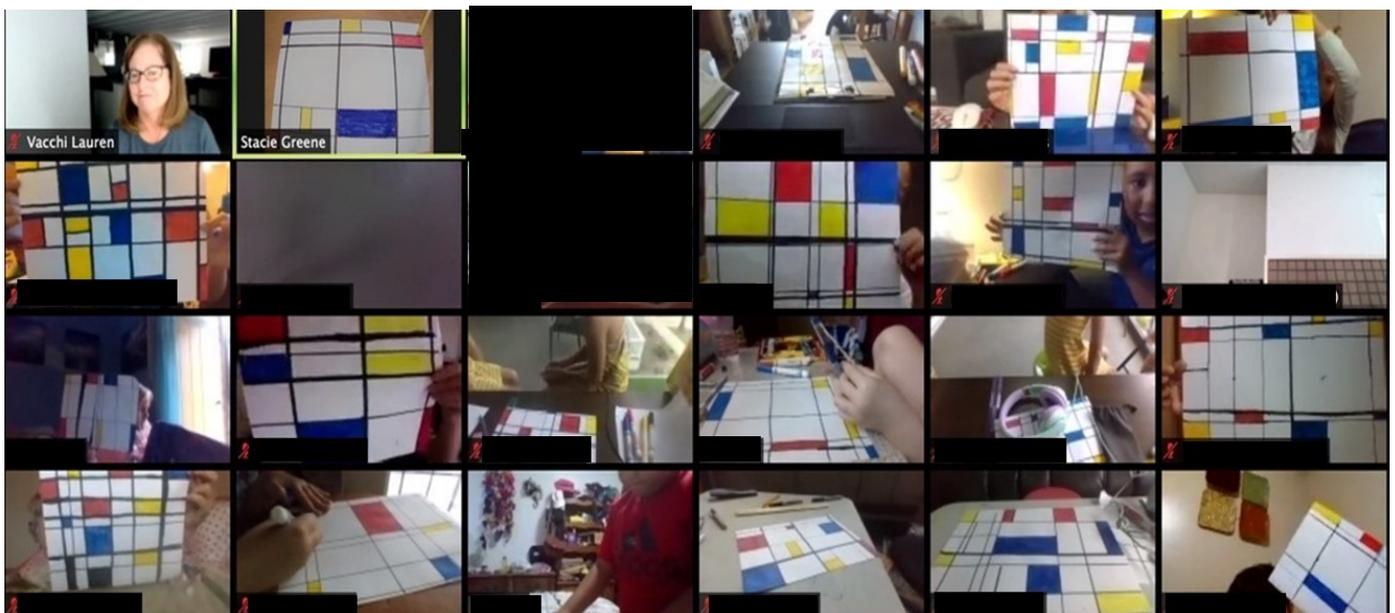


To learn more about how residencies can impact your students' learning, call Deirdre Moore, Residency Programs Manager, at (619) 344-0498 or email her at Deirdre@artsedsd.org

Benefits of our Programs

Students not only learn the foundations of an art form (music, dance, theater, visual art or literary arts), but also gain confidence, leadership skills and the ability to use the arts to express who they are!

"I love how the arts allow me to see a different side of students. Students who are very shy in the classroom blossomed and shined in the dance class. I saw a level of creativity and confidence from some students that I had not seen at all during the school year. I've had some of these students for two years, and never before saw that side of them. It inspires me." 4th grade teacher, Ibarra Elementary



About Arts Education Connection San Diego

Since 1963, Arts Education Connection San Diego has delivered a rich variety of arts education programs to San Diego students and communities through performances, workshops, residencies and professional learning opportunities, connecting young people to their cultural roots and creative wings. During the 2020-21 school year we served approximately 23,000 students and their families.

Our programs are...

- **Multi-genre:** Choose from dance, music, theater, visual arts, and literary arts. STEAM programs are also offered.
- **Standards-based:** We develop our programs in alignment with National Core Arts Standards, California Visual and Performing Arts Standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and Common Core Standards.
- **Collaborative:** We work with you and your staff towards the goals of enhancing student learning, improving test scores, and increasing parent engagement.

We believe in the value of arts education for all students, and serve as advocates in local, regional and national efforts that protect and advance arts education in our community.

Key Education Partnerships



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