

## ARTS AND CULTURAL RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION

Arkansas schools are fortunate to have a wide variety of arts and cultural organizations that are committed to providing quality arts experiences for students. Many community arts organizations offer performances, exhibits, field trips and hands-on experiences for students, artist residencies in the schools, and professional development for teachers. The Arkansas Arts Council maintains the Artists in Education roster, a listing of professional performers and visual or literary artists who are available to participate in a variety of Arts in Education programs. Information about the Arts in Education program may be found here: <http://www.arkansasarts.org/Grants/Available-Grants/Arts-in-Education/Arts-in-Education-Artist-Roster/roster>.

Arkansas educators are encouraged to reach out to community arts organizations to take advantage of educational offerings and create partnerships that promote arts education. Attached is a document that contains a description and contact information for a sampling of Arkansas's important arts and cultural organizations. Included are the Arkansas Repertory Theatre, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas, Blackbird Academy of Arts, Center on the Square, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, DeltaARTS, Eureka Springs School of Art, Historic Arkansas Museum, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, Ozark Folk Center, Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council, Trike Theatre, Walton Arts Center, and Wildwood Park for the Arts.

Many other organizations around the state provide quality arts experiences as well. For information about other organizations or to discuss partnership opportunities, contact Lana Hallmark, Fine Arts Specialist, Arkansas Department of Education, at 501-682-7590 or [lane.hallmark@arkansas.gov](mailto:lane.hallmark@arkansas.gov).

### **Arkansas Repertory Theatre**

[www.therep.org](http://www.therep.org) or [education@therep.org](mailto:education@therep.org)

Arkansas Repertory Theatre is a professional theatre showcasing talented designers, actors, and educators from all over the country. Click the LEARN tab at [www.therep.org](http://www.therep.org) to find current and upcoming opportunities for teachers and students to be immersed in vibrant live theatre.

### **Arkansas Symphony Orchestra**

[www.arkansassymphony.org/education](http://www.arkansassymphony.org/education)

From in-school performances and instrument petting zoos to full-orchestra children's concerts and string classes, the Arkansas Symphony exists to provide the best possible musical exposure to as many children as possible throughout the state of Arkansas. Reaching over 25,000 each year, the ASO provides curriculum-linked programs for every age group K-12. Call Barbara Burroughs at 501-666-1761 Ext. 116 or visit [www.arkansassymphony.org/education](http://www.arkansassymphony.org/education).

### **The Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas**

[www.asc701.org](http://www.asc701.org)

The Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas offers free field trips and gallery admission. Scheduled field trips include free hands-on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, ARTS, and Mathematics) activities. Rotating art exhibitions feature work by Arkansas artists, art of the Delta, and works by African American artists. Performing arts include children's theater, a monthly jazz cabaret, and adult theatrical performances. To schedule a school field trip or teacher professional development,

please call 870-536-3375. The Arts & Science Center is located at 701 S. Main St., Pine Bluff, AR 71601. Visit [www.asc701.org](http://www.asc701.org) for more information or to sign up for a free e-newsletter that will keep you up-to-date on ASC activities.

### **Blackbird Academy of Arts**

[www.blackbirdacademy.org](http://www.blackbirdacademy.org)

Blackbird Academy of Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality, accessible arts education and arts opportunities to the Central Arkansas area. Since 2009 Blackbird has offered instruction in dance, music, creative writing, visual arts, theatre, sewing, and filmmaking through after-school classes, workshops, summer camps, and master classes. The academy also presents a variety of performances and events throughout the year, including a full-scale ballet production, music recitals, a national songwriting competition, plays, musicals, art shows and more. Blackbird Academy partners with other local community groups to provide arts programming for low-income students, children in the foster care system, and for those with disabilities.

### **Center on the Square**

[www.centeronthesquare.org](http://www.centeronthesquare.org)

Center on the Square in Searcy, Arkansas, offers a KidStage program three times a year. KidStage is for students in Grades 2-12 and teaches the basics of theater. During the spring and fall sessions, students meet two hours weekly and work together with directors to put on a production at the end of the 9-10 week session. Students are divided into two weekly session groups: Grades 2-6 meet on Tuesdays and Grades 7 - 12 meet on Thursdays. During the summer, the students meet daily for three hours and produce a musical at the end. The cost is \$75.00 for the whole session and the kids get a t-shirt to commemorate their work. Land O'Frost is the long-time sponsor of our KidStage program.

### **Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art**

<http://crystalbridges.org/education/teacher-programs/>

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art provides regular professional development for teachers using the Museum's vast collections. All sessions are learner centered and include interaction with works of art and dynamic ways to incorporate the arts into the K-12 curriculum. This takes place at the museum through monthly workshops, a summer institute, partnership programs and fellowships with the Center for Children and Youth and the Walton Arts Center.

### **DeltaARTS**

[www.deltaarts.org](http://www.deltaarts.org)

DeltaARTS, located in West Memphis, Arkansas, was established in 1972 as an arts agency serving Crittenden County, Arkansas. Today, through an affiliation with two national institutions, Wolf Trap Institute and Lincoln Center Education, DeltaARTS provides arts education and imaginative learning experiences for over 18,000 students, teachers, families, and senior citizens throughout east Arkansas, north Mississippi and west Tennessee. DeltaARTS education programs include the Student Matinee Performance Series, Lincoln Center Educator Workshops, in-school artist classroom residencies, Wolf Trap Early Learning through the Arts, Crittenden Youth Theatre, Arts Focus Schools, Arts for Seniors, DeltaARTS Gallery, and a Public Art Program. DeltaARTS' mission is *Transforming the Delta through Imaginative Arts Education*.

### **Eureka Springs School of Art**

[www.ess-art.org](http://www.ess-art.org)

Because it is our belief that art is vital to the human spirit, the Eureka Springs School of Art is committed to cultivate, promote and encourage artistic expression by providing art education opportunities in a unique environment of beauty and creativity. We offer one, three and five day classes in Iron, Clay, Wood, Small Metals, Textiles, Painting, Drawing and Leather Craft. Check out our full schedule of classes at <http://essa-art.org/>

### **Historic Arkansas Museum**

<http://www.historickansas.org/Teachers-and-Families/teachers-and-families-home>

Historic Arkansas Museum provides teachers and students the opportunity to learn about daily life in frontier Arkansas. Education programs are based on grade level. With the museum's hands on programs students in Grades K-3 can compare daily life today to life in the 1800s while students in Grades 4-6 can learn about traveling to Little Rock or how those living on a farmstead met their basic needs. Guided tours for Grades K-12 teach students about the early settlers in Little Rock, portrayed by living history actors. The museum's galleries feature work of Arkansas artists, past and present. The museum has two permanent galleries, We Walk in Two Worlds, which tells the story of Arkansas' Native People through their words and displays some of their artwork, and The Knife Gallery which houses the American Bladesmith Hall of Fame. Professional development for teachers varies and is based on Arkansas history. Contact Information: Joleen Linson, Director of Education, [Joleen@arkansasheritage.org](mailto:Joleen@arkansasheritage.org); (501)324-9342

### **Mosaic Templars Cultural Center**

[www.mosaictemplarscenter.com](http://www.mosaictemplarscenter.com)

Mosaic Templars Cultural Center (MTCC) is dedicated to telling the story of Arkansas's African American history. Teachers can bring students to take a guided tour through MTCC's exhibits or use other free resources, such as lesson plans and loan boxes, which are designed for teachers to use in their classrooms and are packed with reproductions of historical artifacts, guide books, and other educational resources. MTCC's Education Department offers interactive presentations, programs and activities for youth in grades K-12 and can be facilitated onsite or in schools.

### **Ozark Folk Center State Park**

[www.ozarkfolkcenter.com](http://www.ozarkfolkcenter.com)

At the Ozark Folk Center State Park, we keep the crafts, music and herblore of the Ozarks alive by remembering and carrying on the traditions of the Ozark Plateau; performing and teaching Ozark stringband music; growing, sharing and teaching about native plants and their uses; providing workshop and teaching space for craft artisans; demonstrating crafts, music and gardens to the public; sharing our living Ozark community traditions of hospitality; and living in the Ozark hills, making the best use of our resources and preserving our heritage. We are happy to work with groups of all ages to put together a program to fulfill curriculum and educational needs.

### **Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council**

[www.trahc.org/artssmart](http://www.trahc.org/artssmart)

ArtsSmart, a division of the Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council, is a multi-faceted program designed to provide leadership tools and support to train educators to effectively integrate the arts into state curriculum and to provide students with authentic arts experiences. TRAHC and five local/regional school districts are members of the prestigious Partners in Education program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. ArtsSmart programming includes campus residencies, campus performances, teacher workshops, summer staff development, and professional learning opportunities with ArtsSmart's national teaching artists. ArtsSmart activities also include Theatre for Young Audiences

shows each year at the historic Perot Theatre, exhibit opportunities, educational tours, artist training, quality arts experiences, and weekend opportunities including Drop-In Art programs at the Regional Arts Center.

### **Trike Theatre**

[www.triketheatre.org](http://www.triketheatre.org)

Trike Theatre, Northwest Arkansas' professional theatre for youth, is located in Bentonville. Our mission is to empower youth to forge deep connections with themselves, their community, and the world by seeing, participating in, and learning through theatre. Trike Theatre offers in-school educational opportunities for students and teachers through arts integration residencies for Grades PreK-8 and professional development workshops for teachers. Our professional staff are consultants with Focus5 (national arts integration consulting company), rostered with the Arkansas Arts Council, fellows with Arkansas A+ and our artistic director is a national teaching artist with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. [www.triketheatre.org](http://www.triketheatre.org) For more information, contact Jason Suel, director of education and outreach, [jason@triketheatre.org](mailto:jason@triketheatre.org) or 479-464-5084.

### **Walton Arts Center**

[www.waltonartscenter.org](http://www.waltonartscenter.org)

In 2007 Walton Arts Center (WAC) received the Arkansas Governor's Arts Award for excellence in arts education. For more than twenty years, WAC has offered a variety of performing arts field trips for students and arts integration professional development opportunities for educators. WAC, with the Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative, is a founding member of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts *Partners in Education* program. In addition, WAC's [Colgate Classroom Series](#) offers live matinee performances in theater, puppetry, dance and music to school groups. These performances are opportunities for students to explore world cultures, make connections to important works of literature and to learn more about art forms. Information about field trips, performance guides and professional development opportunities are available online.

<http://waltonartscenter.org/education-community/learning-at-walton-arts-center/vision/>

### **Wildwood Park for the Arts**

[www.wildwood.org](http://www.wildwood.org)

Wildwood Park for the Arts enriches the lives of Arkansans of all ages by creating community through nature and the arts. Located in west Little Rock, Wildwood is home to botanical gardens and the Lucy Lockett Cabe Festival Theatre. The Wildwood Academy of Music & the Arts (WAMA) is designed for students ages 6-18, who are interested in studying music. WAMA provides access to the highest standards in music and arts education to students in Arkansas. Through rehearsal and performance experiences, WAMA students are inspired and challenged to grow through the arts in a nurturing environment.