



HARLEM SUMMER ARTS EXPERIENCE

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

VISUAL ARTS

COLOR AND SHAPE: (AGES 5-8)

Students will paint pieces focused around Harlem districts in the specified time period using acrylics and watercolors culminating with a series of pieces showing multiple districts, landmarks, and periods in Harlem.

VISUAL ARTS: (AGES 9-12)

The aim of this class is to have students experiment with mixed media and visual narrative in an independent context. Students will explore drawing, painting, and sculpture techniques using inspiration from Harlem's history and culture to tell their own story.

DANCE

HARLEM HOOFIN': (AGES 9-12)

Harlem Hoofin' is a class that allows children to explore the world of dance through the rhythm of the feet. Students learn musicality, coordination, and the foundation of proper tap technique. This class is a fun way to spark creativity, imagination, and athleticism.

<i>Dance classes cont'd</i>	
KIDS HIP-HOP: (AGES 5-8)	This class focuses on teaching fundamental Hip-Hop movements including basic body isolations, party dances, freestyling, and learning choreography. Students are taught movements that celebrate self-expression, physical challenges, and popular music. The class includes warm up, moving across the floor, and style explorations.
LATIN DANCE FUSION: (AGES 9-12) <i>*SESSION A ONLY</i>	This class teaches the fundamentals of traditional West African, Modern, Latin, and Contemporary dance with emphasis on an understanding of the accompanying drum and syncopated rhythms. Classes start with a thorough warm up, followed by a sequence of movement across the floor.
THEATER	
CREATIVE DRAMA (AGES 5-8)	Students will explore elements of puppetry, folktales, and clowning as they discover theater as it relates to Harlem in the 50s, 60s, and 70s.
STORYTELLING (AGES 9-12)	Students will immerse themselves in the works of prominent Harlem poets, and playwrights and will have the opportunity to explore hip-hop improv comedy.

MUSIC

PERCUSSION (AGES 5-8)

Students are taught hand patterns and rhythmic structures from West African, Cuban, and other Caribbean traditions.

KOOL KEYS (AGES 5-8)

This course encourages groups of young students to discover music. Basic hand position, fingering, and sight-reading are covered. This class is the perfect foundation for private piano instruction.

INSPIRATIONAL ENSEMBLE (AGES 5-8)

Students learn how to perform and learn distinct vocal parts as a member of a multi-voice choir. In this choir we will explore musical compositions ranging from popular, jazz, Gospel, and contemporary songbooks.

INTRO TO MUSIC PRODUCTION (AGES 9-12)

Students will gain a general understanding of the history of music production and recording, have a basic understanding of songwriting and music theory, and the student will write a song using tried and true techniques. Students will also learn to record a song using computer software, a midi keyboard, an audio interface, and perform a basic mix and master of the song.

MUSICAL THEATER

INTRO TO MUSICAL THEATER (AGES 9-12)

An introduction to musical theater songs for very young actors. The class will work on a repertory of show tunes sung in chorus style. Vocal projection, teamwork, and acting through song are emphasized, as is an introduction to performing with energy and style. Choreography is introduced after songs are taught to reinforce memorization of material and performance style of musical theater.

**Please note that classes listed may differ.*