



2023-2024

OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT SUMMER PROGRAMMING IN REVIEW

SUMMARY

Every summer, we invite students, artists-in-training, and lifelong learners to the Art Academy of Cincinnati College of Art & Design to learn new skills and hone their creative talents. Our campus studios and classrooms open to our community and allow young people to unlock their imaginations under the guidance of professional artists and instructors. Each weeklong session culminates in a student exhibition for family and friends to visit and celebrate their creative work.

Across six weeks in June and July, 353 K-12 students engaged in three arts programs:

- 254 rising elementary students enrolled in Camp Art Academy
- 81 rising middle and high school students enrolled in Teen Academy
- 18 rising high school students enrolled in Future BFA Pre-College

We also taught 34 lifelong learners, ages 13 and up, in our ongoing Community Education series from June to August.



Our summer programming faculty and staff included graduate students, adjunct professors, and alumni of the Art Academy and the University of Cincinnati College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning.



A NOTE FROM LINNEA FITTERER, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT

It is an honor to coordinate a strong roster of summer programs each June and July for creative children and teens in our region. Our purpose within the Office of Engagement is to ensure that the Art Academy of Cincinnati maintains connectivity to the community at large, and K-12 students are a very important part of our community. By nurturing young creatives within a 21st-century artistic curriculum, we guarantee the future of our region's robust and unwavering creative capacity.

I am so grateful to the parents/guardians for enrolling their curious and energetic children in Camp Art Academy, Teen Academy, and Future BFA Pre-College. Thank you to our program supporters without whom our programs would not reach as many talented children.

CAMP

ART ACADEMY

Designed for young artists-in-training, Camp Art Academy teaches rising first- through sixth-graders the foundations of visual art and design. Weeklong camps incorporate hands-on, studio-based learning as they work individually and collaboratively. They learn to employ skills in science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) to craft their projects, while also developing key social-emotional skills and creative expression.



2024 CAMPS

- **Drawing:** The Foundation of Everything
- **Painting:** The Waves of Expression
- **Textile:** The Connection of Process
- **Sculpture:** The Building of Imagination
- **Printmaking:** The Art of Passing It On
- **Illustration:** The Portrayal of Story

Teen ACADEMY

Whether it's to strengthen their portfolio, prepare for college, or simply exercise their creativity, Teen Academy gives 13- to 18-year-olds the chance to explore the arts among like-minded peers and educators. Weeklong courses meet students where they're most passionate, offering opportunities to dive deep into their interests and learn exciting skills that engage their minds. Our vibrant collective of artists, designers, and storytellers creates an inclusive environment where personal expression thrives.



2024 COURSES

- Acrylic Portrait Painting
- Activist Printmaking
- Anime and Manga Drawing
- Avant-Garde Fashion
- Ceramics
- Darkroom Film Photography
- Digital Illustration
- Poetry
- Soft Sculpture Installations
- Songwriting

FUTURE BFA PRE-COLLEGE ^{ACC}

For three weeks in the summer, high school students from across the country call the Art Academy their home in the Future BFA Pre-College program. They live in school dorms, take college-level classes, produce creative work, develop their portfolios, and practice their craft in professional-grade studios. Not only do they receive three college credits upon completion of the program, but they gain firsthand experience with being an art school student in the culturally rich neighborhood of Over-the-Rhine in Downtown Cincinnati.



2024 FUTURE BFA HIGHLIGHTS

- The “Artist as Researcher” class was a transdisciplinary art course that introduced practice-based research techniques. Students learned how to critically examine their practice, investigate topics of interest, advance their artistic techniques, and engage in workshops and critiques.
- Group field trips included visits to iconic arts institutions like the Contemporary Art Center, Weston Art Gallery, 21C Museum, and Cincinnati Art Museum + Archives.
- Social outings included trips to Cincinnati’s historic Findlay Market and the popular City Flea urban market in Over-the-Rhine.
- An exhibition of students’ work and a reception for family, friends, and the Art Academy community was held on campus to celebrate students’ achievements.





A NOTE FROM MADDY MCFADDEN, EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR

It is such a joy working with our students and their families.

Some highlights of the summer were having a parent tell me they always felt confident their children would be safe when dropping them off at Camp Art Academy and hearing from a Teen Academy student that their weeklong course was their favorite art class they'd ever taken.

I loved seeing the building so activated with energy and art and witnessing the bonds that were formed through our programs.

A memory that will stick with me is watching a group of five-six Camp Art Academy students hug on the last day of their week together and promise they will be best friends forever.



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