Laura Brino

Teaching Artist Workshop Catalog



Engaging Arts, Music, and Creativity Programs for K-12, Early Childhood & Organizations

About Laura

Laura Brino has collaborated with diverse communities as both an educator and teaching artist. She is the co-founder of Wildhearts Academy, a program dedicated to developing arts-integrated curriculum for early learners, and the founder of Jóvenes Artistas, an after-school arts initiative for at-risk youth. She has served as a guest teaching artist with Maryland Hall, Bates Middle School, Tyler Heights Elementary School, Annapolis High School, Community Transitions, ArtFarm, Centro de Ayuda, AACPS 21st Century, and many other organizations.

Experience & Awards:

- Middle school art teacher, arts integration specialist, program director, outreach coordinator, curriculum writer
- NAEA National Conference Presenter (2014, 2015), NEA National Conference Presenter (2012)
- Panelist, US Secretary of Education Town Hall (2015)
- AACPS New Arts Educator of the Year (2012), Annie Award for Arts Educator of the Year (2022), Finalist for 2025 Bernard/Ebb Songwriting Awards

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." - Picasso

Early Childhood (Birth-5)

Arts Exploration: Creativity Through Play

- Age: Birth-K
- **Duration:** 30–45 min (single session or series)
- **Description:** Experiment with paints, crayons, clay, and collage supplies to explore color, texture, and form. Encourages self-expression, fine motor skills, and imagination through open-ended, playful activities.
- Connections: Visual arts, creativity, motor skills, SEL

Music & Movement: Songs & Stories

- Age: Birth-K
- Duration: 30-45 min (single session or series)
- **Description:** Engage with simple songs, rhymes, and movement activities to develop listening skills, coordination, and early musicality.
- Connections: Music, movement, early literacy, SEL





Elementary (Grades 1-5)

■ Songwriting & Guitar Basics

- **Duration:** 45–60 min (Residence: 6–10 sessions)
- Description: Explore the fundamentals of songwriting, lyrics, and basic guitar techniques. Students collaborate to create original songs.
- Connections: Music, literacy, creativity, collaboration

Memoir Moments (Graphic Novel Style)

- **Duration**: 45–60 min (Residence: 6-10 sessions)
- **Description**: Write short personal narratives highlighting memory, detail, and emotion. Students illustrate their stories in a graphic novel format.
- Connections: Writing, visual arts, literacy, self-expression

Science Sketchbooks

- **Duration**: 45–60 min (Single session or series)
- **Description**: Use drawing and journaling to record scientific observations. Students explore observation, documentation, and visual analysis skills.
- Connections: STEAM, observation, critical thinking, visual arts

& Stop Motion Animation

- **Duration**: 60–90 min single session or 45–60 min series
- **Description**: Create short stop-motion films using everyday materials. Students storyboard, animate, and edit their own mini-movies.
- Connections: Visual arts, technology, storytelling, collaboration



Middle & High School (Grades 6-12)

"If You Really Knew Me" Poetry & Mixed Media Collage

- **Duration:** 60–90 min single session or 6–10 session residency
- **Description:** Students explore identity and self-expression through poetry and mixed media art.
- Connections: Visual arts, writing, social-emotional learning

■ Songwriting & Guitar

- Duration: 60-90 min single session or 6-10 session residency
- **Description:** Dive deeper into songwriting, chord progressions, and performance. Students compose original pieces and collaborate on ensemble work.
- Connections: Music, literacy, collaboration, self-expression

Stop Motion Animation (Advanced)

- Duration: 60-90 min single session or 6-10 session residency
- **Description:** Advanced techniques in stop motion, including sound design, lighting, and editing. Students create a complete short film.
- Connections: Technology, storytelling, STEAM, visual arts

Science Sketchbooks (Advanced)

- Duration: 60-90 min single session or 6-10 session residency
- **Description:** Detailed scientific observation journals combining field notes, sketches, and reflections.
- Connections: STEAM, observation, analytical thinking, art

Nemoir Moments – Graphic Novel Style

- Duration: 60-90 min single session or 6-10 session residency
- **Description:** Craft personal narratives with rich visuals and creative layouts in a graphic novel format.
- Connections: Writing, art, literacy, self-expression

Teen Moms Program: Writing & Illustrating a Children's Book

- **Duration:** Residency (5–8 sessions)
- **Description:** Write and illustrate books for their own children, combining literacy skills with personal expression.
- Connections: Literacy, parenting, SEL

Soundtrack of My Life

- **Duration:** 60-90 min single session or 6-10 session residency
- **Description:** Select songs representing life experiences, then create visual, written, or multimedia reflections combining music and storytelling.
- Connections: SEL, music, creative writing

Special Programs / Professional Development

Arts Integration for the Classroom

- Duration: 1, 2 or 3 hours
- **Description:** Practical strategies for incorporating visual art, music, and storytelling into lesson plans. Includes sample projects and collaborative planning.
- Connections: Curriculum design, creativity, SEL

Digital Creativity Tools

- Duration: 1, 2 or 3 hours
- **Description:** Workshops introducing Canva, stop-motion apps, or Al tools for classroom projects. Teachers gain hands-on experience and lesson integration ideas.
- Connections: Technology, creativity, curriculum development

Creative Storytelling Techniques

- **Duration:** 1, 2 or 3 hours
- **Description:** Techniques for helping students express ideas through storytelling, songwriting, and visual media. Includes hands-on practice and reflection.
- Connections: Literacy, arts integration, collaboration

Laura is also available to design and facilitate staff creativity retreats and professional development workshops around self expression, collaboration and identity, as well as trauma informed programming.



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Custom workshops are available upon request, with Laura designing workshops and residencies tailored to organizational goals and data-driven needs.

