

UPTOWN ARTS

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS: SPRING 2020

Acting

- **Acting with Puppets (8-10 yr olds):** Children will learn pantomime and theater games, inspiring creativity by bringing characters to life. They will even make their very own puppet for the performance!
- **Acting (Saturday, 8-10 year olds):** : These classes stimulate children's imagination and expand creativity through pantomime, theater games, and creating skits for performances.
- **Plays: From the How to the Bow (8-10 year olds):** Being part of a play-creating process can open your eyes to all of the aspects of acting. Writing, directing, stage crew, and, of course, performing. Which role will be your favorite? Everyone is a star!
- **Improv: Spontaneous Acting! (8-10 yr olds):** The children create their own scenes and characters by responding to the teacher's suggested situations; teamwork is encouraged and builds confidence. Improvisation is a lot like taking your brain to the gym and working up a sweat with your imagination!

Music

- **Acting with Music (5-7 year olds):** For younger children, this class uses acting games and improvisation, as well as singing songs to inspire the love of performing.
- **Musical Time Machine (8-10 yr olds):** Students will sing a variety of styles of music and play instruments (tambourines, hand drums and xylophones), from the jazz classics of the 1940s to the classic rock and roll of the 1960s to the Broadway hits of today and everything in between.
- **A Musical Menu (5-7 year olds):** Children will explore a variety of musical concepts with fun food-related songs and games.

Dance

- **Ballet:** Students are introduced to the basics of ballet technique and learn performance pieces based on the movements learned in class. **Leather ballet shoes, leotard and tights are required.**
- **Hip Hop (8-10 year olds):** This popular dance style is choreographed for 8-10 year olds. **Jazz shoes and stretchy pants (not jeans) are required for class.**
- **Poetic Hip Hop (5-7 year olds):** A high energy dance class choreographed to the words of African American writers. Stretchy pants (no jeans) are required for class; **gym shoes or jazz shoes** can be worn.
- **African Dance and Drums (7-11 year olds):** Dancers and drummers work together to create authentic dances and rhythms of Africa. Dancers wear **shorts and a T-shirt and dance barefoot.**

Art

- **1st and 2nd grade:** Students will experiment with **color** creating oil crayon drawings, paintings and sculptures. They will learn to mix primary colors to make secondary colors and discover how complementary colors can fool the eye. The final large project will be a framed acrylic painting.
- **3rd and 4th grade:** Students will discover how **color** is used in art to express feelings and ideas. Students will create a variety of art including drawing, painting and sculpture, while learning about famous artists and styles of art that emphasize **color.**
- **Photography (3rd and 4th grade):** Students will explore photography by studying famous photographers, taking photos, then manipulating them to do art projects with the photos.