



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

DANCE • MUSIC • THEATER • VISUAL ARTS
CREATIVE ARTS THERAPIES • OUTREACH



LOOK INSIDE FOR DETAILS ON THE WIDE RANGE OF
DYNAMIC CLASSES AND PROGRAMS AT BECK CENTER
AGES Birth - 99+ YEARS

WELCOME!

Welcome to Beck Center for the Arts. **We create art experiences** for all ages and abilities. We are committed to providing arts education programs designed to challenge and stimulate creativity. Each week, we are thrilled to reach over **3,000 individuals** who are broadening their horizons by taking part in our arts education programs. We offer **over 300 classes, lessons, and programs** in dance, music, theater, visual arts, as well as offerings in outreach education and creative arts therapies.

We've all seen the statistics about the value of arts education and participation. Children do better in school and score higher on tests, young professionals are more likely to be financially successful, and adults are more creative and productive workers.

Join us in introducing your child to the joy of making music, dancing, learning a monologue, or creating a one-of-a-kind piece of visual art. It's time for you to step into the world of the arts by enrolling in a class for adults. Bring a friend or two, and make time for yourself. **At Beck Center the possibilities are boundless.**

Beck Center's outstanding faculty and staff look forward to creating art with you. View our complete catalog and easy online registration at **beckcenter.org**, or stop by our arts campus in Lakewood and our Customer Service staff will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,
Edward P. Gallagher, MT-BC
Director of Education



Winner or finalist of "Best of the West"
for Music and for Dance/Theater
Instruction from 2008 to present in
Cleveland Magazine.

ARTS SAMPLER FIELD TRIPS

"Outreach programs allow students to be artists for the day. Whether it is getting their hands covered in clay, performing a dance, putting together a theater scene, or playing in a drum circle, they express their individuality. Above all else, everyone is an artist."

– RACHEL SPENCE, Associate Director of Outreach Education

Our Outreach Education program provides exposure to a comprehensive arts education experience in a fun, creative, and educational setting. Opportunities include field trips, residencies, assemblies, and workshops for schools, social service agencies, libraries, and other community organizations.



In our Arts Sampler Field Trip, students will rotate through different art forms, getting hands-on experience in mini classes covering visual arts, theater, music, and dance. In several 25 minute sessions across two hours, students will become artists, actors, musicians, and dancers! Our comprehensive program, made up of over 80 artists, offers experiences in dance, music, theater, and visual arts.



Programming is available for elementary through high school students.



A FIELD TRIP TO BECK CENTER...

Arts Sampler is a completely participatory field trip where K-8 students can experience many areas of visual and performing arts firsthand. These field trips are available throughout the school year and during the summer for public and private schools, day camps, and child care centers. Activities are also available for Scout troops.

Outreach Education programs are custom-designed to fit any classroom's grade, size, and curriculum needs.

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DANCE

preballet | ballet | pointe | hip hop | jazz
kids-n-dance | contemporary | tap



Beck Center's Dance Program is one of the most comprehensive and well-respected in Northeast Ohio. Our students train with top faculty members, including a former Radio City Rockette and Miss Dance Michigan. Many go on to perform professionally throughout their careers. All benefit from the discipline and dedication instilled in the dance classroom.

Our programs foster a love of movement that builds confidence, coordination, and creativity through age-appropriate sessions of early childhood classes in preschool dance, preballet, and Kids-N-Dance.

The youth and teen division's comprehensive program includes 7 levels of Ballet, 5 levels of Pointe, 5 levels of Jazz, 5 levels of Tap, 5 levels of Contemporary, and 3 levels of Hip Hop. Classes exclusively for adults include ballet, tap, musical theater jazz, contemporary, yoga, and Body Beautiful.

For more information and to register online visit beckcenter.org or call 216.521.2540 x10

CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS

Mon-Thu	9 AM to 8 PM
Fri & Sat	9 AM to 5 PM
Sun	12 PM to 4 PM

Performing opportunities include two annual dance performances with participation by audition and end of the year productions for all early childhood, youth, and teen students. In addition, students may audition for the Beck Center Dance Workshop, a classically-based company for students 11-18.

CENTURIES OF EXCELLENCE

Our highly qualified and caring faculty of dance professionals has over 250 years invested in the dance classroom!

MUSIC

voice | piano | guitar | percussion | kids-n-tunes
woodwinds | strings | brass | ensembles | songwriting



EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES are designed to expose children from birth to 6 years to musical instruments and simple music concepts that will encourage future musical growth.



GROUP CLASSES & ENSEMBLES are a good way for beginners to experience an instrument and work with other students who are also beginning their musical journey, or for intermediate to advanced musicians to apply their skills and build their musicianship by joining an ensemble.



PRIVATE LESSONS are offered to those picking up a new instrument or improving their ability on an instrument they are already studying. Our music staff and instructors are an accomplished group who have years of experience helping musicians of all ages discover their true potential on a wide variety of instruments and in singing. Open enrollment is available throughout the year.



SHOWCASES are performance opportunities for adults, faculty, and students of all ages to share their progress with family and friends. All Music Department showcases are open to the public and typically held on our campus.

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THEATER

acting | improvisation | musical theater
playwriting | shakespeare

Our Theater Education training and productions are as eclectic as the students who study with us. Our classes teach a “core” of the fundamentals - acting, singing, dance, and improvisation — along with unique electives to expand one’s repertoire. Students will explore the elements of stage performance through theater games, exercises, and scene study.

We strive to offer curriculum that presents a variety of approaches and methodology to aid the beginning — as well as experienced — actor in finding their true ability.



YOUTH THEATER

Founded in 1948, Beck Center Youth Theater is one of the oldest and highest regarded youth theater programs in the country. Providing four, fully-produced shows per year, eligible students are able to apply their classroom knowledge to the practical needs of the stage. We strive to provide a professional, inclusive, and welcoming environment for students of all ages, experience levels, and abilities.

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PRIVATE COACHING

(Ages 13 to Adult) Instructor: Sarah Clare | The Associate Director of Theater Education will be offering private coaching sessions. These scheduled work times are intended for the serious theater student in which to prepare materials for auditions and college applications. To schedule a time, contact Sarah at 216.521.2540 x27.

VISUAL ARTS

watercolor | painting | drawing | cartooning
life drawing | pottery | mixed media | illustration



The visual arts programs at Beck Center provide the fundamentals of a variety of fine arts disciplines. These classes provide opportunities for all age ranges to engage in the arts. Our instructors are responsive to the individual needs of each student providing one-on-one learning experiences that lead to innovation and creativity.

Visual arts classes are offered in sessions of 7-9 weeks, year-round. Register for two sessions together at a discounted rate!

Many of our visual arts classes are designed to be taken in multiple sessions that allow students to develop the skills needed to create wonderful artworks. Our pottery, drawing, and painting classes are structured to encourage repetition so that the foundation of technical and materials skills improve and creativity thrives. These classes also cultivate basic life skills that can be used every day, while enriching our communities with the beauty of art.



ON DISPLAY

Beck Center for the Arts welcomes you to enjoy our year-round exhibits by local, regional, and internationally acclaimed artists in our Jean Bulicek Galleria and throughout our campus. As always, all exhibits are free and open to the public.

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CREATIVE ARTS THERAPIES

adapted classes, private art therapy and music therapy sessions for individuals with disabilities

The Creative Arts Therapies department creates accessible art experiences with people across the lifespan, from early childhood to older adults, including those with disabilities, by enhancing their quality of life through the use of the arts. 1,500 individuals are served each week in this capacity. Using art and music as a therapeutic tool, individuals address academic, motor, emotional, and social skills as well as develop talents in the fine arts. Each participant receives individualized attention with personally designed goals tailored to meet their particular needs. Weekly sessions are offered on an individual, paired, or group basis.



CONTRACTUAL & CONSULTATION SERVICES

Our services are available to community-based agencies, schools, early childhood centers, adult activity centers, and health care facilities throughout Northeast Ohio. Services may include art therapy, music therapy, and adapted programs in theater. Our staff members are prepared to work with all organizations to provide effective and meaningful programs.

These services are offered on an ongoing weekly basis or on a one-time basis for a special event, field trip, or performance. Services can be started at any time throughout the year.

An assessment/interview is required prior to registration. For further information or to schedule an assessment, contact Lauren Travillian, Associate Director of Creative Arts Therapies at **216.521.2540 x34** | Ltravillian@beckcenter.org

JOIN US TODAY

So what are you waiting for? With 300+ classes and programs, we have the perfect fit for you!

WHERE TO REGISTER:

- BECKCENTER.ORG
- Customer Service - Main Building, First Floor: 216.521.2540 x10
- For Private Lessons: 216.521.2540 x17



REGISTRATION POLICIES & TUITION:

TUITION: Payment in full must accompany all class registrations unless a payment schedule has been approved in advance. Convenient payment plans can be arranged by contacting Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Students whose tuition is past due may not register for classes in the following sessions. There is no registration fee for education programs.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Beck Center believes the arts should be accessible and provides financial assistance to those that qualify. Contact Customer Service at 216-521-2540 x 10 or Ed Gallagher at 216-521-2540 x12 for details.

CLASSES: Early Childhood Through Adult

We offer Early Childhood classes for children and their caregivers from birth to six years as an introduction to the arts in developmentally appropriate contexts. Classes encourage play, creativity, cooperation, attention, and provide caregivers with activities to continue at home. For adults, we offer a range of classes including private and group sessions for those who wish to hone their skills, or make new connections and work with likeminded artists.

MEET OUR EDUCATION TEAM

EDWARD P. GALLAGHER, MT-BC *Director of Education*
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Ed received his Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy from the Cleveland Music Therapy Consortium and Cleveland State University and founded Beck's Creative Arts Therapies program in 1994. He has served as past president of the Great Lakes Region of the American Music Therapy Association, and serves on committees of several community organizations including the Cleveland Arts Education Consortium. He has been recognized by the City of Lakewood for bringing the healing power of music to the community.

JESSICA FIRING *Assistant Director of Education, Music & Visual Arts*
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Jessica has a Master of Science in Arts Administration from Boston University and a Bachelor of Music in Violin Performance from Baldwin Wallace University. She oversees our Music Education and Visual Art programs while still teaching violin and art classes. Her administrative background began in development and fundraising in both Cleveland and Boston, and she has also guided arts programming and camps for youth through adults. Her teaching is based in the Suzuki Method with the philosophy that anyone can learn the arts. She is an active member of the American String Teachers Association.

SARAH CLARE *Associate Director of Theater Education*
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Sarah has a Bachelor's in Dramatic Arts from Cleveland State University, and went through the teacher licensing program at Baldwin Wallace University. She's worked for over a decade with youth in area public schools, and theaters including Cassidy Theater. Sarah also directs one Youth Theater play or musical throughout the year. In addition to directing, Sarah works as a choreographer, teacher, costume designer, and properties master.

LAUREN TRAVILLIAN, MT-BC *Associate Director of Creative Arts Therapies*
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Lauren graduated from the University of Dayton with a degree in Music Therapy and Psychology, working with children of all ages with disabilities, women diagnosed with substance abuse disorder, and older adults on a memory support unit. She completed her music therapy internship at University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital where she worked with hospitalized patients to provide relaxation and self-expression.

MELANIE SZUCS *Associate Director of Dance Education*
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Melanie has been an instructor in jazz and ballet for over 30 years and serves as the director and choreographer of the Beck Center Dance Workshop. In her early years, she was named Miss Dance Michigan and performed as a soloist with Dance Detroit; she studied with George Zorich and on full scholarship with the School of Cleveland Ballet.

RACHEL SPENCE *Associate Director of Outreach Education*
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Rachel is enthusiastic about arts education since being a professional teaching artist starting in 1987. Prior to Beck Center, Rachel was a theater instructor for Strongsville City Schools, Huntington Playhouse, and director of the Children's Theater with the Royalton Players. As a youth theater playwright, she has written thousands of speaking roles for Beck Center, area school productions, and summer camps across the country. With an extensive resume in both television and theater, Rachel is a consistently working actor and was named Best Actress in a Musical by Christine Howey in 2008.

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