

Education and Community Programs

Arts Teach



More than 75 professional artists in music, dance, theater and visual arts from around the globe who specialize in performing for school assemblies, family nights, student workshops, teacher professional development and residencies. Arts Teach is an enriching arts-in-education program that provides the wonder and excitement of live performance and hands-on activities.

ArtsConnect



ArtsConnect provides experiences that impact students on many levels. As they learn an art form they also strengthen their academics, social skills and study habits. Teaching artists lead specialized lessons in dance, music, theater and visual art that integrate with other subjects. The residencies are customized to meet the needs of the students, from those in a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, to second language learners. These partnerships include trainings for classroom teachers on how to teach the arts, parent nights that invite the entire family to bond through shared art experiences, and field trips for students to see live performances at the Center.

Family Series



Professional artists from around the world perform shows that are specifically for family audiences. The Discovery Series, designed for children ages 4 to 8 and the Explorer Series is geared for children ages 7 and older. Performances also include free, fun activities for family to enjoy together before and after the shows.

Audience Engagement



Engaging events and projects reach new and returning audiences with preview talks, pre-show activities and post show discussions with moderators and or cast members. They also give young people and their parents more opportunities to play creatively together.

On Stage at the Center



Bringing local students to see distinguished performing arts companies from around the world present educational programming. These shows are designed as a starting point to stimulate greater understanding and appreciation of the performing arts. Teacher guides and student activity guides are developed for each event to continue the learning experience after the performance.

Masters at the Center



Intimate classes allow career-bound students to interact with world-class artists and receive immediate feedback serving their aspirations for a professional career in the arts. Artists from Broadway, jazz, classical music and the world's leading dance companies lead these classes at the Center.

Summer at the Center



This nationally recognized program gives at-risk high school students opportunities to experience the performing arts while learning to achieve goals, relate to others and build self-esteem. The intensive two-week workshop culminates with a free performance open to the public.

Summer Camps



Taught by some of the industry's leading professional artists and educators, these programs focus on building a strong foundation and technique in Broadway music, scene work and dance as well as an introduction to the business aspects of working as a professional theater actor.

Special Projects



Educator Professional Development: This Center program offers seminars and workshops at the Center and in schools present unique approaches to teaching with the arts, skill and technique building in the arts, resource information and assessment strategies.

Internships: Professional experiences in Development, Education, Marketing, and Theater Operations. Interns also attend bi-weekly sessions that are led by executives of the Center to learn about the different parts of the organization and how they work together.

Docents



Free docent-guided tours offer opportunities to learn about the Center's history while exploring backstage and behind-the-scenes areas. Tours offer an 'insiders' look into the world of theater, music and dance, and are ideal for both locals and visitors of all ages.

Community Events



Partnerships with community organizations bring artists to events off-site. These include project with OC Dept. of Education, CHOC, St. Joseph's Hospital, UCI, Cal State Fullerton, Camp Pendleton, AIDS Services Foundation, Phoenix House and many other community organizations and schools.