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TUSCALOOSA 2019-2020
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to SPECTRA (Special Teaching Resources in the Arts), The Arts Council of Tuscaloosa’s guide to educational opportunities in the arts for your classroom in 2019-2020. This publication includes lists of both teaching artists and groups that offer programs in visual and performing arts plus the humanities. Activities are available for K-12 and are coded to indicate enhancement vs integration, the arts category, academic area, and social enhancement area that are specific to that program or activity. Additional opportunities include competitions and grants.

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Spectra Programming in this Brochure
With the exception of field trips, email Sharron Rudowski at education@tuscarts.org to schedule an activity for your classroom or school assembly.

West Alabama Arts Education Collaborative
Contact Shannon McCue for Artist in Residence opportunities for grades K-12 at 205-345-9802 or alctusc@tuscarts.org

In addition to Spectra programming listed in this brochure, residencies through the West Alabama Arts Education Collaborative are also available. These involve trained artists who prepare classroom teachers to teach their subject matter using arts integration. Arts Integration is always the focus instead of Arts Enhancement in these multi-week sessions that take place in the classroom in a team teaching format between the teacher and the visiting artist.
As a teacher, how do you choose arts activities for your class? From visual art and music to theatre, dance, and literary arts, our community offers programming in all categories to meet your classroom needs. Activities are labeled for Enhancement, Integration, or both.

**ENHANCEMENT**

Arts Enhancement encourages student creativity, motivation, and retention of selected non-arts learning targets.

**INTEGRATION**

Arts integration is an approach to teaching and learning through which content standards are taught and assessed equitably in both arts and non-arts learning targets. You must teach and assess both standards equitably and intentionally for arts integration to occur.
This guide provides a system of curriculum codes that will allow you to make appropriate programming choices for your classroom needs. These codes will be listed adjacent to the title of the activity or program and will reflect 1. integration vs. enhancement (black) 2. the area of the arts represented (red) 3. the academic areas of study represented (blue) and 4. social concepts available to the students (green). Activities or performances can include one or more codes in the arts area, academics, and social concepts.

**EXAMPLE**

**Activity Title**  
ALABAMA BLUES PROJECT

**Codes**  
AE | M | SS | CC, DA

**Description**  
History comes alive through music. The history of the Blues is presented highlighting important time periods in Alabama History. This 45 minute interactive program entertains and educates up to 500 students. **GRADES: K-12  FEE: $350**
1. Select a program or activity and determine the number of students and teachers to be served. 
2. Choose dates/times with a second and third choice in case your first choice isn’t available. 
3. Let us know if special accommodations are needed for any student. 
4. Email education@tuscarts.org (preferable) or call Sharron Rudowski, Education Director, at 205-345-9801 with the information listed above. 

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR ACTIVITIES LISTED UNDER “FIELD TRIPS,” PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE PRESENTING ORGANIZATION.

SPECTRA artists are highly skilled professionals selected not only for artistic excellence, but also for the ability to communicate effectively with young people.

• Our artists adapt to your space.
• Space needs are flexible.
• Program lengths vary.
• Some programs offered in workshop format only, which involves a classroom-size group.

KEEP IN MIND...

• Teachers must remain with students for the duration of all activities.
• For classroom activities, artist fee is per class (session).
• Prices for each event vary and are listed with each program description.
• When maximum numbers are exceeded, the program fee may increase.
• Federal Mileage Rates may apply for some programs.
• Programs are scheduled subject to the availability of the artists.
• Have your school’s calendar, daily schedule and enrollment figures when calling.
• A confirmation/invoice will be sent after scheduling.
• Payment due two weeks prior to requested activity date.

WHAT IF I HAVE TO CANCEL?

• All scheduled and confirmed programs are considered binding.
• Two weeks’ notice must be given by the school if the program is to be rescheduled.
• Should illness, inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances prevent the artist from performing, The Arts Council will offer the school the option to reschedule or receive a full refund.

All information in this publication appears online at www.tuscarts.org.
TUSCALOOSA CHILDREN’S THEATRE
WEBSITE: tuscalosachildrenstheatre.org
RESERVATIONS CONTACT: Shelly Jones at 345-4360
FEE: $2.50 per student
LOCATION: Bama Theatre

A. “Annie Jr.” AE | D, M, T, VA | SS | CC, DA
Based on the popular comic strip and adapted from the Tony Award-winning Best Musical, little orphan Annie charms everyone’s hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. Annie is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. Annie eventually foils Miss Hannigan, finding a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy. GRADES: K-12 SCHOOL SHOW DATES & TIMES: Oct. 2-4 at 9 a.m. & 12 p.m.

B. “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer” AE | M, T, VA | SS | CC, DA
The story of a fourteen-year-old boy growing up in the heartland of America, based on the classic novel. Filled with foot-stomping, toe-tapping songs, this musical adventure is a tale of thrilling escapes, comedy and inspiration for the whole family. Set in 1840 Missouri, this is the tale of young Sawyer and the mischief of which he so often finds himself a part. Aunt Polly, Huckleberry Finn, and his love interest, Becky Thatcher, all play a role in the greatest Tom Sawyer exploits that are plucked from the book and plopped on the stage. GRADES: K-12 SCHOOL SHOW DATES & TIMES: April 22-24, 2020 at 9 a.m. & 12 p.m.

THEATRE TUSCALOOSA
WEBSITE: www.theatretusc.com/about-us/programs/school-matinees/
RESERVATIONS CONTACT: 205-391-2277
FEE: $3 per student; one $3 teacher/chaperone per 10 students; $10 per additional chaperone
LOCATION: Bean Brown Theatre at SSCC
INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANCE: Free study guide provided to teachers prior to trip including historical context, information about the playwright, discussion questions, etc.

A. “Steel Magnolias” AE | D, M, T | SS | SEL
In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the movie premiere, we bring this iconic story back to our stage. Truvy’s beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, is where all the ladies come to have their hair done. Truvy says, “Laughter through tears is my favorite emotion,” and there is plenty of both in this moving tale about the underlying strength that drives these Southern women. GRADES: MS-HS SCHOOL SHOW DATE & TIME: October 9 at 9 a.m.

B. “The Watsons Go to Birmingham” AE | D, M, T | SS | CC, DA, SEL
It’s 1963 in Flint, Michigan, and ten-year-old Kenny’s peaceful world is about to turn upside down. His parents are planning a family road trip to take his rebellious older brother, Byron, to Birmingham to learn some manners from strict Grandma Sands. In this relatable, funny, and touching story of an African-American family, tragedy turns to hope and faith. GRADES: MS-HS SCHOOL SHOW DATES & TIMES: Dec. 11 at 9 a.m.

C. “Crowns” AE | D, M, T | SS | CC, DA, SEL
Creation or evolution? Faith or Science? Based on the events of the famous Scopes Monkey Trials, Inherit the Wind pits two hot-shot lawyers against one another as the state prosecutes a teacher for discussing the theory of evolution in the classroom. GRADES: MS-HS SCHOOL SHOW DATE & TIME: Feb. 19, 2020 at 9 a.m.
THE ACTOR’S CHARITABLE THEATRE-
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER’S “CATS”
AE | D, M, T, VA | CC
WEBSITE: http://theactonline.com
RESERVATIONS CONTACT: hello@theactonline.com
FEE: $4 per student
LOCATION: Bama Theatre
Based on T.S. Eliot’s whimsical collection of poems, Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats, Andrew Lloyd Webber’s popular musical brings together a tribe of Jellicle Cats on a moonlit evening, who must make the “Jellicle choice” to decide which of them will ascend to the mysterious Heaviside Layer to be reborn. A magical, moving, and often hilarious glimpse into the lives of others, Cats takes Eliot’s lyrical poetry and puts it into the mouths of a diverse company of singing, dancing felines.
GRADES: K-12
SCHOOL SHOW DATES & TIMES: September 6 at 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

TUSCALOOSA COMMUNITY DANCERS
“NUTCRACKER” BALLET ACT I
AE | D,M,T,VA | CC
WEBSITE: www.tuscaloosadancers.com
RESERVATIONS CONTACT: 205-345-9801 or education@tuscarts.org
FEE: $5 per child/person
LOCATION: Bama Theatre
Clara, Godfather Drosselmeyer, the Mouse King, and the Nutcracker are all characters in this Christmas classic. The music of Tchaikovsky combined with the sparkle, costumes and incredible talent of local dancers make this a production not to be missed. 1 hour in length.
GRADES: K-12 DATE & TIME: December 13 at 9:30 a.m.

TUSCALOOSA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
FAMILY DISCOVERY YOUNG PERSON’S
CONCERTS: “WILSON GAVE ME SPACE”
AE | M | SS | CC, DA
WEBSITE: www.tsoonline.org
RESERVATIONS CONTACT: 205-752-5515
FEE: Free
LOCATION: Moody Music Bldg. on the UA Campus
Take flight on a rocket to space with music by composer Kenyon Wilson. We will take you on a journey that you will never forget as you learn about music and space travel in the Alabama premiere of this new work.
GRADES: 4-8
DATE & TIME: March 29, 2020 at 9, 10, & 11 a.m.

TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC ART INITIATIVE:
“MONSTER TAKEOVER”
AE | M | SS | AE, VA, SEL
WEBSITE: www.monstertakeover.com for locations
INSTAGRAM: @PublicArtTuscaloosa or #publicarttuscaloosa
RESERVATIONS CONTACT: Not required
FEE: Free
LOCATION: Government Plaza, Downtown Businesses, and Riverwalk
Founded to encourage creativity in local elementary students through visual art, Monster Makeover has been expanded to Monster Takeover with small scale bronze sculptures displayed throughout downtown Tuscaloosa. Based on student drawings of playful monsters and creatures and an artist’s interpretation, the sculptures are strategically placed for a scavenger hunt experience.
GRADES: K-12
DATE & TIME: Daylight hours year round
FIELD TRIPS

UA SCHOOL OF MUSIC   AE | M | SS | CC,DA
WEBSITE: www.music.ua.edu
RESERVATIONS CONTACT: 205-348-6741
LOCATION: Moody Music Bldg. on the UA Campus
Option 1. UA large ensembles (orchestra, band, choir) will allow your student group to attend University ensemble dress rehearsals on campus. Your students will gain an appreciation for many types of music and preparation of concerts. Must pre-arrange attendance.
FEE: No cost
Option 2. UA School of Music faculty, staff and/or music students (classical or jazz) share information about their career with short musical demonstrations in a 45-60 minute presentation on campus or at your site. Days/times vary.
FEE: No cost
Option 3. On campus: Private music lessons, group classes, ensembles, Kindermusik, for all ages and abilities. Cost varies.
www.cms.music.ua.edu Contact Dr. Jane Weigel at jweigel@ua.edu or 348-6741

TUSCALOOSA FEDERAL BUILDING
AI | VA | SS | CC
WEBSITE: www.alnd.uscourts.gov/content/tuscaloosa
RESERVATIONS CONTACT: 205-345-9801 or education@tuscaloosa.org
FEE: Free
LOCATION: 2005 University Blvd.
The facility features 16 (14’ x 9’) murals located on the second floor and painted by artist Caleb O’Connor. The subject matter includes depictions of the history and industrial growth of Tuscaloosa, North Alabama and the nation. Judicial tours are also offered. Tours can accommodate groups up to 50.
GRADEs: All ages
DATE & TIME: Weekdays by appointment

MOUNDVILLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK
WEBSITE: www.moundville.ua.edu
CONTACT: 205-348-8732
FEE: Varies per tour
LOCATION: Museum of Natural History: 427 6th Ave. on the UA campus; Moundville Archaeological Park: 634 Mound State Parkway, Moundville
Field trips to the Alabama Museum of Natural History are tailored to fit the needs of your group. Call to schedule a tour. The 320-acre Moundville Archaeological Park features the Jones Archaeological Museum; preserves 26 prehistoric, Mississippian-era Indian Mounds; and presents the Moundville Native American Heritage Days.
GRADEs: All ages
DATE & TIME: Various; Reservations required

MOUNDVILLE NATIVE AMERICAN FESTIVAL
AE | D, M, VA | SS | CC,DA
WEBSITE: www.moundville.ua.edu
CONTACT: 205-348-8732
FEE: $10 for Students and Seniors, $12 for adults; Group rate of $8 per student available with preregistration; Bus drivers and 1 teacher per 15 students receives free admission
LOCATION: Moundville Archaeological Park, 634 Mound State Parkway
Native American performers, demonstrators, and living history teachers come to teach and celebrate Native American culture. Stomp dancing, social dancing, hoop dancing, and Native American music and storytelling will be performed! Learn about weapons and how to throw an atlatl. Learn about pottery firing, textiles, bead work, and many other crafts. Face painting and make and take crafts provided. Crafts and food vendors on site.
GRADEs: 3rd Grade and up
DATES: Oct. 9-12, 2019
TIMEs: Wed.-Thurs: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fri.-Sat.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
CHILDREN’S HANDS-ON MUSEUM
AE | M, VA | SS, STEM | CC
WEBSITE: www.chomonline.org
RESERVATIONS CONTACT: 205-349-4235
FEE: Charged
LOCATION: 2213 University Blvd.
CHOM offers a wide variety of educational opportunities and programs for students, preschool-6th grade. Resources expand the school curriculum and enrich cultural and social education. Each visit is unique and participatory, and with teacher input, the museum staff will gear the visit toward class objectives.
GRADES: Pre K-8 DATE & TIME: Various

KENTUCK ART CENTER AE | VA
WEBSITE: www.kentuck.org
RESERVATIONS CONTACT: 205-758-1257 or email kentuck@kentuck.org
FEE: Varies
LOCATION: 503 Main Ave., Northport
The nationally recognized Kentuck Art Center offers the Artists in the Schools program to third grade students in Tuscaloosa City & County Schools on the Friday morning before the Kentuck Festival of the Arts in October. Kentuck Art Center also offers after school and summer art programs for children. For information about having an artist visit your school or to sign up for children’s art programs, contact the center.

GALLERY TOURS AE | VA | SS | CC, DA
RESERVATIONS CONTACT: Sharron Rudowski at education@tuscarts.org or 205-345-9801
FEE: Free
LOCATION: Various
Field trips to local art galleries are available in Tuscaloosa. The informational tours include select visits to Harrison Galleries, O’Connor Studio, Paul R. Jones Collection, the galleries at the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center, and the U.S. Federal Building Murals. GRADES: Ages 6 and up DATE & TIME: Weekdays by appointment

DID YOU KNOW?
Students engaged in arts learning have higher GPAs and standardized test scores, and lower drop-out rates. The Department of Education reports that access to arts education for students of color is significantly lower than for their white peers, and has declined for three decades. Yet, research shows that low socioeconomic status students have even greater increases in academic performance, college-going rates, college grades, and holding jobs with a future. 88 percent of Americans believe that arts are part of a well-rounded K-12 education.
POETRY RECITATION COMPETITION
(POETRY OUT LOUD)
AE | CW | LA | CC,DA
WEBSITE: http://tuscarts.org/poetryoutloud
CONTACT: Sharron Rudowski at education@tuscarts.org or 345-9801
FEE: Free with prizes awarded
1. Students write and recite their own original poetry in one category, recite poems chosen from a list of favorite authors in another, or do both. Free workshops included on both writing poetry and reciting.
GRADE: High School
TUSCALOOSA DATES:
In School Competitions: by October 18, 2019
Student Entry forms due: October 21
Finding Your Voice Workshop: October 22 at Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center
Regional Competition: November 14 at DWCAC
Student Entry Forms from Regional Winners for State Competition: December 13
Intensive Coaching for Regional Winners: January 23, 2020 at DWCAC
State Competition: February 17, 2020 in Montgomery
Sponsored by NEA, Poetry Foundation, Alabama State Council on the Arts, and The Arts Council

VISUAL ART ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS COMPETITION
AE | VA
WEBSITE: tuscarts.org/competition-visualachievement
CONTACT: Sharron Rudowski at education@tuscarts.org or 345-9801
FEE: Free
The VAA Program provides an opportunity for middle and high school students to receive local and state recognition for their achievements in visual arts. It also provides opportunities for 12th grade students who have excelled and plan to continue their education in the art field to receive financial assistance through portfolio submissions. There are 7 classifications: painting, drawing, printmaking, mixed media, 3D-craft, photography, and computer images. Art teachers select the most creative and technically executed work done in their classes and send those pieces for district judging and exhibition. Art selected at the district levels will comprise the statewide exhibition and competition. Each teacher may submit no more than twelve pieces. Only one piece per student will be accepted.
GRADE: 6-12; Students from private studios are not eligible to submit work through their studio instructors.
TUSCALOOSA DATES:
Accept Entries: February 3-7, 2020
Exhibit: February 17-March 10 at Bama Theatre
Closing Reception: March 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Portfolio Due: March 2
Artwork Pickup: from close of reception through March 29
State Exhibit in Montgomery: April 1-24
State Awards Ceremony in Montgomery: April 24
Sponsored by ASCA, and The Arts Council

DOUBLE EXPOSURE STATEWIDE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION JUNIOR DIVISION
AE | VA
WEBSITE: https://tuscarts.org/competition-doubleexposure.php
CONTACT: Sharron Rudowski at education@tuscarts.org or 345-9801
Open to middle and high school students statewide.
Students are not required to be enrolled in photography or art classes to participate.
FEE: $35 per student for up to three images with prizes awarded
GRADE: 6-12
Accept Entries by Email: December 2-6, 2019
Deliver Accepted Original Work to Bama Theatre: January 8-14, 2020
Exhibit: January 21-February 9 at Bama Theatre
Closing Reception: February 9 at Bama Theatre
Sponsored by The Arts Council

Two Grant Programs
1) Teachers employed by K-12 schools within Tuscaloosa County are eligible to apply for funding for art related projects (dance, theatre, music, visual art, literary) through the Arts in Education Grant. Applications are made through The Arts Council with funding distributed by the Community Foundation of West Alabama.
2) Teachers in the Tuscaloosa City and County School Systems are also encouraged to apply for Small Grants which are earmarked specifically for an arts project or activity. Information is available to individuals or groups interested in applying to these grant programs by visiting the Arts Council office or calling 345-9801. The deadline for applying for funds for projects in 2019-2020 school year is October 1, 2019.
Visit tuscarts.org/smallgrants for more information.