

2024-2025 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

# AWESOMEPLAYS

All programs will be held in the Performance Hall located inside Mitchell Museum at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Attendance for all daytime performances is by reservation only.

**TO MAKE RESERVATIONS**

for your class or school call 618.242-1236 ext. 248 or email: [tracy@cedarhurst.org](mailto:tracy@cedarhurst.org). You will receive an email confirmation from Cedarhurst five (5) weeks before the performance date. Fee: \$3.50 per student. Please verify the number of students stated in your reservation is correct as this is the number of students you will be billed for. Reservation cancellations must be made 1 month prior to the performance date to avoid being invoiced for the reservations. Your group is allowed one free adult admission for every 15 students.

November 7, 2024

**LARRY YAZZIE: NATIVE PRIDE DANCER**

9:00, 10:30 & 1:00 | GRADES K - 8

Colorful regalia, pulsating drumming, and fancy footwork are part of the excitement of a Native American powwow. Feel this excitement and experience the artistry of The Native Pride Dancer, Larry Yazzie, CEO, Founder, and Artistic Director of Native Pride Productions, Inc. as he performs flamboyant movements passed down by their ancestors thru song and dance. Yazzie strives to educate and entertain audiences of all ages throughout the world about the beauty, skill, and majesty of Native American music and dance.



**CURRICULUM TIE-INS: Native American History | History | Social Studies**

February 26, 2025

**HEROES OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD- BRIGHT STAR THEATER**

10:00 & 1:00 | GRADES 3 - 8

During one of the darkest periods of American History, thousands of enslaved people undertook a harrowing journey to find freedom. That story comes to life in Bright Star Theater's stage production: Heroes of the Underground Railroad. This play highlights several of the heroic stories of the brave men and women who dared to escape slavery, and the abolitionists who risked everything to aid them along the way. Students will be amazed at the bravery and dedication of Harriet Tubman, Henry "Box" Brown, Frederick Douglass, Levi Coffin, and John Parker in this incredible show of true American Heroes.



**CURRICULUM TIE-INS: Black History | History | Social Studies**

March 26, 2025

**NUMBER THE STARS**

10:00 & 1:00 | GRADES 5 - 8

A thrilling true-life adventure about doing the right thing to save your friend - even if it puts your own life at stake. When the Nazis invaded Denmark in the 1940s, Jewish families were generally left alone, unlike other parts of western Europe. But all of that changed suddenly in 1943, and when the call went out to round up Denmark's Jewish families, thousands of non-Jewish Danes worked together to smuggle their Jewish friends and neighbors across the water to neutral Sweden, and safety. That true series of events forms the basis of GreatWorks Theatre Company's production Number the Stars, based on Lois Lowry's popular book for middle-school readers.



**CURRICULUM TIE-INS: Holocaust | History | Literature**

April 8, 2025

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

10:00 & 1:00 | GRADES K - 3

Embark on a whimsical journey down the rabbit hole with Lewis Carroll and Alice Liddell as your guides! Together, they invite you to explore a topsy-turvy world where nothing is quite as it seems. From the White Rabbit to the Cheshire Cat to the Queen of Hearts, you'll encounter the eccentric inhabitants of Wonderland in Lexington Children's Theatre stage play that's sure to delight and enchant audiences of all ages. Don't be late for this important date!



**CURRICULUM TIE-INS: Literature | Drama | Theater**

May 8 & 9, 2025

**PUPPY PALS!**

10:00 & 1:00 | GRADES K - 8

Puppy Pals is a family fun action-packed show where adopted and rescued dogs perform spectacular stunts and breathtaking feats. Watch as the Puppy Pals team leads the puppies and audience through challenging and comical tricks as the pooches show everyone who is really boss! Full of surprises and laugh-out-loud canine comedy this performance (previously seen on America's Got Talent!) appeals to students of all ages.



**CURRICULUM TIE-IN: Performance**

**Notes in the Classroom**

Get your students inspired through this music program that partners with renowned performers featured in the Cedarhurst Music Series, as well as various school partnerships, to provide master classes, demonstrations, and other unique performing arts programs to students throughout southern Illinois.

- November 8, 2024  
Cuarteto Latinoamericano
- Friday - March 21, 2025  
Konrad Paszkudzki Trio

Scan to read more about these musicians



**TOURS**

Cedarhurst Center for the Arts offers free docent led tours that focus on current exhibitions as well as the Permanent Collection, the Goldman-Kuenz Sculpture Park and the beautiful buildings and grounds at Cedarhurst. Our volunteer docents are qualified professionals, many with an education and art background. Tours are designed to include concepts and skills appropriate to the visiting student or adult group. Docent led tours are available upon request for groups of 10 or more and must be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance. Visit our resource tab on our website to complete an online request and for more information.

[cedarhurst.org/visitor-information.html#TOURS](http://cedarhurst.org/visitor-information.html#TOURS)



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# Student LEARNING PROGRAMS

2024 - 2025



# CLASSACT

FUN CLASSROOM ART PROJECTS WITH A VARIETY OF THEMES AND STUDENT SKILL LEVELS

## LET THE MUSEUM COME TO YOUR CLASSROOM!

Cedarhurst's Education Director offers in-school programs that provide interactive learning experiences, connecting the visual arts with all areas of classroom curricula.

All lessons carry a \$2.50 charge per student. A travel fee (50¢ per mile) is charged for in-school programs presented outside the City of Mt. Vernon.

The Cedarhurst staff instructor will bring all necessary supplies and materials. Classes range from 20 minutes to 45 minutes in length. Please schedule in-school lessons one (1) month in advance!

Call 618.242.1236 ext. 224 or email: [jennifer@cedarhurst.org](mailto:jennifer@cedarhurst.org)

## THE POUT-POUT FISH: CLAY FISH!

GRADES K-4

Students will listen to *The Pout-Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen then create a wonderful fish of their own! Students will learn some fun fishy facts and create fish of their own out of clay. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## EGYPTIAN CLAY CARTOUCHE

GRADES 5-8

NEW!

Learn about hieroglyphics and how they were used during ancient Egyptian times. Students will create their own cartouche using clay and paint. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity.



## WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

GRADES PK-3

NEW!

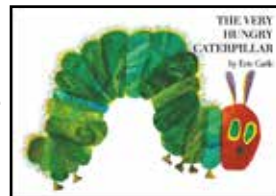
Students will listen to *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak then create a wild monster mask of their own. This simple story entertains as it helps its audience master common fears. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity.



## THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

GRADES PK-3

Students will be drawn into the colorful world of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Using model magic, colored wire and our imagination we will create caterpillars and butterflies of our own! There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## CLAY ROSES

GRADE K-4

This is a perfect activity prior to Valentine Day or Mother's Day. Students will listen to the story *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Rose* by Lucille Colandro or *What Not to Get Your Mother for Mother's Day* by Martha Simpson then create a beautiful rose out of clay. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## AZTEC SUNS

GRADES 3-8

The Aztecs worshiped the Sun god. Students will learn about the art of the Aztecs then create an Aztec sun with unique features and expressions using the popular Mexican Folk Art form of "tooling." There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## DON'T BLINK! CLAY OWL

GRADES K-4

Students will listen to the interactive tale, *Don't Blink!* then create an owl using clay and a variety of tools. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## CLAY GARGOYLES

GRADES 4-8

Gargoyles were sculptures of imaginary beasts created during the Middle Ages. They were located along the roof and downspouts on cathedral buildings. Students will learn about these creatures and create one of their own out of clay. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## BIRCH TREE PAINTINGS

GRADES 4-8

Who doesn't love the stark, bare beauty of birch trees set against the quietness of snow? Learn about birch trees and create a beautiful birch tree painting using watercolors and paint. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## PAINT LIKE POLLOCK!

GRADES 1-8

Roll up your sleeves and get ready to paint! Students will be introduced to American artist, Jackson Pollock. Learn how Jackson worked, what inspired him, and his daily routine. His groundbreaking techniques were influenced by music, nature, and other artists. Though controversial, his splattered abstract paintings were truly unique and innovative for his time. Each student will create their own Pollock inspired painting.



## MAGICAL MONETS

GRADES 1-8

Learn about the artist, Claude Monet and experiment with different painting techniques to create your own amazing "Monet" Painting! There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## PICASSO FLOWERS

GRADES K-3

After reading a short story about the life of Pablo Picasso, students will create a simple painting inspired by his work titled, "Hand with Flowers". There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## CLAY NAME PLAQUES

GRADES K-8

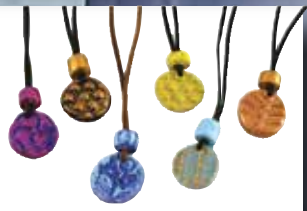
Learn how to use a variety of impression tools and create a personalized plaque using clay. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## SOLE PENDANTS!

GRADES PK-4

Textures are all around us and often they exist right under our noses! In this project, students discover the beauty of textures found in a surprising place... on the sole of their shoes! Students will create pendants using clay, paint and a variety of tools. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

GRADES 3-8

This is a great lesson in which to teach symmetry, line and patterns plus a dive into Mexican culture. The skull is a symbol of Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, a holiday in November that honors the life of a loved one who has died. Students will use the popular Mexican Folk Art form of "tooling" to create a day of the dead inspired work of art. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity.



## NAVAJO POTTERY

GRADES K-8

Native Americans have a long history of making beautiful pottery. Students will study the pottery making of the Navajo, learning about processes used by potters, about the philosophy underlying the making of Navajo pottery, and about the purpose for which various pots are made. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## VAN GOGH SUNFLOWERS

GRADES K-8

Learn about the artist, Vincent Van Gogh and experiment with different painting techniques to create your own amazing sunflower painting! Students will view Van Gogh's paintings to learn the difference between a portrait, landscape, and still life. There will be a short discussion and demonstration of materials use prior to the activity. This class will be adapted to appropriate grade level.



## THANK YOU

### STUDENT PROGRAM SPONSORS:

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## GOOD TO KNOW

### CEDARHURST HOURS:

Tues - Sat 10 am - 5 pm | Sun 1 - 5 pm  
Closed Mondays and national holidays

**FEES:** The performance programs carry a \$3.50 per student fee. Your group is allowed one free adult admission for every 15 students. Extended program fees vary. Guided / self-guided museum tours are free.

**CHAPERONES:** School groups must be accompanied by one chaperone for every 15 students. Designated chaperones must be over 21 years old and accept responsibility for monitoring their group's behavior. Cedarhurst reserves the right to deny admission to any group that is not adequately chaperoned.

**ACCESS:** Cedarhurst Center for the Arts is accessible to those with disabilities. Please advise us if your group has special needs.

**LUNCH ACCOMMODATIONS:** Cedarhurst does not have indoor lunchroom facilities. Weather permitting, groups are welcome bringing sack lunches and use the Museum outdoor patio or the outdoor tables at Shrude Art Center. We can provide info on the parks and restaurants in the area.

**TOOLS FOR TEACHERS:** Invite our Education staff to attend your school staff meeting to learn about the many opportunities we offer southern Illinois schools, e.g. Free tours, Exhibitions, Beck Family School, special programming, children and adult classes.