



Online Resources & Outdoor Events

We want to support our students and our community in any way possible. Enjoy this teacher-curated list of free online resources and in-person events, from art exhibitions to crafts to online step-by-step tutorials, for kids who really love art! Keep checking back for updates. Scroll down for different ages.

Last Updated: 4/19/2024

For Everyone:

ART STEPS YOUNG ARTISTS EXHIBITION RECEPTION

May 4, 2024 at 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Come join us for a Fine Art Exhibition celebrating our talented advanced studies students! The reception will be held at our Laguna Hills Studio. Artworks will be on display from May 4th to May 18th. See you there!

WEBSITE: <https://artstepsclasses.com>

IMPOSSIBLY CLOSE SCULPTURES BY KAZU HIRO

April 20, 2024 – June 23, 2024

Accomplished Los Angeles artist, two time Academy Award winning makeup artist and 2024 Oscar Nominee, Kazu Hiro, explored special effects makeup during his teenage years in Kyoto, Japan. Through a blend of mimicry and trial and error, he refined his craft in Hollywood, ultimately receiving Oscars for his notable contributions to films like "Darkest Hour" and "Bombshell." In a pivotal turn in 2012, Hiro shifted his focus to fine art sculpture, employing materials such as resin and platinum silicone to create remarkable, larger-than-life, hyper-realistic portraits. With unmatched technical skill, Hiro brings his iconic subjects to life, challenging us to confront these larger-than-life personalities face-to-face.

The exhibition "Impossibly Close" features the sculptures of Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo, Abraham Lincoln, and Jimi Hendrix.

WEBSITE: <https://muzeo.org/exhibition/impossibly-close-sculptures-by-kazu-hiro/>

BREA LIBRARY EARTH DAY

April 26, 2024 at 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Join the Brea Library S.T.E.A.M. Club: Fighting Plastic Pollution as part of Earth Day. School-age children are invited to join us as we learn about plastic pollution and what they can do to stop it. Participants will then decorate their own reusable tote bags to take home.

No registration required; tote bags available while supplies last.

WEBSITE: <https://ocpl.libcal.com/event/12259911>

OC DIA DEL NIÑO FESTIVAL

April 27, 2024 at 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The 13th OC Día del Niño Festival returns to the newly reopened Hunt Branch Library in Fullerton. Creatives of all ages will enjoy amazing local youth music and dance groups plus dozens of free children's arts workshops.

OC Día del Niño is a free family festival that offers live music, dance, engaging hands-on art activities, community resource booths and food trucks. Performances and over 25 workshops are provided by professional artists, local arts organizations, schools and community groups.

Support for OC Día del Niño is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, California Arts Council, The Crean Foundation, the Richard and Elizabeth Steele Endowment Fund at Orange County Community Foundation and The City of Fullerton.

WEBSITE: <https://www.eldiadelnino.org/>

BOWERS' BOOKS FOR KIDS STORYTIME IN THE GALLERIES WITH AUTHOR SHIHO PATE

April 27, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Just in time for National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day, join author Shiho Pate for a tale that champions the importance of family and relays how it feels to belong and to have a place to call home.

Held every last Saturday of the month, Storytime in the Galleries includes free copies of each author's featured book for the first 35 to RSVP and free General Admission to the galleries for the first 35 participants to arrive at each event. Reading in the galleries will be followed by a simple, fun art project that kids will love.

WEBSITE: <https://www.bowers.org/index.php/programs/events-calendar/event/3733-bowers-books-for-kids-storytime-in-the-galleries-with-author-shiho-pate>

VIET BOOK FEST 2024

May 5, 2024 at 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The day before Mother's Day!

The Vietnamese American Arts and Letters and Association (VAALA) proudly presents the third edition of Viet Book Fest, a one-day event celebrating Vietnamese diasporic literature at the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana. The event is free admission and open to the public.

Viet Book Fest will also include author meet-and-greets and book signings, as well as a dedicated section to purchase books with the return of our official bookseller, Libro Mobile. With three new panels and the return of the popular Book Market event, this year's festival promises to bring together a diverse assemblage of literary voices focusing on Vietnamese stories and diverse experiences.

WEBSITE: <https://vaala.app.neoncrm.com/nx/portal/neonevents/events#/events/4118>

CINCO DE MAYO FAMILY FESTIVAL

May 5, 2024 at 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Do you know the real meaning behind Cinco de Mayo? It isn't Mexico's Independence Day, it's a celebration in honor of Mexico's victory over the armed forces of the Second French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862, led by General Ignacio Zaragoza. Join us this Cinco de Mayo for live performances by Los Cuates, Relampago Del Cielo Ballet Folklorico, and the exciting sounds of Mariachi Anacatlan. Enjoy free face painting, art projects including mini piñatas and clay animalitos, and delight in samples of pan dulce.

Don't miss a special student exhibition of artwork from Garden Grove Unified School District! Additional funding is provided by Specified General Fund for the Museum Grant Program under the California Cultural and Historical Endowment. This event is held in conjunction with the 2024 Imagination Celebration.

WEBSITE: <https://www.bowers.org/index.php/programs/events-calendar/event/3670-cinco-de-mayo>

SPRING GARDEN ART FAIRE

May 11, 2024 at 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

The day before Mother's Day!

Stroll through Sherman Gardens to the sounds of beautiful harp music and meet local artists and makers showcasing botanical themed artwork in a variety of mediums including watercolor, mosaics, oils, acrylics, ceramics, glass, leather, jewelry, quilling, and driftwood. Sherman Gardens' craftiest volunteers, The Sowers, have been busy creating hand-crafted spring items for people and pets! Stop by the Bouquet Bar and select from a variety of blooms and create a custom bouquet to take home. Members of Sherman Gardens' horticulture staff will be on hand to assist guests with their selections. Just in time for Mother's Day! A portion of art and flower sales supports children's education programs at Sherman Library & Gardens.

WEBSITE: <https://thesherman.org/event/spring-garden-art-faire-at-sherman-library-gardens/>

ANAHEIM CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

May 18, 2024 at 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

We are celebrating 32 years of bringing arts to youth and families in Anaheim and Orange County. This event is a unique opportunity to commemorate the arts and actively involve children, parents, and individuals from all walks of life in artistic endeavors.

Anaheim Children's Festival presented by Muzeo and the City of Anaheim in conjunction with the 2024 Imagination Celebration.

WEBSITE: <https://muzeo.org/event/anaheim-childrens-festival-2024/>

29TH ANNUAL BALBOA ISLAND ARTWALK

May 19, 2024 at 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The Balboa Island Artwalk is the premier showcase for talented local artists with art, music, sun & fun for the whole family. The 29th Annual Balboa Island Artwalk will take place along the South Bayfront Promenade and admission is free.

This fine art show features 90 artists exhibiting paintings, fine jewelry, blown glass, sculpture, and photography. Spectators will enjoy live music throughout the day on three stages along the walk.

WEBSITE: <https://www.balboaislandartwalk.info/event-information>

MARY BLAIR'S WONDERLAND, IMAGINING DISNEY'S ALICE

February 23, 2024 – September 7, 2024

Mary Blair's concept art for Walt Disney's animated "Alice in Wonderland" (1951) showcased this famous Disney artist's vibrant and stylized approach, as celebrated in the current Hilbert Museum exhibition "Mary Blair's Wonderland: Imagining Disney's 'Alice.'" The show runs through September 7 in the museum's Cinema Arts galleries.

WEBSITE: <https://hilbertmuseum.org/mary-blairs-wonderland/>

Ongoing DC Art Events:

HUNTINGTON BEACH SURF CITY NIGHTS

Every Tuesday, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

The Surf City Nights Certified Farmers Market takes place every Tuesday on Main Street in downtown Huntington Beach from 5-9pm. Just steps from the beach, the market features local merchants offering fresh produce, flowers + local artisans with handcrafted collectibles. Take a stroll down Main Street and hear live music while watching the sun set over the Pacific Ocean.

WEBSITE: <https://www.surfcityusa.com/events/community-events/surf-city-nights/>

SAN CLEMENTE VILLAGE ART FAIRE

First Sunday of Every Month, 9:00 AM

The Village Art Faire is a decades-old San Clemente tradition, born from a desire to put gifted artists and craftspeople in touch with their local community. It has grown to include artists from all over Southern California and attracts visitors from near and far.

Our artisans offer a beautiful selection of hand-crafted work which includes photography, fine art, jewelry, woodwork, botanicals, apothecary, leather, wearables, ceramics, home decor, fused/blown glass, metal work, and much more. Stroll and shop Avenida Del Mar where more than 60 vendors will have arts, crafts and other fabulous items.

WEBSITE: <https://scdba.org/village-art-faire>

DOWNTOWN FULLERTON ART WALK

First Friday of Every Month, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

This incredibly popular Art Walk brings hundreds of art enthusiasts to the streets of downtown Fullerton, where various venues host art exhibits, music acts, and performance art. Multiple venues offer free art activities and exhibition openings within walking distance of each other. You can find a map at any venue for a self-guided tour. Free refreshments are also provided throughout the evening at many of the stops.

WEBSITE: <http://www.fullertonartwalk.com/>

SANTA ANA ARTISTS VILLAGE ART WALK

First Saturday of Every Month, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

The Downtown Santa Ana Art Walk takes place the first Saturday of every month and showcases more over 25 galleries, 40 vendors, and 40 bars and restaurants. The event features live performances, art activities for kids, Artmusement, a coloring wall at M. Lovewell, community engagement, and games at Good Beer Co.

WEBSITE: <https://www.dtsaartwalk.org/>

YORBA LINDA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER FAMILY TOURS

Ongoing 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Families are invited to experience the new Yorba Linda Cultural Arts Center! Tours of the facility will include family-friendly art workshops for the entire family. Social distancing measures will be in place and face coverings must be worn. With limited space, pre-registration is required. Online pre-registration is required and is limited to five families per 30-minute time slot. Only one registration is required per family; maximum family size of five is allowed. For more information contact the Yorba Linda Cultural Arts Center at (657) 242-4660.

WEBSITE: <https://www.activekids.com/yorba-linda-ca/classes/free-family-art-experience-tours-2021>

LAGUNA BEACH ART WALK

First Thursday of Every Month, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Held on the first Thursday of every month from 6 – 9pm. Visitors are invited to join Galleries throughout Laguna Beach for a festive year round event. Free trolley service commences from the Laguna Art Museum. Each trolley is accompanied by an Art Walk guide, who are there to inform and answer any questions you may have.

WEBSITE: <https://www.firstthursdaysartwalk.org/>

For Kids:

ART FOR KIDS HUB

Step-by-Step Drawing for Kids! Many Art Steps kiddos love these tutorials!

WEBSITE: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub>

GONOODLE

Feeling some stress? This one is not exactly about art, but we thought you might like it: Children can enjoy some indoor activity and relax with meditation.

WEBSITE: <https://www.gonoodle.com>

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART DOWNLOADABLE LESSONS

WEBSITE: <https://www.nga.gov/education/teachers/lessons-activities.html>

TATE KIDS

Tate Museum offers free online art lessons, quizzes, games, and mini lectures for kids!

WEBSITE: <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

For Teens:

KENNEDY CENTER ARTS EDUCATION

The Kennedy Center's Art Education resources aim to both empower young artists and provide arts educators the resources they need to effectively bring the arts to their classroom. Included is everything from graduate level assistance to classroom lesson plans to summer intensives for young students.

WEBSITE: <https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/>

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

The National Endowment for the Arts supports exemplary arts projects in communities nationwide through grantmaking initiatives, partnerships, and events. They also award grants to nonprofit organizations, creative writers and translators, state arts agencies, and regional arts organizations.

WEBSITE: <https://www.arts.gov/>

SPARKETH ONLINE ART COURSES

As seen on Shark Tank, Sparketh Online Art Courses offers a library of 1000+ bite-sized video art lessons taught by talented mentors and educators. There are classes on many different types of art. Everything from how to draw manga to how to create abstract paintings is covered.

WEBSITE: <https://sparketh.com/>

ART CAREER PROJECT

The Art Career Project is a leading destination for artists to explore career paths, search programs, and find the resources they need to build careers with longevity and meaning.

WEBSITE: <https://theartcareerproject.com/>

BROOKLYN DIGITAL ART LIBRARY

The Digital Library is the virtual extension of the Brooklyn Art Library and contains 25,019 complete scanned contributions to The Sketchbook Project and counting. Users curate collections of their favorite sketchbooks. You can search and share them with your friends! Find inspiration from others through this digital library!

WEBSITE: <https://www.sketchbookproject.com/library>

PIXAR IN A BOX

Pixar in a Box is a behind-the-scenes look at how Pixar artists do their jobs. You will be able to animate bouncing balls, build a swarm of robots, and make virtual fireworks explode. The subjects you learn in school — math, science, computer science, and humanities — are used every day to create amazing movies at Pixar. This collaboration between Pixar Animation Studios and Khan Academy is sponsored by Disney.

WEBSITE: <https://www.khanacademy.org/partner-content/pixar>

SCHOLASTIC LEARN AT HOME

A vast, wide-ranging collection of ways to interact and explore a wide variety of topics, for all ages!

WEBSITE: <https://www.sdmart.org/exhibition/bouguereau-america/>

CESAR SANTOS

One of our favorite YouTubers who will surely provide both entertainment and big inspiration for tweens, teens and adults!

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ce7leNdACKk>

KHAN ACADEMY ART HISTORY LESSONS

One of our favorite YouTubers who will surely provide both entertainment and big inspiration for tweens, teens and adults!

WEBSITE: <https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-history>

For Older Elementary & Tweens:

LITTLE BIG HISTORY OF PAINT

Cool concepts, for kids and teens

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCUav6IGs1s>

MOM JUNCTION

Fun Arts and Crafts for Teens

WEBSITE: https://www.momjunction.com/articles/cool-arts-and-crafts-ideas-for-teens_00377483/

CARLA SONHEIM PRESENTS KIDS ART WEEK

Author of Drawing Lab for Mixed-Media Artists: 52 Creative Exercises to Make Drawing Fun! Presents free kids art lessons based on famous artists!

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLYX1OUKuhI&list=PLroCMYSQv0JOpI_S8mPiBCHw7MZpt5BC4

For the Youngest Children:

STORY TIME WEDNESDAYS AT CASA ROMANTICA

Every Wednesday in July, 10:30 AM

Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens invites families to Story time Wednesdays. This event is free as a part of our Casa Kids programming. Donations will be accepted if you'd like to help rebuild Casa Romantica.

WEBSITE: <https://www.casaromantica.org/events/storytime/>

MISS BRUSHES ART ACADEMY BY SESAME STUDIOS

By the makers of sesame street, join Miss Brushes art class as they learn about "what is art?", "how to make a self-portrait", and "how to make new colors". A cute animated series your little one will love!

Video: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkon_sSMYfKbNmlcyIFcMyIq16Rnf0JFt

ARTS AND CRAFTS BY SESAME STUDIOS

Grab some paint, crayons, and your imagination because it's time to express your creativity with Sesame Studios!

Video: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkon_sSMYfKbSjF_OeDn4Ts-SOL-P-AaJ

More to come! Check back soon!

Know of a great art-related link that you can share?

Call 714-524-2248, or email us! centraloffice@artstepsclasses.com



Every Child is a Masterpiece