



Online Resources & Outdoor Events

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

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For Everyone:

CALIFORNIA BIENNIAL 2022: PACIFIC GOLD

October 8, 2022–February 26, 2023

As part of its suite of opening exhibitions, OCMA is reviving the California Biennial. Dating back to 1984, the biennial defined the spirit of the institution for decades, exemplifying the museum's six-decade history of presenting new developments in contemporary art while identifying emerging artists on the verge of national and international acclaim. Organized by former OCMA curator Elizabeth Armstrong—who curated the California Biennial in 2002, 2004, and 2006—with Essence Harden, Visual Arts Curator at the California African American Museum, and Gilbert Vicario, Chief Curator at the Phoenix Art Museum, the exhibition features 19 artists from across the state.

From the high desert to the oceanside of Bolinas and Monterey, and through the dense metropolises of Los Angeles and San Francisco, the collection of artists reflects on California and its unique place in the popular American imagination. Revisiting mythical stories and reimagining California as a changing land, the California Biennial 2022: Pacific Gold presents a set of distinctive voices, ones which question, challenge, and animate the past, while looking to the future.

WEBSITE: <https://ocma.art/exhibitions/california-biennial-2022-pacific-gold/>

EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY PASTELS

August 30, 2022 – February 26, 2023

This installation charts the rise of pastel across Europe in the 18th century, when the medium reached an unprecedented peak of popularity due to its portability, swift execution, and dazzling visual effects. This made pastels an especially desirable medium for portraits. Accordingly, pastelists were often highly mobile, crisscrossing Europe in search of commissions. Featured artists include Rosalba Carriera and Adélaïde Labille-Guiard, among the first women artists to exploit the potential of pastel.

WEBSITE: https://www.getty.edu/art/exhibitions/18th_century_pastels/index.html

DOMESTIC DETRITUS AT BREA GALLERY

January 28, 2023 – March 25, 2023

Brea Gallery invites the community to experience Domestic Detritus. This exhibit features works exploring ideas of memory, ruin, and the vestiges of domesticity, in an effort to delve into contemporary social dynamics, shifting gender roles, assaults on womanhood and human rights currently happening in our country. Sculpture, painting, video, and installation are all included in this multi-media, multi-sensory exhibition – culminating in a strong voice of resistance, empowerment and victorious reclamation.

WEBSITE: <https://www.breaartgallery.com/currentexhibit>

GROUNDBREAKING GIRLS

March 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Muckenthaler Cultural Center (Muck) presents Groundbreaking Girls, an exhibition by painter Allison Adams. The exhibition features a menagerie of original small, medium and large portraits as well as a collection of small prints. Her award winning “Cloud of Witness” short film is an educational accompaniment.

Painter Allison Adams, founder of Groundbreaking Girls, is inspired by her female subjects, she extended her research, and through the strength and empowerment in the stories of trailblazing women. By overcoming a personal family tragedy, she learned first-hand how art truly does heal.

WEBSITE: <https://themuck.org/program/2023/allison-adams>

NOTABLE WOMEN OF CALIFORNIA ART

March 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM

In celebration of Women’s History Month, join the Laguna Art Museum for Notable Women of California Art. This special will be a special lecture on important women throughout California’s history presented by The Women’s Museum of California.

WEBSITE: <https://lagunaartmuseum.org/events/notable-women-of-california/>

STORYTIME SATURDAY AT LAGUNA BEACH ART MUSEUM

Fourth Saturday of Every Month, 11 AM

Bring literature to life during a participatory story time that will have you making and moving. On the fourth Saturday of each month, Laguna Art Museum (LAM) will craft a storytelling experience inspired by a museum artwork or exhibition to foster children’s understanding of art’s role in their lives. Read-alouds will be supplemented with mindfulness exercises, art-making projects, or in-gallery activities that promote meaningful connections with caregivers and others. Sessions are designed for PreK–2 learners and their families.

All children receive free admission. Tickets are required for accompanying adults only.

WEBSITE: <https://lagunaartmuseum.org/events/storytime-saturday-2/>

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/event/surf-city-nights/20454/>

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: <http://www.firstthursdaysartwalk.com/>

FREE ONLINE ART STEPS CLASS

The new online program gets students into “the zone”! Develop classical, foundational skills while you’re at home! There is limited space for one Free Introductory Online Class for new and former students living in Orange County, CA: Ages 4 through teens. Reach out and get on the list!

WEBSITE: <https://www.artstepsclasses.com/contact-artsteps.aspx>

VIRTUAL MUSEUM TOURS

Google’s list of all free virtual museum tours

WEBSITE: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner>

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:

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

Ongoing

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=sIYX1OUKuhl&list=PLroCMysQv0JOpI_S8mPiBCHw7MZpt5BC4

For the Youngest Children:

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_sSMyfKbNmIcyIFcMyIq16Rnf0JFt

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