



## *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.

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### *For Everyone:*

#### **SHERMAN LIBRARY & GARDENS**

**March 22 – April 12**

Explore nature through the wonderful world of books. Join us every Friday as we share our favorite stories, picture books and poems. Perfect for preschool children and their caregivers.

Drop-in, meet in Central Garden. Free of charge.

WEBSITE: <https://thesherman.org/for-kids/>

#### **MUZEIO SPRING EXHIBITIONS OPENING RECEPTION 2024**

**March 23, 2024 at 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

A Muzeio free event! Celebrate the opening of three new spring exhibitions at Muzeio! Enjoy music, light refreshments, specialty drinks, and a first-hand look at *Where We Find Ourselves: The Photography of Hugh Mangum* in our Main Gallery, as well as *Impossibly Close: Sculptures by Kazu Hiro* and *Mapping the Gay Guides* in the historic Carnegie Building!

Advanced reservations are *free* for this fun event, although donations are always welcome and appreciated! March 23, 2024 from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

WEBSITE: [https://muzeio.org/event/spring-exhibitions-opening-reception-2024/?event\\_date=2024-03-23](https://muzeio.org/event/spring-exhibitions-opening-reception-2024/?event_date=2024-03-23)

## OCMA FAMILY FUN WORDPLAY

**March 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Embark on a creative process inspired by our [Tony Lewis: CASUAL T](#) exhibition. Artist Tony Lewis often incorporates elements of the classic comic Calvin and Hobbes as he explores the layers of language. Create your own comic strips playing with words and drawings to discover your own personal comic style – let your creativity soar! This drop-in program is designed for kids ages 3 and up. All families are welcome.

Family Fun is hosted on our Upper Plaza located on Level 2. We invite families to visit the galleries and explore the exhibitions at your own pace. Admission is free

WEBSITE: <https://ocma.art/calendar/family-fun-wordplay/>

## EGG HUNT EGGSTRAVAGANZA

**March 24, 2024 at 10:00 AM - 04:00 PM**

Join Heritage Museum of Orange County (HMOC) and Irvine Moms at the 7th Annual Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza. HMOC and Irvine Moms are bringing in all kinds of great vendors to join in the fun. Special guests include Jennified Art with face-painting, OC Public Libraries with story times, an SA Police Department Canine Unit, Macaroni Kid will host craft tables + Kona Ice and Java on the Go will be serving their delicious treats, School of Rock will MC + many more crafts and vendors. Admission, egg hunt, and crafts are free. Kona Ice treats, Java on the Go drinks and Easter Bunny photos available for purchase.

WEBSITE: <https://www.heritagemuseumoc.org/for-the-public>

## THE ROAD TO OZ, AN IMMERSIVE ADVENTURE

**April 6, 2024 at 11:00 AM**

Continuing on the success of our immersive production of ALICE, this year we invite the young and the young at heart to follow the yellow brick road in an interactive theatrical adventure like no other! Meet some of OZ's most famous and curious inhabitants. Our *The Road to Oz: An Immersive Adventure* will give you the feeling *you aren't at the Muck anymore*, as the grounds are beautifully transformed into Frank L Baum's magical land of OZ.

WEBSITE: <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/the-electric-company-theatre/657e0f4a3aafd70e42156022/>

## JAPANESE CHERRY BLOSSOM FAMILY FESTIVAL

**April 7, 2024 at 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Celebrate with the Bowers Museum during our free family festivals held ever first Sunday of the month in the Museum's beautiful Key Courtyard. Enjoy live performances, art making, face painting and complimentary treats at every festival. Free Family Festivals are made possible with generous support from the Nicholas Endowment.

WEBSITE: <https://www.bowers.org/index.php/programs/events-calendar/event/3669-japanese-cherry-blossom>

## IMAGINOLOGY OC

**April 13 - April 14, 2024**

Children and families are invited to Imaginology OC a free 2-day exploration of S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) at the OC Fair & Event Center. Encourage your student to participate in the Youth Competitions to express their creativity and join the fun.

Imaginology is a time for curious kids to discover and learn through hands-on activities including:

- Centennial Farm – an amazing 3-acre working farm with plenty of animals, plants & exhibits
- S.T.E.A.M. Projects – Fort Blisters Boot Camp, dozens of exhibitors with hands-on activities
- Local Talent – music, dance, theater & more from local groups
- 4-H Competitions – see livestock raised by local youth & learn about veterinary sciences
- Dia del Nino – presented by ArtsOC offers hands-on crafts + cultural performances
- Youth Competitions – submit your mural project or cardboard engineering by March 27

WEBSITE: <https://ocfair.com/imaginology/>

## MISSION VIEJO FAMILY ARTS DAY

**April 13, 2024 at 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Families are invited to explore their creativity in this fun-filled day of hands-on art experiences. Enjoy art demonstrations by local artists, hands-on art projects with the Chuck Jones Center for the Arts, and learn acting techniques in an improv workshop. You will also savor the rhythm of live music. This program is free and open to all ages.

WEBSITE: <https://cityofmissionviejo.org/events/family-arts-day-0>

## OC ARTS & DISABILITY FESTIVAL

**April 13, 2024 at 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

“Make a Splash” at the 48th Annual Orange County Arts and Disability Festival held each spring to celebrate school and community based arts program efforts serving all ages and all disabilities. Join us for the free community festival at The Main Place Mall in Santa Ana.

Opening ceremonies showcase outstanding performers and provide an overview of the day’s activities. Individuals and organizations that have sponsored and supported the Orange County Arts and Disability programs are acknowledged.

WEBSITE: <https://ocde.us/OCArtsandDisability/Pages/VSA-Festival.aspx>

## **29<sup>TH</sup> 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 OC 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/](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=sLYX10UKuhI&list=PLroCMYsQv0JOpI\\_S8mPiBCHw7MZpt5BC4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLYX10UKuhI&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](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](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](mailto:centraloffice@artstepsclasses.com)**



Every Child is a Masterpiece