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The Mary C. O’Keefe Cultural Arts Center
*“Connecting Community & Creatives
 Through Arts-Based Education & Experiences”*



SUMMER 2024 CLASS ROSTER

*To register for classes, visit themaryc.art
 Or, visit us in person to pay via cash or check.*

| MAY, JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST 2024 | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|-------------|
| CLASS | DATES / TIME | AGE | CLASS FEE |
| ART | | | |
| What Is Your Perspective? Instructor: Sherri Wimberly | Mondays: 1:00 - 3:00 PM | 18 + | \$150 |
| Kids Sewing Camp Instructor: Danae Brown | June 24 - 28 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | 9 - 15 | \$150 |
| Art Camp Instructor: Danae Brown | Session 1: June 10 - 14 Session 2: June 17 - 21 | 6 - 8 9-11 | \$125 |
| Printmaking Camp Instructor: Danae Brown | July 15 - 19 8 AM - 12 PM | 11 - 15 | \$125 |
| MC Kids Art Instructor: Danae Brown | Mondays: 4-5 pm | Grades K-3 | \$125/Month |
| MC Junior Artists Instructor: Danae Brown | Mondays: 5-6 pm | Grades 4 - 6 | \$125/Month |
| Handbuilding in Clay Instructor: Christian Bailey | June 17, 19, 21, 26, & 28 9 AM - 12 PM | 8 - 18 | \$200 |
| Public Jewelry and Lapidary Class Instructor: The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society | Every Third Wednesday of the Month: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM | 18 + | \$35 |

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| DANCE | | | |
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| Irish Dancing Beginner, Novice, Advanced Instructor: Julie Black | Wednesdays: 4:30 – 7:30 pm | 3 - 18 | Beginner \$50/Month Novice \$50/Month Advanced \$65/Month |
| Introduction to Ballroom Dance Instructor: Sherri Wimberly | Mondays: 7:00 - 9:00 PM | 18 + | \$120/6 Week Series |
| Belly Dance for Beginners + Intermediates Instructor: Joany Gauvreau of Feminicity | Mondays: 6 - 8 PM | 10 + | \$84/6 Week Series |
| MUSIC | | | |
| Beginner Guitar Course Instructor: Katherine MacMahon | Mondays: 6-6:45 pm | 6 + | \$45.00/6 Week Series |
| Individual Guitar/Ukulele Lessons Instructor: Katherine MacMahon | Mondays or Tuesdays Time TBD by Instructor | 4 + | \$60/Month |
| Little Rhythm Makers Instructor: Katherine MacMahon | Mondays: 4-4:45 | 3-5 | \$45/6 - Week Series \$35 - Material Fee |
| MSA MMAT Youth Songwriting Camp Instructor: Sean Gasaway | July 9, 10, & 12 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM | 10 - 17 | \$25/Day |
| The History of Guitar Through Music Instructor: David Bryan | May 17th: 5-7 PM | 16+ | Free |
| THEATER | | | |
| Theatre Basics Workshop Instructor: Boyce Deaton | June 17-21, 24-28 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | 8 + | \$650 |
| Shakespeare Summer Workshop Instructor: Boyce Deaton | July 15-19, 22-26 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | 8 + | \$650 |
| WRITING | | | |
| Creative Writing for Beginners Instructor: Laura Keriazakos | Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM | 16 + | \$100 |

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| Developing the Creative Writer Workshops Instructor: Laura Keriazakos | Thursdays: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM & Saturdays: 1:00 - 2:30 PM/3:00 - 4:30 PM | 16 + | \$35/Series |
| Mary C. Reading Hour Instructor: Laura Keriazakos | Wednesdays in June, July, and August 11 AM | 3 - 10 | Free |

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**Class fee is non-refundable unless class is canceled by the Instructor or by The Mary C.*

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**If class fee does not include material fee, then the material fee will be paid to the instructor on the first day of class.*

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CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

ART

WHAT IS YOUR PERSPECTIVE?

Instructor: Sherri Wimberly
Date: Mondays, May 6 - June 10th
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Ages: 18+
Spots Available: 10

Six classes giving a roadmap to making a painting happen. Each class is 2 hours long and will bring into focus the steps to make acrylics easy and fun! This roadmap includes choosing your subject and laying it out, palette choices and color mixing, developing your creation, professional touches, and more! *Students will be given a supply list. Participants are responsible for their own supplies.*
Class Fee: \$150

KIDS SEWING CAMP

Instructor: Danae Israel-Brown
Date: June 24-28
Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Ages: 9-15
Spots Available: 10/Session

MC Kids Sewing Camp, where young designers unleash their creativity one stitch at a time! Designed for children aged 9 to 15, our camp offers an exciting and hands-on introduction to the art of sewing.

Led by experienced instructor Danae Israel-Brown, who is passionate about sewing and teaching, campers will dive into the world of fabrics, patterns, and stitches. From beginner basics to advanced techniques, every child will learn the skills needed to bring their imaginative designs to life. They'll gain confidence as they measure, cut, and sew their way through each project, with plenty of guidance and support along the way.

Our camp provides a welcoming and inclusive environment where children can express themselves through fabric and thread, discovering the joy of bringing their ideas to fruition with their own hands. Join us this summer for a sewing adventure they'll never forget!

Class Fee: \$150

ART CAMP

Instructor: Danae Israel-Brown
Date: Session 1: June 10 - 14, Session 2: June 17 - 21
Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Ages: Session 1: 6-8, Session 2: 9-11
Spots Available: 10/Session

MC Youth ART camps are a vibrant and inspiring haven for young artists aged 6 to 15, eager to explore the colorful world of art. From budding painters to sculptors-in-the-making, every child will find their passion ignited in our dynamic program.

Under the guidance of experienced and enthusiastic art instructor Danae Israel-Brown, campers will embark on a journey of self-expression through a variety of mediums, including painting, drawing, sculpting, and mixed media. Whether it's creating masterpieces on canvas, molding clay into fantastical creatures, or experimenting with innovative techniques, every day promises new adventures in artistic discovery.

Our camp provides a supportive and nurturing environment where children can freely explore their creativity, express themselves, and unleash their inner artist. Join us this summer for an unforgettable journey into the world of art!

Class Fee: \$125/Session

PRINTMAKING CAMP

Instructor: Danae Israel-Brown
Date: July 15 - 19
Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Ages: 11 - 15
Spots Available: 10

At our MC Youth Printmaking Camp, young artists will carve, ink, and create their way to unique masterpieces! Designed for creative minds aged 11 to 15, our camp offers an immersive introduction to the fascinating world of printmaking.

This camp is taught by our Youth Art Director, Danae Israel-Brown. Our camp provides hands-on instruction in various printmaking techniques, including linocut, etching, and papermaking. Campers will learn the art of carving intricate designs into linoleum blocks, papermaking, etching on plexiglass with a scribe, and applying ink to bring their visions to life on their own handmade paper!

Throughout this camp, participants will explore different styles and methods of printmaking, experimenting with color, texture, and composition to express their creativity. From bold block prints to intricate greeting cards, every print becomes a unique reflection of each camper's imagination!

Our camp fosters a supportive and inclusive environment where young artists can explore their talents, make new friends, and gain confidence in their artistic abilities. Join us this summer for an unforgettable printmaking adventure!

Class Fee: \$125

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MC KID ARTISTS

Instructor: Danae Israel-Brown
Date: Mondays
Time: 4 – 5 pm
Ages: K – 3rd graders
Spots Available: 10

In this project-based group art class, instructor Danae Israel-Brown teaches kids to explore their creativity to complete one awesome project per class using a variety of mediums to make drawings, paintings, and sculptures. Participants build skills while learning techniques and increase their knowledge of the basic elements of art, design, and balance. Enter through the door at the end of the West side of the building. Doors will be unlocked 5 mins before the class starts. *Prices may decrease during holiday months
Class Fee: \$125

MC JUNIOR ARTISTS

Instructor: Danae Israel-Brown
Date: Mondays
Time: 5 – 6 pm
Ages: 4th – 6th graders
Spots Available: 10

In this project-based group art class for pre-teens. Instructor Danae Israel-Brown teaches young artists to explore their creativity to focus on in-depth art projects using a variety of mediums to make drawings, paintings, and sculptures. Participants build skills while learning techniques and increase their knowledge of the elements of art, design, and balance. Enter through the door at the end of the West side of the building. Doors will be unlocked 5 mins before the class starts. *Prices may decrease during holiday months.
Class Fee: \$125

HANDBUILDING IN CLAY

Instructor: Christian Bailey
Date: June 17, 19, 21, 26, & 28
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Ages: 8 - 18
Spots Available: 10

Students will create handbuilt ceramics such as pinch pot animal whistles, slab built textured mugs, and animal sculptures. Students will also glaze their creations.
Class Fee: \$200

PUBLIC JEWELRY AND LAPIDARY CLASS

Instructor: Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society Members
Date: Every Third Wednesday of the Month (Or on Special Request)
Time: 11 am - 3 pm
Ages: 18+
Class Fee: \$35

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Wire wrapping, chainmaille, gemstone cutting, beading, metal etching, silversmithing, precious metal clay jewelry, hand tied pearls, and gemstone identification.

DANCE

IRISH DANCE WITH MACROSSAN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

Beginner, Novice, Advanced

Instructor: Julie Black – Founder, Owner, Choreographer, and Teacher
Date: Wednesdays
Time: 4:30 – 7:30 pm
Ages: 3 - 18
Spots Available: 20

Become a part of the rich cultural tradition of Ireland with Macrossan School of Irish Dance at The Mary C. Led by the accomplished international dance soloist, Julie Black, this class offers a unique opportunity to learn and master traditional Irish dance styles, including jigs, reels, and Ceili dances. With a history dating back to its inception in 2001 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and in Mobile, Alabama, the school embodies a passion for preserving the captivating beauty of Irish dance. Students not only refine their skills but also have the chance to showcase their talent through performances at various community events, competitions, festivals, and more.

Class Fee: Beginner: \$50.00 - Novice: \$50.00 - Advanced: \$65.00

INTRODUCTION TO BALLROOM DANCE

Instructor: Sherri Wimberly
Date: Mondays, May 6 - June 10
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Ages: 18 +

Spots Available: 30
6 Weeks of basic couples dance instruction for social dance including the fox trot, waltz, tango chacha, rumba, and swing.
Class Fee: \$120/6 Weeks

BELLY DANCE FOR BEGINNERS AND INTERMEDIATES

Instructor: Joany Gauvreau of Feminicity
Date: Mondays from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Beginners: 6-7 PM, Intermediates: 7-8 PM
Ages: 10+
Spots Available: 20

Beginner Belly Dance is a graceful and empowering journey into the world of Middle Eastern dance, designed for those new to the art form. In this class, you'll learn the fundamental movements and rhythms that make belly dance a captivating experience. From gentle hip drops to elegant arm movements, each session guides you through the basics, ensuring a supportive and enjoyable

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environment. Embrace the joy of dance, enhance your flexibility, body awareness, and connect with the anxiety traditions that celebrate the beauty and strength of the human body.

Class Fee: \$84/6 Week Program

MUSIC

BEGINNER GUITAR COURSE

Instructor: Katherine MacMahon

Date: Mondays (June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15)

Time: 6 – 6:45 PM

Ages: 6+

Spots Available: 12

Students will learn the left and right hand guitar techniques.

Identifying string names, notes, and scales on the fretboard along with reading music notation and tablature. Students will choose to learn the flat picking or classical technique of playing. A variety of major and minor chords in addition to various strumming patterns will be introduced. Students will learn to play simple and familiar melodies on the guitar.

*Special Requirements: Students must provide a ukulele or guitar. Instructor can provide information on where to buy one. Students must also purchase the guitar method book from the instructor for \$16.74.

Class Fee: \$45/6 Weeks

INDIVIDUAL BEGINNER GUITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS

Instructor: Katherine MacMahon

Date: Mondays or Tuesdays

Time: TBD by Instructor, depending on student scheduling needs.

Ages: 5 and up

Spots Available: 12

Individual lessons are open to beginners through advanced. A variety of styles and techniques will be taught. Students will learn how to identify string names, notes, and scales on the fretboard. Reading music notation and tablature will also be taught. A variety of major and minor chords along with various strumming patterns will be introduced.

*Special Requirements: Students must provide a ukulele or guitar. Instructor can provide information on where to buy one. Students will purchase a method book from the instructor.

Class Fee: \$60/month

LITTLE RHYTHM MAKERS

Instructor: Katherine McMahan

Date: Mondays (June 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15)

Time: 4 – 4:45 PM

Ages: 3-5

Spots Available: 8

Preschool students will learn a variety of pitched and unpitched rhythmic instruments emphasizing the steady beat. Students will also learn as a group to play simple and familiar melodies.

Instruments introduced will include the triangle, maracas, bells, cajon drums, joia tubes, and the Indian gathering drum. Preschoolers will also learn a variety of songs and participate in fun activities with the parachute!

Class Fee: \$45/6 Weeks

Material fee: \$35 (Parents have the option to purchase additional materials)

MSA MMAT YOUTH SONGWRITING CAMP

Instructor: Sean Gasaway

Date: August 9, 10, 12

Time: 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Ages: 10 - 17

Spots Available: 25

Beginner to advanced level songwriting in all genres using Mississippi Songwriters Association MMAT curriculum. Sean Gasaway is a Two-Time Native American Music Awards Song of the Year winning songwriter, record producer, and recording artist originally from Escatawpa, Mississippi, with over 200 revenue earning songs charting all over the world.

Class Fee: \$25/day

THE HISTORY OF GUITAR THROUGH MUSIC

Instructor: David Bryan

Date: May 17th

Time: 5-7 PM

Ages: 16+

Spots Available: 20

A one night lecture on the history of the guitar including information on the composers, photos, and descriptions of the guitar and its changes from 1500 to today as well as live performances of pieces written in each time period.

Class Fee: Free

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THEATRE BASICS WORKSHOP

Instructor: Boyce Deaton
Date: June 17-21, 24-28
Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Ages: 8+
Spots Available: 15

In our Theatre Basics workshop, students will learn the fundamentals of performing and producing live theatre. This will include a range of instruction, covering vocal articulation & projection, movement, writing, production, and of course, acting exercises and games.

The class will culminate in a live performance of an original work created by the participants.

Class Fee: \$650

SHAKESPEARE SUMMER WORKSHOP

Instructor: Boyce Deaton
Date: July 15-19, 22-26
Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Ages: 8+
Spots Available: 15

Join us for a Summer of Shakespeare! This two week workshop will include text analysis & engagement, development of historical and cultural understanding, and performance of selected scenes from the Bard.

Through theatrical exercises, acting and scene study, we will explore some of William Shakespeare's most famous characters, and uncover the best ways to bring them to life. This course is designed to be accessible to newcomers and experienced actors/directors/teachers alike!

(We recommend participants be at least 13 years of age due to some of the nature of some of Shakespeare's themes, however, we will review exceptions based on parental discretion.)

Class Fee: \$650

WRITING

CREATIVE WRITING FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Laura Keriazakos
Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays from June - August
Time: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Ages: 16 +
Spots Available: 12

This class will introduce participants to a multitude of genres; nonfiction, fiction, poetry, screenplays, and more. The course series will begin with the basics of composition and will move the novice writer from concept to completion.

Class Fee: \$100/session

DEVELOPING THE CREATIVE WRITER WORKSHOPS

Instructor: Laura Keriazakos
Date: Weekly, Thursdays from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM and Saturdays from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM and 3:00 - 4:30 PM
Ages: 16+
Spots Available: 12

Do you have a great story idea but don't know where to start? Are you Sumo wrestling with your latest manuscript? SWAG Workshops are here to help. NINE workshops will target the needs of the developing creative writer in these key areas: Creative Nonfiction (essays and memoirs), Fiction, Screenwriting, Plot, Revision, Characterization, Poetry, Publication, and a new class, Passionate Observation. Each 90 minute class will be taught by industry professional Laura Keriazakos. These workshops will be entertaining, inventive, and highly inspirational.

Class Fee: \$35

MARY C. READING HOUR

Instructor: Laura Keriazakos
Date: Select Wednesdays in June, July, and August

- June 5, 12, 19, 26
- July 10, 17, 24, 31
- August 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 11 AM

Ages: 3 - 10

Each Wednesday children are treated to a one-hour reading time hosted by Elle Kelley (Laura Keriazakos). Reading materials will focus on new releases in the children's book genre as well as popular classics.

Schedule is subject to change. Any changes will be announced in advance.

Class Fee: Free to the Public