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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
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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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 +	\$80/6 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
What's My Line? -Intro to Improvisation- Instructor: Melanie Robinson	Tuesdays June 18 - July 23 6:00 - 7:00 PM	14 +	\$150/6 Weeks
Lights! Camera! Action! -Intro to Acting for the Camera- Instructor: Melanie Robinson	Tuesdays June 18 - July 23 7:15 - 8:15 PM	14 +	\$180/6 Weeks
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Creative Writing for Beginners Instructor: Laura Keriazakos	Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	16 +	\$100
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/Workshop
Mary C. Reading Hour Instructor: Laura Keriazakos	Wednesdays in June, July, and August 11:00 AM	3 - 10	Free
CULINARY			
A Day at the Beach Instructor: Kay Bigham	June 7th Kids: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Adults: 2:00 - 4:00 PM	8 - 16 & 16 +	\$30
The Basics Instructor: Kay Bigham	July 2nd Kids: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Adults: 2:00 - 4:00 PM	8 - 16 & 16 +	\$30
Chopped at the Beach Instructor: Kay Bigham	August 2nd Kids: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Adults: 2:00 - 4:00 PM	8 - 16 & 16 +	\$50
Nibbles and Nosh Instructor: Kay Bigham	August 9th Kids: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Adults: 2:00 - 4:00 PM	8 - 16 & 16 +	\$30
Party Time Instructor: Kay Bigham	August 10th 2:00 - 4:00 PM	18 +	\$50

**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.*

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

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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

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

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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
Class Fee: \$80/6 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

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

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.

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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 McMahon
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

THEATER

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

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WHAT'S MY LINE? Intro to Improvisation

Instructor: Melanie Robinson
Date: Tuesdays, June 18 - July 23
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Ages: 14 +
Spots Available: 12

Want to be sharper in a conversation? More confident in network socials? Or, learn games to share at parties? Have a blast learning improvisation techniques and games to build your social confidence!
Class Fee: \$150/6 Weeks

LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION! Intro to Acting for the Camera

Instructor: Melanie Robinson
Date: Tuesdays, June 18 - July 23
Time: 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM
Ages: 14 +
Spots Available: 8

Learn how to create characters and perform for film, TV, or social media. A fun and interactive class where students will have their own audition reel at the end of the class.
Class Fee: \$180/6 Weeks

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/Workshop

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

CULINARY

A DAY AT THE BEACH

Instructor: Kay Bigham
Date: June 7th
Time:

- Kids: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Adults: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Ages:

- Kids: 8 - 16
- Adults: 16 +

Spots Available: 10/Age Group

Pack your beach bag and stop by the Mary C. to cook some food to enjoy at the beach!

Class Fee: \$30/session

THE BASICS

Instructor: Kay Bigham
Date: July 2nd
Time:

- Kids: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Adults: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Ages:

- Kids: 8 - 16
- Adults: 16 +

Spots Available: 10/Age Group

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If you are a kid, tween, teen, or young adult heading to college - sign up and learn the basics of cooking! No experience needed!
 Class Fee: \$30/session

CHOPPED AT THE BEACH

Instructor: Kay Bigham

Date: August 2nd

Time:

- Kids: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Adults: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Ages:

- Kids: 8 - 16
- Adults: 16 +

Spots Available: 10/Age Group

If you have experience cooking and would like to compete in a challenge, look no further than Chopped at the Beach! Sign up to participate in a “mock” chopped challenge!

Class Fee: \$50/session

NIBBLES AND NOSH

Instructor: Kay Bigham

Date: August 9th

Time:

- Kids: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Adults: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Ages:

- Kids: 8 - 16
- Adults: 16 +

Spots Available: 10/Age Group

Learn how to make beautiful and bountiful charcuterie tables, boards, boxes, and platters!

Class Fee: \$30/session

PARTY TIME

Instructor: Kay Bigham

Date August 10th

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Ages: 18 +

Spots Available: 10/Age Group

Tired of the same old party appetizers? Sign up and learn some new appetizers that will make your next party a hit!

Class Fee: \$50/session