

# 2023-24 Classroom Arts Mission Manual

A Teacher's Guide to North Alabama Creative Learning Opportunities



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# WELCOME

Creative Launchpad is excited to present the 2023-2024 Mission Manual, a guide to opportunities in the arts for teachers. This publication includes information about teaching artists and arts organizations that offer programs in visual and performing arts.

Activities are available for P-12 and are identified by the type of experience that they provide (Exposure, Enhancement, Integration, Competition).

We hope that you will find this booklet useful as you plan meaningful, rigorous and enjoyable arts education experiences for your students this year.



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## BADGE KEY

This guide provides a system of badges that will allow you to make appropriate programming choices for your classroom needs. These badges are displayed at the beginning of each section.



Students engage in a creative process which connects an art form and another subject area during the regular school day. This results in the attainment of specific learning goals and objectives in both subject areas.



Students participate in arts activities and receive instruction for a brief period during the regular school day. The result is deeper understanding and appreciation of the art form.



Students are exposed to the arts through sponsored performances and/or field trips. Schools are offered study guides and other resources to supplement exposure activities.



Students are given the opportunity to compete and be recognized for excellence in the arts.





## ARTS INTEGRATION

### ARTS TECHNOLOGY WITH MAITLAND CONSERVATORY

This program focuses on arts technology. Students learn to create music digitally, podcasting, video editing and songwriting while incorporating ELA, science and STEM standards. **GRADES:** 4–12

**COST:** Varies **CONTACT:**

[info@themaitlandconservatory.org](mailto:info@themaitlandconservatory.org) or visit [www.themaitlandconservatory.org](http://www.themaitlandconservatory.org)

### Creative Launchpad Mission AI

This program pairs teaching artists with classroom teachers to create curricula that enhance and deepen student learning in a core subject area and an arts discipline. Partnerships last 4 to 6 weeks and can be adapted to meet the school's needs. **GRADES:** K–8

**CONTACT:** [karen@artshuntsville.org](mailto:karen@artshuntsville.org) or visit

[www.artshuntsville.org](http://www.artshuntsville.org)

### CONCERTS IN THE CLASSROOM WITH MICROWAVE DAVE MUSIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Local musicians work with classroom teachers to develop lesson plans integrating music with appropriate academic standards. **GRADES:** K–12 **COST:** Free (priority given to Title I schools) **CONTACT:** Evan Billiter at [educate@microwavedavemef.com](mailto:educate@microwavedavemef.com) or visit [www.microwavedavemef.org](http://www.microwavedavemef.org)

### HUNTSVILLE BALLET COMPANY'S DISCOVER DANCE OUTREACH & EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

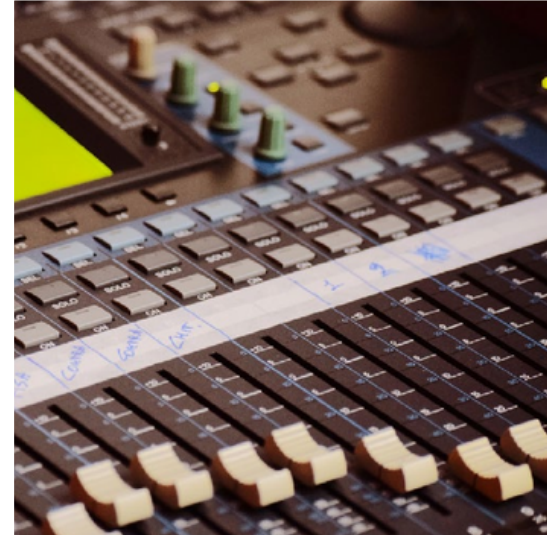
Classes and residencies incorporating kinesthetic learning and dance into the academic curriculum. Books and Ballet offers creative movement story-times, while STEAM residencies use dance to explore the science curriculum. Moving Classroom performances featuring HBC professional dancers share audience-participatory activities based on K-5 science lessons. **GRADES:** K-5 **COST:** Free **CONTACT:** [cathycurry@huntsvilleballet.org](mailto:cathycurry@huntsvilleballet.org)

### HUNTSVILLE BALLET COMPANY'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Arts integration workshops available throughout the year **for teachers and administrators**. These highly renowned programs provide strategies for integrating dance and kinesthetic learning into academic standards. **COST:** Free **CONTACT:** [cathycurry@huntsvilleballet.org](mailto:cathycurry@huntsvilleballet.org) or visit [www.huntsvilleballet.org](http://www.huntsvilleballet.org)

### FANTASY PLAYHOUSE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and STEAM TECHNICAL THEATRE LEARNING LAB

Our team will build a one time workshop to help your team build cohesion and execute collaborative learning goals. We create residencies and standalone workshops to use technical theatre specialties as a gateway to STEM/STEAM curriculum, including puppetry, theatrical design (sets, lighting, sound, costumes), as well as sewing and stage makeup. **AGES:** 12-Adult **COST:** Varies **CONTACT:** [Education@FantasyPlayhouse.com](mailto:Education@FantasyPlayhouse.com)



## JESSICA NUNNO ART CLASSES

### ART HISTORY TRADING CARDS

Students will study four art periods in history, select and research an artist from each period, and create a card with the artist's picture and facts about his life and work. Cards will be copied, and each student will receive a set.

**GRADES:** 4-8 (4 classes)

### DESIGN A CHARACTER

Students will integrate literacy and creative writing with art to create their very own cartoon character. They will learn to draw their character and use literacy and creative writing skills to create a backstory.

**GRADES:** 4-8 (4 classes)

### COMIC BOOK CREATOR

Students will integrate literacy and creative writing skills to create a story with a beginning, middle and an end. They will learn to draw and pose a simple character. At the end of the course, they will have an original comic book story. (Recommended after completing Design a Character) **GRADES:** 4-8 (6 classes)

### INK BLOT MONSTERS

Students create abstract ink blots and use creativity and art materials to turn them into monsters. This can be used to address writing standards with students creating a story about their monster. **GRADES:** 2-4 (1 class)

**CLASSES COST:** \$125-150 each plus materials **CONTACT:** [jessicanunnoart@gmail.com](mailto:jessicanunnoart@gmail.com)



# ARTS ENHANCEMENT

### FANTASY PLAYHOUSE THEATRE ARTS WORKSHOPS

Classroom and afterschool workshops and multi week residencies in performing and technical theatre arts for students. **GRADES:** K – 12 **COST:** Varies, Special pricing for Title I Schools and non profits serving under-resourced students

**CONTACT:** [Education@fantasyplayhouse.com](mailto:Education@fantasyplayhouse.com) or visit [www.fantasyplayhouse.com](http://www.fantasyplayhouse.com)

### HSO VIOLIN PROGRAM (10 lessons)

The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra's Third Grade Violin Program offers an outstanding curriculum that introduces students to classical music. HSO provides quality instruments and instruction materials, and the course concludes with a class recital. Lessons align with national and state standards in music and other core subject areas.

**GRADE:** 3 **COST:** Free **CONTACT:** Sharon Hicks [sharon@hso.org](mailto:sharon@hso.org) or visit [www.hso.org](http://www.hso.org)





## ARTS EXPOSURE

### BROADWAY THEATRE LEAGUE FIELD TRIPS

**Underwater Bubble Show** - A modern fairy tale inspired by childhood stories like Alice in Wonderland and more. **GRADES:** K-3 **DATES:** OCT. 24, 2023 @ 9:15am & 12:30 pm Schools; 7:00pm community show **COST:** Free

**Giraffes Can't Dance** - A stage adaptation of the beloved children's book by Giles Andreae. Featuring puppets, African rhythm, and lots of dancing. Gerald is different from the other animals. He can't dance, but he learns that his differences are what make him special.

**Grades:** Pre-K-5 **DATES:** Dec. 16, 2023 @ 9:15am, 12:30pm (schools & 7:00pm community show. **COST:** Free

#### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

**CONTACT:** Visit [www.broadwaytheatreleague.org](http://www.broadwaytheatreleague.org) or David Herriot [david@broadwaytheatreleague.org](mailto:david@broadwaytheatreleague.org). Study guides and classroom preview visits are available.

### MUSIC HISTORY MOMENTS WITH ARS NOVA OPERA

Ars Nova offers class lectures based on their 2023-2024 season. Fall will focus on Rogers and Hammerstein Oct-Dec will focus on Felix Mendelssohn and the broader history of Oratorio. March will highlight female composer Jeanne Behrend. The rest of spring will be focused on Gounod's Faust.

**GRADES:** 9-12 **COST:** Free

**CONTACT:** [katiejobuckner@gmail.com](mailto:katiejobuckner@gmail.com)

### ALABAMA YOUTH BALLET SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

AYBT presents a live performance of Cinderella in April 2024 **GRADES:** PREK- 5 **COST:** \$5 per student (Fee waiver for Title 1 schools) **CONTACT:** [leah@aybtheatre.org](mailto:leah@aybtheatre.org) or visit [www.aybtheatre.org](http://www.aybtheatre.org)

### FANTASY PLAYHOUSE CHILDREN'S THEATER STUDENT MATINEES (VBC Playhouse)

**Nick Nutrition & His Dog Fiber** Oct 24, 2023 @ 9:00am & 11:30am; **Jungle Book** Oct 26, 2023 @ 9:00am & 11:30am; **Poarch Creek Courage** Dec 5, 2023 @ 9:00am & 11:30am; **Christmas Carol**, Dec. 6, 2023 @ 9:00am & 11:30am; **Freedom Riders** Feb 20, 2024 @ 9:00am & 11:30am; **Rapunzel & the Beanstalk**, Feb. 22, 2024 @ 9:00am & 11:30am; **Space Monkeys! The Adventures of Baker & Able** May 16, 2024 @ 9:00am & 11:30am.

All productions have study guides that support core standards. **GRADES:** K-12 **COST:** \$10 per student (Special rates for Title 1 schools) **CONTACT:** [FieldTrips@fantasyplayhouse.com](mailto:FieldTrips@fantasyplayhouse.com) for information. Registration link [here](#).

### HUNTSVILLE BALLET PRESENTS THE NUTCRACKER

Huntsville Ballet Company offers low-cost field trips that allow elementary students to experience the magic of this holiday ballet. Study guides connecting the performance to the academic curriculum are provided.

**GRADES:** K-5, **COST:** \$5 **CONTACT:** Cathy Curry at [cathycurry@huntsvilleballet.org](mailto:cathycurry@huntsvilleballet.org)



## BURRITT ON THE MOUNTAIN'S FIELD TRIPS FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

**Friday, Nov. 3, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm**

Burritt on the Mountain hosts guest interpreters presenting folklife of our region. Students experience and learn about the music, arts, crafts, and skills of Appalachia.

## SPRING FARM DAYS

Thursday & Friday, April 11 & 12, 2024, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm)

Spring is an exciting time to visit Burritt's barnyard animals, experience historic skills and chores of our ancestors, and learn about life on the farm. Students will see demonstrations of traditional crafts and enjoy some hands-on participation in daily chores like butter churning and mattress stuffing.

**GRADES:** K-8 **COST:** \$10 per student (Reduced rates available for Title 1 schools.)

### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

**CONTACT:** Alice Kirsch at [Alice.kirsch@huntsvilleal.gov](mailto:Alice.kirsch@huntsvilleal.gov) or visit [www.burrittonthemountain.com](http://www.burrittonthemountain.com)

## HUNTSVILLE MUSEUM OF ART FIELD TRIPS

School tour groups of 10 or more may choose between a Thematic docent-led tour or a Highlights docent-led tour to view all exhibits on display. Tours are designed using the Alabama Course of Study for Arts Education as a framework. **GRADES:** K-12 **COST:** \$5 per student **CONTACT:** Audry Creel, Docent/Tour Programs coordinator at [acreel@hsvmuseum.org](mailto:acreel@hsvmuseum.org) or visit [www.hsvmuseum.org](http://www.hsvmuseum.org)

## FANTASY PLAYHOUSE IN-SCHOOL TOURING PROGRAM

**Freedom Riders** – highlights inspirational themes about the region's heritage. Supplements Alabama's Course of Study in Civics & History. **GRADES:** 6-12

**Poarch Creek Courage** – an original play that teaches a vital lesson about bullying through the lens of the history of Alabama's Poarch Band of Creek Indians. **GRADES:** 3-5

**Nick Nutrition & His Dog Fiber** – teaches lessons on nutrition and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. **GRADES:** PREK-6

**COST:** Varies, Special rates for Title 1 schools

**CONTACT:** [educationdirector@fantasyplayhouse.com](mailto:educationdirector@fantasyplayhouse.com)

## OPERA HUNTSVILLE IN SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

**Goldie B Locks and the Three Singing Bears** -An operatic version of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" set to music by Mozart and Offenbach (Length 45 minutes)

**Little Red's Most Unusual Day** - An operatic version of 'Little Red Riding Hood' set to music by Rossini and Offenbach. (Length 45 minutes)

**GRADES:** PREK-5, **COST:** \$500 but open to all budgets

**CONTACT:** [info@operahuntsville.org](mailto:info@operahuntsville.org)



## HUNTSVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS

HSO, in conjunction with the HSO Guild, presents The Carnival of Animals. **GRADE:** 4 **COST:** Free **DATES:** Feb. 10, 2024 at 11:00am **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**  
**CONTACT:** [ypconcerts@hsoguild.org](mailto:ypconcerts@hsoguild.org)  
or visit [www.hso.org](http://www.hso.org)

## THE WEEDEN HOUSE MUSEUM FIELD TRIP

The tour begins with a brief history of the home and current events of the time. Students learn how the residents lived prior to modern conveniences. They also learn about Howard Weeden's paintings and poems. The tour also includes a scavenger hunt and refreshments.

**GRADES:** 2-6, **COST:** \$3.00 per student  
**CONTACT:** [theweedenhouse@att.net](mailto:theweedenhouse@att.net) or visit [www.weedenhousemuseum.com](http://www.weedenhousemuseum.com)

## THE SNAIL ON THE WALL

This local, independent bookstore will partner with schools and other organizations to host events and programming related to books, reading, and literacy. They can arrange a meet and greet with a well-known author. They also host book fairs and pop-up stores to bring books directly to your students. **GRADES:** PREK-12, **COST:** Varies (Author events are often free; bulk book discounts are available for classrooms and organizations)  
**CONTACT:** Lady Smith at [lady@snailonthewall.com](mailto:lady@snailonthewall.com)



# ARTS COMPETITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

## HUNTSVILLE LITERARY ASSOCIATION YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST

Students in grades 1-12 in Madison County public, private, and home schools may enter. Elementary students write poems, and junior and senior high students compete in poetry and short story.

**DATES:** February – early March  
**CONTACT:** Ramona L. Hyman at 256-337-4175 or [youngwriters@hlahsv.org](mailto:youngwriters@hlahsv.org) or visit [www.hlahsv.org](http://www.hlahsv.org)

## DANNY HALL MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Microwave Dave Music Education Foundation offers scholarships to four young musicians each year. The scholarship pays for one year of music lessons at one of four different music schools.

**CONTACT:** Jessica Bolling at [scholarships@microwavedavemef.org](mailto:scholarships@microwavedavemef.org) or visit [www.microwavedavemef.org](http://www.microwavedavemef.org)

## HUNTSVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA YOUNG ARTIST AUDITIONS

This competition gives students an opportunity to perform in a public forum and recognizes dedicated young musicians for their talent and accomplishments.

**CONTACT:** Sharon Hicks at [sharon@hso.org](mailto:sharon@hso.org) or visit [www.hso.org](http://www.hso.org)

## HUNTSVILLE MUSIC STUDY CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

The Huntsville Music Study Club awards scholarships to high school students in voice, piano, wind instruments, and strings. Auditions will be held in the spring of 2024.

**CONTACT:** Jenny Jacks at [jacksj1972@gmail.com](mailto:jacksj1972@gmail.com)



