


2024-25 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 2024-2025 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.



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.

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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.

4 ARTS ENHANCEMENT



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.

5-7 ARTS EXPOSURE



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.

7 ARTS COMPETITIONS & SCHOLARSHIPS



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



ARTS INTEGRATION

MAITLAND CONSERVATORY ARTS TECHNOLOGY

In this program, students learn podcasting, video editing, songwriting, and how to create music digitally. The program incorporates ELA, science, and STEM standards.

GRADES: 4-12 COST: Varies

CONTACT: info@themailandconservatory.org or visit www.themailandconservatory.org

CREATIVE LAUNCHPAD MISSION AI

This program pairs teaching artists with classroom teachers to create curricula that enhances and deepens 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

CREATIVE LAUNCHPAD ARTS ON THE MOVE

This program pairs teaching artists with physical education teachers by using a cross-curricular approach to arts learning. Matching theatre and dance standards with their counterparts in PE, students receive both physical and arts education that will leave them wanting to get up and move.

Partnerships last 9 weeks per semester and can be adapted to meet the school's needs. **GRADES:** K-3

CREATIVE LAUNCHPAD CREATIVE SCHOOLS TRAINING

A teacher-minded focus that brings professional development and arts instructional support to core classroom teachers. In collaboration with Mindpop, teaching facilitators provide standards and evidence-based training that uses arts learning in an approach that gives teachers a more robust set of tools. Multiple PD sessions available, and courses can be designed to fit your school's needs.

CONTACT: artsed@artshuntsville.org or visit www.artshuntsville.org

HUNTSVILLE BALLET COMPANY'S DISCOVER DANCE OUTREACH and 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

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 or visit www.huntsvilleballet.org

FANTASY PLAYHOUSE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and STEAM TECHNICAL THEATRE LEARNING LAB

A one-time workshop to help your team build cohesion and execute collaborative learning goals. The program will 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



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 their 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

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
CONTACT: Evan Billiter at educate@microwavedavemef.com or visit www.microwavedavemef.org



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 or visit www.fantasyplayhouse.com

HUNTSVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA VIOLIN PROGRAM

(10 lessons) HSO'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 or visit www.hso.org



ARTS EXPOSURE

ALABAMA YOUTH BALLET SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

AYBT presents a live performance of *Cinderella* in April 2025 **GRADES:** PREK- 5 **COST:** \$5 per student(Fee waiver for Title 1 schools) **CONTACT:** leah@aybtheatre.org or visit www.aybtheatre.org

BROADWAY THEATRE LEAGUE FIELD TRIPS

My Father's Dragon - Based on the beloved stories by Ruth Stiles Gannett about a compassionate and courageous young boy and his unlikely friendship with a splendid yellow and blue-striped dragon.

GRADES: K-6 **DATES:** Oct. 30, 2024 at 9:30 am and 12:30 pm Schools; 6:30 pm Community show

COST: Free, reservations required

The Aluminum Show - A unique and energetic experience for the entire family, is a stimulation tour de force which combines movement, dance, visual theater, and plenty of humor. **GRADES:** Pre-K-5

DATES: Feb. 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm Community show; Feb.13, 2025 at 9:30 am and 12:30 pm Schools

COST: Free, reservations required

CONTACT: Visit www.broadwaytheatreleague.org or David Herriot david@broadwaytheatreleague.org Study guides and classroom preview visits are available.

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. 20 and 21, 2025 at 9:30 am and 12:00 pm **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

CONTACT: ypconcerts@hsoguild.org or visit www.hso.org

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

The Wonderful Wizard of OZ, Oct 23, 2024 at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

A Christmas Carol - Dec. 11, 2024 at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

A Christmas Carol - Technical Theater Interactive Experience (no show) December 12, 2024 at 9:00 am and 11:30 am, Students get a hands-on, technical look at FPCTA's A Christmas Carol.

Sleeping Beauty and the Big Green Pea - Feb. 24, 2025 at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Freedom Riders: Homecoming - February 25, 2025 at 9:00 am and 11:30 am

A Wrinkle in Time - May 12 and 13, 2025 and 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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 for information.

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



BURRITT ON THE MOUNTAIN'S FIELD TRIPS

FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

Friday, Nov. 1, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm

Burritt on the Mountain hosts guest presenters and demonstrators sharing folklife of our region. Students experience and learn about the music, arts, crafts, and skills of Appalachia in a fun-filled day visiting approximately 20 different learning stations that include skills such as blacksmithing, weaving, printmaking, open hearth cooking, woodworking and many more. **GRADES:** K-8 **COST:** \$10 per student (Reduced rates available for Title 1 schools.)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

SPRING FARM DAYS

Thursday and Friday, April 3 and 4, 2025, 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 or visit www.burrittonthemountain.com

OPERA ON THE MOUNTAIN

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Join Opera Huntsville at Burritt on the Mountain for a presentation of *Little Red's Most Unusual Day*. This production tells the familiar story of Little Red Riding Hood with a humorous twist. Students will enjoy the show, learn about opera, and create a souvenir craft to take home. Plan to stay and picnic on the lawn.

GRADES: K-5 **COST:** \$10 per student (Reduced rates available for Title 1 schools.) **RESERVATIONS**

REQUIRED CONTACT: Alice Kirsch at

Alice.kirsch@huntsvilleal.gov

or visit 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 or visit www.hsvmuseum.org

FPCTA PLAYHOUSE STORYTIME PIRATES

This touring rag-tag, topsy-turvy band of pirates brings stories to life for early elementary audiences! Literature, grammar, science, math, and history are taken ransom as these silly swashbucklers duel with reading comprehension and core academic milestones. **GRADES:** PREK-5, **COST:** Varies **CONTACT:** educationdirector@fantasyplayhouse.com *Bookings must be made 30 days in advance

OPERA HUNTSVILLE IN SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

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



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 per student

CONTACT: theweedenhouse@att.net or visit 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, 256-212-0011 or visit during store hours at 816 Wellman Ave, 35801



ARTS COMPETITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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 or visit 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 or visit 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.

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