



2026

# Summer Art Academy



The Knoxville Museum of Art's Summer Art Academy offers quality educational opportunities that will ignite your child's imagination through drawing, painting, sculpture, and more!

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The Knoxville Museum of Art is proud to offer quality arts programming that encourages students to think creatively, make with imagination, and learn directly from the KMA galleries and exhibitions.

Each week offers new and exciting age-appropriate art classes that will inspire your child. The KMA's professional arts and museum educators provide instruction in small groups with personalized attention. Classes are held in the Knoxville Museum of Art within the Bailey Hall, Rozz Martin Studio, and the Kramer Education Center.

Morning classes are offered weekly for children ages 3-12 and afternoon workshops are offered for teens 13 and up. Summer Art Academy begins on Monday, June 1st and concludes on Friday, July 24th. Tuition for week long classes is \$170.00 for KMA members and \$200.00 for non-members (unless otherwise specified). Shorter workshops range in price from \$40.00 to \$100.00. This tuition covers the cost of all class supplies, instructors, and gallery activities.



MEMBERSHIP



SUMMER ART ACADEMY

Need-based full and partial scholarships are available.

*Please use the Membership QR code to explore KMA membership benefits and consider supporting the KMA by becoming a member today!*

Classes and scholarships are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please visit the the Knoxville Museum of Art website or scan the Summer Art Academy QR code to register for classes today!

**For scholarship information** please email [education@knoxart.org](mailto:education@knoxart.org) or call 865.525.6101 ext.241

JUNE 1-5

## Recycled Renaissance

### LITTLE MAKERS: RECYCLED TRANSFORMATIONS

**Ages 3-4 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Students will explore the natural world to find eco-friendly inspiration and use recycled materials to create decorative and functional masterpieces of all shapes and sizes.

### STEAMPUNK ZOO

**Ages 5-6 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Students will design and make animals for a futuristic zoo! The possibilities are endless when you use recycled materials! Buttons, cans, bottle caps, fabric scraps, and more become a wild menagerie of fantastical creatures.

### UPCYCLED IMAGINATION

**Ages 7-9 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

How many ways can you use a gallon jug? Maybe a penny bank, mask, or musical instrument. What can you make using recycled materials? ANYTHING! Students will discover the many (re)uses of everyday objects and let their imagination run wild.

### REPURPOSED PRINTMAKING

**Ages 10-12 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Discover new and exciting printmaking techniques that transform the every-day into something extraordinary! Make an etching with a CD or a collagraph with a circuit board, and learn how you can make beautiful prints at home.





**JUNE 8-12**

## Puppet-palooza!

### LITTLE MAKERS: CREATURE CREATIONS

**Ages 3-4 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Explore the world of masks and puppets by making crazy creatures! Students will use a variety of materials and discover how to use their bodies to bring their creations to life.

### GLOBAL PUPPETRY

**Ages 5-6 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Students will learn about puppet traditions from around the world. Students will use paper mâché and other sculptural techniques to create their own puppets inspired by rich global traditions and styles.

### CLAY FACES

**Ages 7-9 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Students will sculpt ceramic masks inspired by the large-scale puppetry of the artist, Wayne White. Learn how to sculpt facial features and create one-of-a-kind masks that tell a story.

### MULTI-PART SHADOW PUPPETS

**Ages 10-12 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Students will create shadow puppets inspired by Indonesian Wayang puppet making techniques. They will sketch, design, and create intricate, multi-part puppets that tell unique stories.

## TWO DAY CLASSES

**JUNE 15-16**

### Show Me a Story-Part 1

#### MOVING STORYTELLING

**Ages 5-7 • 9am-12pm**

*\$60 Members/ \$70 Non-Members*

This two-day class explores how students can tell a story using their body. They will learn different ways to express feelings, emotions, and actions through movement and put on a short performance at the end of the workshop.

#### ONE ACT WONDER!

**Ages 8-10 • 9am-12pm**

*\$60 Members/ \$70 Non-Members*

Students will create their own short plays in this two-day class. They will work together to create a stage and puppet performers to put on a performance at the end of the workshop. This class is perfect for readers and writers of all abilities.

**JUNE 17-18**

### Show Me a Story-Part 2

#### ONE ACT WONDER!

**Ages 5-7 • 9am-12pm**

*\$60 Members/ \$70 Non-Members*

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**JUNE 22-26**

## Full STEAM Ahead!

### LITTLE MAKERS: 3D PLAY

**Ages 3-4 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Young artists will explore the world of sculpture and 3D works of art using a variety of materials including clay, found objects, and more!

### MAPS AND MORE

**Ages 5-6 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Become a cartographer and learn how maps change the world around us! Students will learn about the art of map-making using watercolor and pen. They will create mazes and design town maps using grids and a key.

### THE ARTISTS LABORATORY

**Ages 7-9 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Students will grab a paintbrush and test tube as they mix science and art through creative experiments in the studio/lab. This class is focused on exploration and play so be prepared to get messy!

### INFORMATION ART

**Ages 10-12 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

In this class, students will learn about art historical events and use a variety of materials to bring those stories to life! Learn how graphs and charts can transform into fascinating drawings, paintings, sculptures, and more.



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## ONE DAY CLASSES

JUNE 29-JULY 1

### MONDAY, JUNE 29

#### MUSEUM SLEUTH- BESSIE HARVEY

Ages 5-12 • 9am-12pm

*\$40 Members/ \$50 Non-Members*

Explore the KMA collection and create your own found object sculptures inspired by Bessie Harvey.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 30

#### MUSEUM SLEUTH- RICHARD JOLLEY

Ages 5-12 • 9am-12pm

*\$40 Members/ \$50 Non-Members*

Explore the KMA collection and create your own hanging sculptures inspired by Richard Jolley.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

#### MUSEUM SLEUTH- THE KNOXVILLE SEVEN

Ages 5-12 • 9am-12pm

*\$40 Members/ \$50 Non-Members*

Explore the KMA collection and create your own watercolors inspired by the Knoxville Seven.

JULY 6-10

## Museum Masters

### LITTLE MAKERS: HIGHER GROUND

Ages 3-4 • 9am-12pm

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Learn all about the KMA permanent collection, Finding Higher Ground, by exploring a variety of materials and art making processes.

### SCULPT IT!

Ages 5-6 • 9am-12pm

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Students will get inspired by sculpture from the KMA collection to make their own 3D works of art. Using clay, paper mâché, and other materials, students will create a sculpture based on their own unique design.



### COMIC CRAFT

Ages 7-9 • 9am-12pm

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Use the power of visual storytelling to make 2D works of art! Students will design their own comic posters using a variety of materials while learning about different comic styles of drawing.

### GREAT MINDS MAKE ALIKE

Ages 10-12 • 9am-12pm

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Students will focus on the artwork of three artists known for big, bold color and movements. Students will create dyed canvases like Helen Frankenthaler, large collages inspired by Henri Matisse, and explore action painting with Kazuo Shiraga. Use experimental art-making techniques to make art history come alive!

JULY 13-17

## Art Around the World

### LITTLE MAKERS: FOLK ART OF NORTH AMERICA

Ages 3-4 • 9am-12pm

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Explore the rich tradition of folk art from across the Upper United States and Canada. Students will use fabric, natural materials, clay, and so much more to create their own works of art.

### AROUND THE WORLD IN 5 DAYS

Ages 5-6 • 9am-12pm

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Students will explore art making traditions from all 7 continents (including the footprints of Emperor penguins). Using the KMA Art2Go cases, young artists will explore the globe in a week!

### TIME TRAVEL GUIDE

Ages 7-9 • 9am-12pm

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Time travel across European art movements! Learn all about Medieval Illuminated manuscripts, colorful Scandinavian folk art, Impressionist paintings, and more. Students will track their explorations in field journals as they explore new drawing and painting techniques from art history.

### GLOBAL VESSELS

Ages 10-12 • 9am-12pm

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Take inspiration from Aboriginal ceramic vessels to create highly decorated and elaborately patterned pots. This class will use hand building techniques and focus on the art of using symbols to tell stories.



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JULY 20-24

## Exploring the Animal Kingdom

### ANIMALS OF THE AMAZON

**Ages 3-4 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Get inspired by the amazing wildlife of the Amazon rainforest! Students will use a variety of materials to explore the colors, textures, and shapes of one of the worlds most biodiverse landscapes.

### CLAY CRITTERS

**Ages 5-6 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Students will learn all about the wildlife of the South Eastern United States and learn how to make creature shaped pinch pots and sculptures.

### STEAMPUNK OCEAN

**Ages 7-9 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Students will create their own underwater animals using clay, discarded metal pieces, wire, and mixed media materials. Fill the ocean up with a menagerie of inventive, embellished, and steampunk oceanic creatures.

### NATURE DRAWING

**Ages 10-12 • 9am-12pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Learn the basics of scientific illustration using pen and pencil. Students will spend time outside drawing flora in the KMA gardens using brush pens. They will develop observational drawing skills from wildlife examples in the classroom.



# Teen Workshops

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

## WEEK LONG WORKSHOPS

**JUNE 1-5**

**WHEEL 101**

**Ages 13 & up • 1pm-4pm**

*\$170 Members/ \$200 Non-Members*

Learn the fundamentals of making ceramics using a potter's wheel.

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## 3 DAY WORKSHOPS

**JUNE 9-11**

**WEAVING FOR BEGINNERS**

**Ages 13 & up • 1pm-4pm**

*\$90 Members/ \$100 Non-Members*

Learn basic weaving techniques to create colorful and vibrant tapestries.

**JUNE 23-25**

**FULL STEAM AHEAD: PINHOLE CAMERAS AND CHEMIGRAMS**

**Ages 13 & up • 1pm-4pm**

*\$90 Members/ \$100 Non-Members*

Learn how to make photographic images without a traditional camera.

## 1 DAY WORKSHOPS

**JULY 8**

**ALL BUTTONED UP!**

**Ages 13 & up • 1pm-4pm**

*\$40 Members/ \$50 Non-Members*

Design and make your own buttons and pins using different techniques and materials.

**JULY 22**

**FLORAL CYANOTYPES**

**Ages 13 & up • 1pm-4pm**

*\$40 Members/ \$50 Non-Members*

Make photographic collages with natural materials and create brilliant blue silhouettes using the sun!



# Thank you to our Sponsors

The Knoxville Museum of Art would like to thank the following donors for providing support and scholarships to allow children across our community to attend classes at Summer Art Academy. Their support improves classes for today's students, adds special programming and activities, and helps keep class tuition in reach of the average family.

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## 2026 Summer Art Academy Exhibition

JULY 31 - SEPTEMBER 6



The Knoxville Museum of Art is proud to present the 2026 Summer Art Academy exhibition. Each summer, a wide variety of student work is chosen to represent the creativity and talent of our Summer Art Academy participants. These works of art are displayed in the Sarah Jane Hardrath Kramer Education Center and remain open to the public for the month of August.

Students at Summer Art Academy engage with the museum beyond the classroom through weekly docent tours and art activities that reflect current exhibitions and key parts of the KMA's collection. Our teachers help students grow their artistic interests and express themselves through different media and the Summer Art Academy Exhibition is the culmination of a summer of arts education at the KMA.

Visit the KMA Gift Shop with your young artist for fun art activities and supplies.



**20% Member Discount**

## SUPPORT THE KNOXVILLE MUSEUM OF ART WITH AN ARTS PLATE



The Publix Super Markets Charities, Emerson, and L'Amour du Vin Fund-A-Cause support scholarships to the KMA's 2026 Summer Art Academy. These scholarships provide the opportunity for students to participate at no cost. The scholarship covers 100% of expenses (except for transportation). Parents/guardians must fill out an application and submit proof of income. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. The number of scholarships is based on available funds and may be limited. The scholarship award is NOT confirmed until parents/guardians have received the confirmation letter from the Knoxville Museum of Art.

The Knoxville Museum of Art celebrates East Tennessee's rich, diverse visual culture and its connections to the wider currents of world art. The museum is located in downtown Knoxville at 1050 World's Fair Park Drive and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday 10 am-5 pm, and Sunday 1-5 pm. Admission and parking are free. Please visit [knoxart.org](http://knoxart.org) for more information.