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Summer Arts Guide

The Summer Arts Guide features experiences and camps offered by Austin's Creative Learning Initiative Community Arts Partners. Use this guide to discover some summer arts fun for your family!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS & FREE MUSEUM DAYS

AISD Summer Theatre Series <i>Wizard of Oz</i>	June 26-June 28, ticketed · Musical performance by AISD students
AISD Summer Theatre Series <i>Charlie & the Chocolate Factory</i>	July 24-July 26, ticketed · Musical performance by AISD students
Art Galleries at Black Studies	Always Free · Galleries showcasing the art of Africa & the African Diaspora
Asian American Resource Center Exhibits	Always Free · Art exhibits by Asian American Pacific Islanders
Blanton Museum	Tuesdays · Art museum showcasing art throughout the ages
Carver Museum	Always Free · Museum showcasing African American material culture, history & aesthetic expression
Harry Ransom Center	Always Free · Internationally renowned arts & literature museum & archive
Julia C. Butridge Gallery	Always Free · Art gallery in Dougherty Arts Center
LBJ Presidential Library	Select free days; children until 12 free · Presidential library & museum
Long Center's The Drop-In	Thursdays, May 23-August 15 · Free outdoor concert series
Mexic-Arte Museum	Sundays · Mexican, Latino & Latin American art & culture museum
O. Henry Museum	Always Free · Museum housed in residence of writer William Sydney Porter
Old Bakery & Emporium	Always Free · Historic landmark with art gallery & history exhibit
Story Starts	Saturdays, 11a-12p · Weekly improv show for kids & their adults, interactive, high-energy & hilarious
Summer Stock Austin <i>Mary Poppins</i>	July 25-August 10, ticketed · Family-friendly musicals
Susanna Dickinson Museum	Always Free · Museum housed in residence of Susanna Dickinson, survivor of The Battle of Alamo
The Bullock	First Sundays · Museum preserving Texas history & stories
The Contemporary Jones Center & Laguna Gloria	Thursdays · Contemporary art museum
The Contemporary Laguna Gloria Arty Party	Last Fridays, 10a-11a · Free, interactive story time for kids 3 & under
The Contemporary Second Saturdays are for Families	Second Saturdays, 11a-3p · Creative art-making experience for families
Thinkery	Tuesdays 3p-7p · STEAM children's museum
Umlauf Sculpture Garden Family Day	June 8, July 13 & August 10 · Families explore & create in the sculpture garden
Zilker Summer Musical	July 11-August 16 · <i>Bring It On: The Musical</i> in Zilker Park

SUMMER CAMPS

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 Indoor  Outdoor  Financial Aid  Fee  Free  Bilingual  Family Event  Public Transit Accessible

ARMSTRONG COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

Music Together®

@ Armstrong Community Music School
June 2–July 27 & August 4–31

    Ages 0-5

Classes featuring music, playful movement activities, & instrumental jam sessions for infants, toddlers, & preschoolers. A parent or caregiver must accompany each child to class.

For more info:
www.acmsaustin.org

Music Explorers

@ Armstrong Community Music School
June 23–July 24

   Ages 3-5

Students learn about instrument families, different musical styles, terminology, and experience demonstrations of instruments. This class can be taken as preparation for private music lessons.

For more info:
www.acmsaustin.org

Spanish Immersion Music and Movement

@ Armstrong Community Music School
June 2–July 27 & August 4–August 31

     Ages 2-6

Take a journey with Canta y Baila Conmigo®. You & your child will be transported as you sing, dance & play along to the irresistible sounds and rhythms of Spanish speaking countries. Designed for beginners and native speakers alike.

Canta y Baila Conmigo® es una clase de música para niños hasta los 5 años de edad acompañados por un adulto. Esta clase está diseñada para fomentar tanto el desarrollo del idioma español como la destreza cultural de los niños a través de canciones infantiles y música tradicional de España y Latinoamérica. Es ideal para familias bilingües que buscan un ámbito auténtico donde compartir en español con sus niños así como con otros miembros de la comunidad hispanoparlante.

For more info:
www.acmsaustin.org

AUSTIN BAT CAVE Writing Summer Camps

@ African American Youth Harvest Foundation's Resource Center
June 2–27, 1:00p–4:00p

   
Elementary, Middle, & High School

Half-day creative writing summer camps all over the city. Summer camps explore genres like Fan-Fiction, Poetry Writing, Horror Writing, Songwriting & more.

For more info:
www.austinbatcave.org/youth-camps/

AUSTIN OPERA Opera Workshops

@ Multiple Library Locations
June 13, 17, 23 & July 9, 25, 31

   Ages 2-6

Austin Opera and Austin Public Library team up for this series of interactive workshops. Each workshop will include live performances and interactive educational activities for children focusing on a particular aspect of opera.

For more info:
<https://austinopera.org/education/meet-the-opera/>

AUSTIN SOUNDWAVES

Explore & Create Camps

@ Govalle Elementary School & St. Andrews Episcopal
June 9-13, 9:00a-12:00p & 1:00-4:00p &
June 16-20, 9:00a-3:30p

 Elementary & Middle School

Campers learn about music, singing, playing instruments, making instruments, games & more. No prior experience required.

For more info:
www.austinsoundwaves.org/summer-music-camp

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Play & Progress Camp

@ Huston-Tillotson University
June 16-20, 9:00a-3:30p

 Ages 10-12

Geared toward students who took beginning band and orchestra at their school and/or with 6-12 months of instruction in a band or orchestra.

For more info:
www.austinsoundwaves.org/summer-music-camp

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Level Up & Lead Camp

@ Huston-Tillotson University
June 23-27, 9:00a-3:30p

 Middle & High School

Students will be placed into chamber groups and symphony orchestra based on ability through a placement audition or assessment (recorded or in person). Campers must have experience playing in school band or orchestra, youth orchestra, chamber music, and similar and be looking for more advanced performance opportunities.

For more info:
www.austinsoundwaves.org/summer-music-camp



BALLET AUSTIN ACADEMY

Summer Ballet

@ Ballet Austin's Butler Center for Dance Education & Ballet Austin at the Dell Jewish Community Center
June 23- August 2

 Ages 2-6, Elementary

Ballet Austin Academy inspires young dancers with creativity, movement, and a love for dance. Dancers can start in the Young Children's Division, a gentle introduction to dance, move to the Pre-Ballet Division for formal ballet prep, or continue in the Elementary Division, where ballet training begins.

For more info:
www.balletaustin.org/academy/summer-classes-2025/

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Broadway Kids Camp

@ Ballet Austin's Butler Dance Education Center
June 2-6, 9:00a-12:30p

 Elementary

Ballet Austin Academy inspires young dancers with creativity, movement, and a love for dance. In Broadway Kids Camp, kids celebrate what makes them unique through song, dance, and a special performance for family and friends.

For more info:
www.balletaustin.org/academy/summer-classes-2025/

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BLANTON MUSEUM OF ART

Blanton All Day

@ Blanton Museum of Art
June 14, July 12 & August 9

 Ages 4-8

Enjoy a full day of art, featuring family-friendly activities, art talks, music, food, & more! Once a month, every second weekend. Look & Listen Storytime is our most popular program for young visitors. Read along to picture books paired with works of art, that inspire curiosity.

For more info:
www.blantonmuseum.org/exhibitions-calendar/allday/

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MAKEwild

@ Blanton Museum of Art

Open during regular museum hours



MAKEwild is an artwork, an environment, & an activity designed to provide Blanton visitors time & space to create their own artworks at the museum. The MAKEwild open studio space is free with museum admission, available on the 2nd floor of the Michener Gallery Building during regular museum hours.

For more info:

<https://blantonmuseum.org/overview/families/>

CITY OF AUSTIN Summer Camps

@ Various locations

June 9–August 15 (weekly sessions)



Elementary, Middle & High School

Austin Parks and Recreation provides accessible, diverse, and inclusive summer camps, & now offers early registration for community participants who qualify for financial aid. (Waitlist only)

For more info:

www.austintexas.gov/departments/summer-camps-0

CREATIVE ACTION Summer Camps

@ Ridgetop Elementary

June 9–July 25, 8:30a–4:30p



Award-winning summer camps provide hands-on learning, arts exploration, social and emotional growth, and both indoor and outdoor fun.

For more info:

www.creativeaction.org/programs/summer-camp-2/

Academy Summer Camps

@ Creative Action

June 9–July 25, 8:30a–4:30p



Creative Action Academy Summer Camps provide young artists with a more intensive learning experience to learn new techniques, build their portfolio and showcase their skills for the public!

For more info:

www.creativeaction.org/programs/summer-camp-2/

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Bilingual Art Academy

@ Magellan International

July 14–25, 8:30a–4:30p



This camp provides young artists with a more intensive learning experience. Awaken art history and learn from the greats at this dual language art academy!

For more info:

www.creativeaction.org/programs/summer-camp-2/

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Photography Studio

@ Sustainable Food Center

June 28–August 8, 8:30a–4:30p



Creative Action has partnered with Sustainable Food Center to give campers an inside look at how a photography studio operates!

For more info:

www.creativeaction.org/programs/summer-camp-2/



FILM KIDS

Summer Camps

@ Episcopal Church of the Resurrection & Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church
Week long sessions throughout the Summer,
Monday-Friday, 8:30a-3:30p



Campers pitch, plan, film & act in original movies. Everyone contributes as cast and crew, developing and filming original stories in a week-long session.

For more info:
www.filmkids.org

IMAGINE ARTS ACADEMY

Summer Camps

@ Magellan Bull Creek Campus
June 9-July 25, 9:00a-4:00p

@ Westoak Woods
June 9-13 & July 14-18, 9:00a-4:00p

@ Bella Mar Center
June 9-13, June 7-11 & June 28-July 1, 9:00a-4:00p

@ West Austin Youth Association
June 30-July 3, 9:00a-4:00p



Camps are designed with exciting, fun and hands-on art activities. Your child will become an artist for the week, having the opportunity to experience a variety of hands-on adventures. We use an inquiry-based technique that allows even the youngest camper to enjoy learning. Children will design, create, build & assemble a variety of interesting projects. Five amazing camp themes are available!

For more info:
<https://austin.imagineartsacademy.com/>

IMPACT ARTS

Texas Arts Project Junior Day Camp

@ St. Stephen's Episcopal School
June 9-14, 9:00a-4:00p



A summer musical theatre intensive where students of all levels train with industry professionals to develop confidence, technique, and stage presence. Culminates in a final showcase of Broadway-style performances.

For more info:
www.impactarts.org/tap-camp

Texas Arts Project Senior Overnight Camp

@ St. Stephen's Episcopal School
June 8-14



A full-scale sleep-away musical theatre intensive where students of all levels train with industry professionals to develop confidence, technique, and stage presence. Culminates in a final showcase of Broadway-style performances.

For more info:
www.impactarts.org/tap-camp

MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM

Nuestro Estilo

@ Austin Central Library
July 7-12, 10:00a-2:00p



Learn about indigenous garment and textile-making traditions from Mexico. Learn techniques of embroidery, natural dyes, sewing, printmaking and more. Camp concludes with a fashion showcase.

For more info:
www.mexic-artemuseum.org/learn/screen-it/screen-it-summer-camp/



Nuestro Mundo

@ Austin Public Library Southeast Branch
August 4–8, 10:00a–2:00p



Elementary, Middle & High School

Youth will build and strengthen their community through learning about social justice and printmaking, creating screen print posters & stickers.

For more info:
www.mexic-artemuseum.org/learn/screen-it/screen-it-summer-camp/

MOVE YOUR TALE & EXCUSED ABSENCE COMEDY

Improv Camps

@ ColdTowne Theater
May 27–August 14



2-6 yrs, Elementary, Middle & High School

Comedy, on the spot! Improv for Kids and Teens at ColdTowne Theater.

For more info:
<https://excusedabsence.com/camps-navigation-page/summer-camps-2/>



Improv Workshops

@ ColdTowne Theater
Dates and times vary



Middle & High School

Kids, Teens, and Families have the chance to dive into different Improv topics throughout the summer. Low-pressure, big fun.

For more info:
www.excusedabsence.com/master-classes/



PARAMOUNT THEATRE Camp Paramount

@ Trinity Episcopal School, Huston-Tillotson University, Doss Elementary, & Ann Richards School
Multiple sessions in June–July



Elementary, Middle & High School

In this fun & fast-paced musical theatre camp, campers perform Broadway style musical numbers & iconic pop hits on the historic Paramount Stage! Campers prepare for dynamic final performance while receiving training in voice, acting, dance, & production.

For more info:
<https://www.austintheatre.org/learn-engage/camps/>



Camp Story Wranglers

@ Reilly Elementary
July 7–18, 9:00a–4:00p



Elementary & Middle School

Inspired by our popular Paramount Story Wranglers program, campers explore story-writing, songwriting, costume and prop design, as well as acting, to create a new, thrilling, hilarious, weird, poignant, SNL-style, you-name-it production. This camp challenges campers to be creative writers and to bring their stories to life!

For more info:
<https://www.austintheatre.org/learn-engage/camps/>



Songwriting Workshop

@ Baker Center
June 16–27, 1:00p–5:00p



High School

Calling all aspiring musicians and lyricists The Paramount and State Theatres are known for hosting legendary songwriters from around the world — our workshop fosters the next generation, culminating in a showcase at the historic Paramount Theatre. Prior musical experience is a plus, but not required.

For more info:
www.austintheatre.org/learn-engage/camps/

THE CONTEMPORARY AUSTIN The Art School

@ The Art School at Laguna Gloria
June 2–August 15, various times & courses

   Elementary, Middle & High School

Kids Summer Classes in various media, morning & afternoon sessions with an option for supervised lunch so parents can register for both sessions.

For more info:
www.thecontemporaryaustin.org/kids-summer-schedule/

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE Summer Theatre Workshop

@ UT Campus
June 9–21

  High School

Summer Theatre Workshop: Celebrate Your Story: Participants will create and perform a new and original play by working together to develop stories based on issues important to young people. Participants will also explore a variety of skills including voice and diction, improvisation and ensemble work. Open to ages 14-18.

For more info:
<https://theatredance.utexas.edu/theatre-and-dance-youth-summer-camps>

Contemporary Dance Intensive

@ UT Campus
June 23–27

  High School

Creative Collaboration: In this contemporary/modern dance intensive, participants will further their dance technique, deepen their artistry and develop their collaborative skills in a community of passionate dancers. Daily classes include contemporary/modern dance technique, phrase-work and collaborative choreographic methods. Open to ages 13-17.

For more info:
<https://theatredance.utexas.edu/theatre-and-dance-youth-summer-camps>

Exploring the Arts, Exploring the Self

@ UT Campus
July 7–11

  Elementary

A week-long day camp in which participants will explore the self through art, music, dance and theatre. Each day, the group will engage the arts to present and perform ideas of who they are, as individuals & as a community. Open to ages 7-11.

For more info:
<https://theatredance.utexas.edu/theatre-and-dance-youth-summer-camps>

WICKED WORKSHOP YOUTH ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM Explore Architecture

@ Oak Hill United Methodist Church,
Genesis Presbyterian, & Valley View Elementary
June 2–6

  Elementary

Design & Build a Minecraft Skyblock! Explore the notion of limited resources, the current sand shortage and the story of cubism in architecture to create a unique hand-built version of your own Skyblock. A maker-based class using crafting materials; no electronics are used.

For more info:
www.wickedworkshop.org/



Explore Architecture

@ Oak Hill United Methodist Church, Genesis Presbyterian, Magellan International School, & Round Rock ISD

June 9-13



Design & Build Super Mario's Castle! Explore design ideas and use blocks, elevators, barrels, logs, gold coins & tubes to create Mario's castle.

For more info:
www.wickedworkshop.org/



Explore Architecture

@ Oak Hill United Methodist Church, Genesis Presbyterian, Magellan International School, & Round Rock ISD

July 14-18



Design & Build SpongeBob's Undersea Paradise! Explore the underwater architecture of Bikini Bottom & design our own versions of SpongeBob's Pineapple house, Squidward's Tentacles house, & more!

For more info:
www.wickedworkshop.org/



Explore Architecture

@ Oak Hill United Methodist Church, Genesis Presbyterian, Magellan International School, & Round Rock ISD

July 21-25



Design & Build Phineas & Ferb's Favorite Summer Vacation Spots! With 104 days of summer vacation, join us as we explore some of the best of Phineas and Ferb's inventions and create our own unique Danville landmarks.

For more info:
www.wickedworkshop.org/

ZACH THEATRE Summer Camps

@ ZACH Theatre & ZACH North
May 27-August 15, 9:00a-4:00p

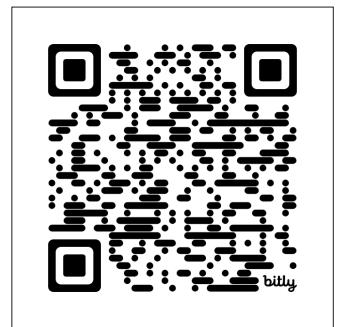


2-6 yrs, Elementary, Middle & High School

Explore acting, singing, and dancing. Camp is designed to inspire creativity, build confidence, & develop life skills through theatre skills.

For more info:
www.zachtheatre.org/education/camps-classes/

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