

FYACS Fall 2024

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS Youth Studio Art & Theatre

DISCOVERING ART *Ages 2,3,4*

Time: *Saturdays 9:45AM-10:30PM; 4 sessions (9/14-10/12 no class 9/28)*

Instructor: Chiara Pieri

Cost: \$90

Through age appropriate art experiences with a variety of media, your child will explore basic art skills with a balance of structure and experimentation. Groups are designed to build problem-solving and expressive skills, as well as reinforce your child's natural creative tendencies. All materials and concepts are presented in a way that takes into account the child's developmental level, creative interest, and any particular cognitive, social, and emotional needs. *A caregiver must stay with each child for the duration of the class.*

SCIENCE AND ART *Ages 4,5,6*

Time: *Tuesdays 5:15PM-6:15PM; 7 sessions (9/10-10/29)*

Instructor: Sally Gordon

Cost: \$210

Art and Science pair perfectly in this experiment-based class devoted to process and discovery. Create your own lava lamps, rainbow water, and more. Artists will get to play with a variety of media, exploring interactions and changes as they make their pieces.

SCULPTURE EXPLORATION *Ages 4,5,6*

Time: *Mondays 5:15PM-6:15PM; 6 sessions (9/9-10/21, no class 10/14)*

Instructor: Nicole Morse

Cost: \$180

In this 3D adventure tailored to our younger sculptors, we will have a wide range of materials and techniques to broaden each artist's understanding of sculpture! Using fun prompts, some structural problem solving, a touch of art history, and interesting materials like found objects and foil, we'll carve out a new artistic path.

LET'S PAINT *Ages 4,5,6*

Time: *Thursdays 4:00PM-5:00PM 7 sessions (9/12-10/4)*

Instructor: Chiara Pieri

Cost: \$210

This painting class explores watercolors and acrylic in dynamic ways, including color mixing, paint applications and interactions, layers and textures, with lots of options for experiments. We'll then use these techniques to build paintings that incorporate composition and design elements in age appropriate ways. Artists will develop lots of experiments and a few final paintings.

MINI WORLD MAKERS *Ages 6,7,8*

Time: *Mondays 2:45PM-3:45PM; 6 sessions (9/9-10/21, no class 10/14)*

Instructor: Nicole Morse

Cost: \$180

If you like miniature worlds full of magic, make believe, and maybe even fairies, this class is sure to spark your creativity! In this class, students will use a variety of materials and objects to build their mini world, complete with map drawing. Mini worlds can be built in pots, like fairy gardens, as well as shoe boxes, lunch boxes, and small vintage suitcases, with plenty of room for individual directions and creative choices!

MIXING MEDIA *Ages 6,7,8*

Time: *Mondays 4:00PM-5:00PM; 6 sessions (9/9-10/21, no class 10/14)*

Instructor: Nicole Morse

Cost: \$180

This class is a direct result of what artists at our studio tend to do naturally, and we are happy to oblige by adding a little structure and encouraging experiments to achieve new techniques. We'll explore the potential of combinations of 2D and 3D Media. We'll paint on collages, combine textures and drawing, and play with familiar mediums in new and exciting ways to create exciting composition. This is for the artist who likes to put it all together!

DOODLE DAYS *Ages 6,7,8*

Time: *Tuesdays 2:45PM-3:45PM; 7 sessions (9/10-10/22)*

Instructor: Chiara Pieri

Cost: \$210

Using inspiration from our favorite things, real life, and other artists, we'll dive into the drawing process to explore its endless possibilities. By exploring basic techniques, students can begin to look at composition, line, form, and texture, bringing the pictures in their imaginations to life like never before.

CREATIVE ARTS 1 *Ages 6,7,8*

Time: *Wednesdays 4:00PM-5:00PM; 7 sessions (9/11-10/23)*

Instructor: Sara Gravante

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CREATIVE WRITING 1 *Ages 8,9,10*

Time: *Thursdays 2:45PM-3:45PM; 7 sessions (9/12-10/24)*

Instructor: Ashley Davis

Cost: \$210

In this 7-week course geared towards students in grades 3-5, young writers will explore the fundamentals of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Through a variety of writing prompts and creative exercises, writers will stretch their imagination and strengthen their skills in story-telling, descriptive vocabulary, poetic techniques, characterization, and persuasive writing. At the end of the course, writers will have the opportunity to select one of their works to be published on the Follow Your Art website.

BROADWAY JR *Ages 8-11*

Time: *Thursdays 4:00PM-5:00PM; 7 sessions (9/12-10/24)*

Instructor: Alison Butts

Cost: \$210

It is time to sing, dance and act in Broadway Jr. We will explore 3 to 4 songs and scenes from popular musicals to put together a showcase performance for the last day of class. Students will learn acting basics, self-expression and get an introduction to choreography and proper vocal technique in this fun and active class.

DRAWING THE WHOLE PICTURE *Ages 8,9,10*

Time: *Tuesday 4:00PM-5:00PM; 7 sessions (9/10-10/22)*

Instructor: Chiara Pieri

Cost: \$210

In this drawing class, we'll work on projects that build on our artist's interests, exploring different techniques through engaging subjects. Individual instruction will help your young artist learn the fundamentals of building a drawing and developing a personal style, building on what they already know, and encouraging exploration and experimentation.

CREATIVE ARTS 2 *Ages 8,9,10*

Time: *Wednesday 2:45PM-3:45PM; 7 sessions (9/11-10/23)*

Instructor: Sara Gravante

Cost: \$210

Got a creative kid who loves art in all forms but isn't sure what their "thing" is yet? This is the place for the artist who wants to try a little of everything. Learn new techniques in drawing, painting, collage, sculpture and engineering, even printmaking! This survey course is a great way for creative kids to get to explore many materials to get a sense of what they prefer.

THEATRE GAMES & IMPROV *Ages 9-11*

Time: *Mondays 4:00PM-5:00PM; 6 sessions (9/9-10/21, no class 10/14)*

Instructor: Alison Butts

Cost: \$180

Join us for an introduction to acting and improvisation in this fast paced and active class! Students will learn the fundamentals of theatre and acting techniques, explore creative theater games and work as an ensemble while exploring improvisational theatre. This class is perfect for beginners and actors with experience.

DRAWING CLUB *Ages 10,11,12*

Time: *Tuesdays 5:15PM-6:15PM; 7 sessions (9/10-10/22)*

Instructor: Chiara Pieri

Cost: \$210

This is a great opportunity for artists with a passion for drawing to get together, learn from each other, and gain valuable skills with Amy as their guide. The group will meet weekly; artists can work independent study style on drawings from manga, cartoon character development to classical rendering and composition building.

OPEN STUDIO *Ages 10,11,12*

Time: *Wednesdays 3:00PM-4:30PM; 7 sessions (9/11-10/23)*

Instructor: Chiara Pieri

Cost: \$315

Designed as an opportunity for focused 4th, 5th, and 6th graders to create. Staff are on hand to help problem solve and strategize, but the agenda is up to the artists, who have access to drawing, painting, collage and sculpture supplies (exclusive of ceramics).

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TEEN OPEN STUDIO *Ages 13-17*

Time: *Wednesdays 7:00PM-8:30PM (9/11-10/23)*

Instructor: Chiara Pieri

Cost: \$315

This is a small, independent group for self-directed teenage artists who want to improve their drawing, painting, sculpture, or design skills. Artists' interests and abilities are assessed, and personal instruction in specific media is offered. We work one on one with artists to help them develop a personal style, challenge creative skills, take risks and try new materials. Acceptance, encouragement, and constructive collaboration is encouraged among artists.

COLLEGE ESSAY SESSIONS *Class of 2025*

Time: *Sundays 1:00PM-3:00PM; 7 sessions (9/15-10/27)*

Instructor: Manjula Karamcheti

Cost: \$20 suggested donation/class

1. [September 15th 1PM-3PM](#)
2. [September 22nd 1PM-3PM](#)
3. [September 29th 1PM-3PM](#)
4. [October 6th 1PM-3PM](#)
5. [October 13th 1PM-3PM](#)
6. [October 20th 1PM-3PM](#)
7. [October 27th 1PM-3PM](#)

Register at fyamelrose.org/programs

"Seniors! Starting those college application essays? Trying to figure out what to write about? Want someone to give you feedback on your writing? Need a structure to deal with procrastination? Looking for a way to have a little fun while getting your checklist done?"

Come join Manjula Karamcheti at Follow Your Art Community Studios on Sundays at 1pm to strategize and get support on those college application essays.

Manjula was a high school counselor for many years as well as a college application reader for a local college. Maybe more relevant, she just went through the process with her daughter and has learned a lot about the whole process! She is excited to share what she has learned and help make the experience as stress free as possible!

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS Youth Ceramics

CLAY SCULPT & HAND BUILD Ages 6,7,8

Time: *Tuesdays 4:00PM-5:00PM ; 6 sessions (9/10-10/15)*

Instructor: Nicole Morse

Cost: \$225

Potters ages 6-8 will learn and practice the basics of sculpture and hand-building with clay through a series of 4-6 creative pottery projects. Students will decorate pieces with underglaze painting and pieces will be clear glazed and fired after the class.

CLAY SCULPT & HAND BUILD Ages 8,9,10

Time: *Thursday 2:45PM-3:45PM ; 6 sessions (9/12-10/17)*

Instructor: Jessica Mitchell

Cost: \$225

Potters ages 8-10 will learn and practice the basics of sculpture and hand-building with clay through a series of 4-6 creative pottery projects. Students will decorate pieces with underglaze painting and pieces will be clear glazed and fired after the class.

Register at fyamelrose.org/programs

CLAY SCULPT & WHEEL THROWING *Ages 10,11,12*

Time: *Mondays 3:30PM-5:15PM; 6 sessions (9/9-10/21, no class 10/14)*

Instructor: Eliane Medina

Cost: \$345

Potters aged 10-12 will learn and develop their skills at wheel-throwing (centering, pulling, and shaping), hand-building, and decorating pottery using techniques like imprinting, underglazing, and carving.

CLAY SCULPT & WHEEL THROWING *Ages 10,11,12*

Time: *Wednesdays 3:30PM-5:15PM; 6 sessions (9/11-10/16)*

Instructor: Eliane Medina

Cost: \$345

Potters aged 10-12 will learn and develop their skills at wheel-throwing (centering, pulling, and shaping), hand-building, and decorating pottery using techniques like imprinting, underglazing, and carving.

WHEEL THROWING & HAND BUILDING *Ages 11-14*

Time: *Thursdays 4:00PM-5:45PM; 6 sessions (9/12-10/17)*

Instructor: Allison Nutting

Cost: \$345

Our adolescent potters will learn and develop their skills at wheel-throwing (centering, pulling, and shaping), hand-building, and decorating and underglazing.

WHEEL THROWING & HAND BUILDING *Ages 13-17*

Time: *Tuesdays 3:30PM-5:30PM; 7 sessions (9/10-10/22)*

Instructor: Bob Herman

Cost: \$400

Our teen potters will learn and develop their skills at wheel-throwing (centering, pulling, and shaping), hand-building, decorating, and glazing pottery.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS Adult Art

ALTERED BOOKS *Adults*

Time: *Tuesdays 6:30PM-8:30PM; 4 sessions (9/24-10/22 no class 10/1)*

Instructor: Sharon Santillo

Cost: \$200

What is an altered book? It is taking a used book, making it your own, giving it a new life. We will remove some pages to make room and use collage, drawing, painting, printing, and words with a wide variety of art materials available for your use. Choose a volume that no one is likely to read again, still has a sound binding, lays somewhat flat when open, and does not have shiny pages. Did you know that most secondhand books are never read again and end up being recycled? Good sources for books to alter are thrift shops, library sales, little free libraries, dollar stores, even your own book shelves. The instructor will also bring books to choose from. A list of other possible materials to collect and bring will be sent out when you register. No experience is necessary to participate in this “anything goes” course!

ART 1:1 Guided Independent Study *Adults*

Time: *Wednesdays 10:30AM-12:30PM; 7 sessions (9/11-10/23)*

Instructor: Sara Gravante

Cost: \$350

This is an opportunity for guidance and feedback in drawing, watercolor, acrylic painting, and mixed media. Sara will take a maximum of 6 artists from beginning to intermediate levels and help you to create a personal goal based on interest and ability. Instruction will follow your individual interest, with the expectation of independent work throughout the class period. This is a great way to get started with your “I’ve always wanted to....” art goals. Because of the independent nature of the class, there is no single supply list - the studio will provide supplies for the first day of class, or you are welcome to bring your own. The instructor will consult with you on materials to purchase for your desired projects on the first day of class, students are responsible for purchasing their own supplies for the remainder of the session.

WHEEL THROWING & HAND BUILDING 17+

Cost: \$440

SECTIONS:

1. [**Mondays 6:00PM-9:00PM**](#), Instructor: Eliane Medina (9/9-10/21 no class 10/14)
2. [**Tuesdays 6:00PM-9:00PM**](#), Instructor: Michelle Ramadan (9/17-10/22)
3. [**Wednesdays 6:00PM-9:00PM**](#), Instructor: Alessia O'Brien (9/11-10/16)
4. [**Thursdays 6:00PM-9:00PM**](#), Instructor: Deborah Garner (9/12-10/17)
5. [**Thursdays 9:00AM-12:00PM**](#), Instructor: Michelle Ramadan (9/12-10/17)

This semi-private ceramics class focuses on learning and developing hand-building and wheel-throwing skills. Students will receive individualized instruction based on where they are. Open to novice students and students with experience. Scheduling: 6 weeks of class plus an additional glazing class session. Formal instruction begins a half hour into class. Students can arrive anytime within the first half hour. The glazing session will be held on November 2'nd between 10AM-3PM. Individual slots will be booked in class.

Class fee includes Instruction for 6 series classes + a 1 glazing class 2 weeks after class ends on a Saturday. We use brown stoneware clay and studio-made glazes. 20 Lbs of Clay with glazes and firing costs included in the fee. Additional clay is available at a per pound cost. All pieces are limited to 8" in height and width. The studio provides basic tools; however, you are welcome to bring your own Kemper Pottery Tool Kit. Classes must have 4 enrolled to run.

WHEEL THROWING WORKSHOP 17+

Time: Friday September 6th, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Instructor: Alessia O'Brien

Cost: \$75

In this 2 hour introductory workshop, potters will learn the basics of the Pottery Wheel. Additional Information: Classes must have 4 enrolled to run. Instruction, materials, glazing, and firing costs for 1 piece are included in the fee. Additional items can be fired for \$10 to be collected at time of workshop. Maximum 2 items/person. We use brown stoneware clay and studio-made glazes. All pieces are limited to 8" in height and width. The studio provides basic tools, but students are welcome to bring their own as well. All student pieces will be glazed clear and fired by staff after the session is completed. Pieces will be ready for pick-up approximately 6 weeks after the class session ends. Notification will be sent to the email address provided with your registration.

WHEEL THROWING WORKSHOP 17+

Time: *Friday September 20th, 6:30PM-8:30PM*

Instructor: Alessia O'Brien

Cost: \$75

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HAND BUILDING WORKSHOP: Slab and Coil Pottery 17+

Time: *Friday September 27th, 6:30PM-8:30PM*

Instructor: Jackie Zajac

Cost: \$65

In this 2 hour hand-building workshop, potters will construct slab and coil pottery. Open to all levels of experience. Additional Information: Classes must have 4 enrolled to run. Instruction, materials, glazing, and firing costs for 1 piece are included in the fee. Additional items can be fired for \$10 to be collected at time of workshop. Maximum 2 items/person. We use brown stoneware clay and studio-made glazes. All pieces are limited to 8" in height and width. The studio provides basic tools, but students are welcome to bring their own as well. All student pieces will be glazed clear and fired by staff after the session is completed. Pieces will be ready for pick-up approximately 6 weeks after the class session ends. Notification will be sent to the email address provided with your registration.

WHEEL THROWING WORKSHOP 17+

Time: *Friday October 4th, 6:30PM-8:30PM*

Instructor: Alessia O'Brien

Cost: \$75

In this 2 hour introductory workshop, potters will learn the basics of the Pottery Wheel. Additional Information: Classes must have 4 enrolled to run. Instruction, materials, glazing, and firing costs for 1 piece are included in the fee. Additional items can be fired for \$10 to be collected at time of workshop. Maximum 2 items/person. We use brown stoneware clay and studio-made glazes. All pieces are limited to 8" in height and width. The studio provides basic tools, but students are welcome to bring their own as well. All student pieces will be glazed clear and fired by staff after the session is completed. Pieces will be ready for pick-up approximately 6 weeks after the class session ends. Notification will be sent to the email address provided with your registration.

HAND BUILDING WORKSHOP: Slab Mugs 17+

Time: *Friday October 25th, 6:30PM-8:30PM*

Instructor: Jackie Zajac

Cost: \$65

In this 2 hour hand-building workshop, potters will construct slab mugs. Open to all levels of experience. Additional Information: Classes must have 4 enrolled to run. Instruction, materials, glazing, and firing costs for 1 piece are included in the fee. Additional items can be fired for \$10 to be collected at time of workshop. Maximum 2 items/person. We use brown stoneware clay and studio-made glazes. All pieces are limited to 8" in height and width. The studio provides basic tools, but students are welcome to bring their own as well. All student pieces will be glazed clear and fired by staff after the session is completed. Pieces will be ready for pick-up approximately 6 weeks after the class session ends. Notification will be sent to the email address provided with your registration.
