

2025 SPRING TERM

# CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

INNER-CITYARTS



Register at  
[inner-cityarts.org/institutes](http://inner-cityarts.org/institutes)

6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

**SATURDAYS**

**FEB. 15-MAY 3**

## Abstract Figure Drawing

Grades 6-12 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Teaching Artist: Justine Adeboyejo

Learn to imagine, contort, and draw your own variations of human and non-human figures. You will have the opportunity to use exaggeration and scale to play with everyday reality and create abstract figures and characters through the use of different drawing materials (such as charcoal and colored pencils). Learn to hone your personal style by using abstract art-making techniques (such as scrape painting and line drawing) to create characters that are uniquely your own.

## Act Now! Improvisation for Everyone

Grades 6-12 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Teaching Artists: Tom

Simmermaker and Jennifer Carroll

Do you want to build your confidence, improve your public speaking skills, and learn to collaborate with anyone? This class is for you! Improvisation is the art of making things up on the spot and is a great skill for any actor. In this class, we will focus on stage presence, vocal projection, and scene work as we explore improv comedy and its many forms. Both beginners and returning improvisers are welcome!

## Advanced Rock Band

Grades 9-12 • 3:15-4:45 p.m.

Teaching Artist: Matías Anaya

You will choose an instrument — guitar, bass, drums, or keyboard — and join a 3-5 piece band and write at least one original song. You will record your original song in the studio and perform at the end-of-term culmination. Advanced bands will be given opportunities to perform at on- and off-campus events. You must also commit to one day a week of after-school rehearsal, 4-6 p.m.

**Prerequisites: Instructor assessment required for enrollment**

## Beginning Rock Band

Grades 6-12 • 12-1:15 p.m.

Teaching Artist: Matías Anaya

You will choose an instrument — guitar, bass, drums, or keyboard — and learn a song of the instructor's choice to strengthen your foundational skills on your instrument. Students will perform this song as a full band at the end-of-term culmination.

## Clay Foundations: Building Skills and Creativity

Grades 6-8 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Teaching Artist: Rebecca Tager

Explore the fundamentals of ceramics in this hands-on course designed to spark creativity and develop essential skills. Through guided projects, you'll learn foundational hand-building techniques including pinch, coil, and slab construction. You will also experiment with texture, form, and surface design. Each class offers the chance to refine your skills and explore creative approaches with clay. From shaping your ideas to adding surface design, this class encourages artistic expression while building confidence in ceramics.

**For questions about enrollment or getting started, email [programs@inner-cityarts.org](mailto:programs@inner-cityarts.org)**



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## Clay in Motion: Exploring Hand-Building

Grades 9-12 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Teaching Artist: **Rebecca Tager**

Discover the joy of working with clay in this hands-on ceramics course for all skill levels. Through guided projects and opportunities for self-exploration, you'll build a strong foundation in hand-building techniques and experiment with finishing methods. As we progress, you will dive deeper into a focused project that brings your skills and creativity together. Each class will inspire you to explore new ideas, express yourself, and embrace the process of working with clay.

## Exploring Wire Sculptures and Mobiles

Grades 6-12 • 10-11:30 a.m.

Teaching Artist: **Jen Lathrop**

Come explore the creative process of designing and building kinetic wire sculptures and mobiles — combining art, physics, and design-thinking. You will learn wire bending, assembly techniques, and how to conceptualize three-dimensional forms. By creating unique projects to take home, you will enhance your creativity and problem-solving skills while gaining hands-on experience.

## Intermediate Rock Band

Grades 9-12 • 1:30-2:45 p.m.

Teaching Artist: **Matías Anaya**

You will choose an instrument — guitar, bass, drums, keyboard, or vocals — and join a 3-5 piece band and choose a song to learn and perform at the end-of-term culmination. Other performance opportunities may arise throughout the term. You must also commit to one day a week of after-school rehearsal, 4-6 p.m.

**Prerequisites: Instructor assessment required for enrollment**

## Music Production

Grades 6-12 • 10-11:15 a.m.

Teaching Artist: **Matías Anaya**

Come make beats! You will learn to create music using Soundtrap and listen closely to your favorite songs to understand the roles of every instrument — from drums and percussion to bass, guitars, and even sound effects. You will combine samples and digital instruments to create your own original track by the end of the term.

## Sticker and Stamp Design

Grades 6-12 • 1:30-3 p.m.

Teaching Artist: **Ashley Margo**

Design and create your own stickers and stamps! In this graphic design workshop you will explore visual communication design, develop personal expression through icon and illustration studies, and form an understanding of the relationship of contemporary to classic graphic production techniques. You will experiment with handmade and digital techniques.

## Woodshop Fundamentals

Grades 6-12 • 12:30-2 p.m.

Teaching Artist: **Jen Lathrop**

Beginning with basic hand tools and progressing to power tools, you will learn essential woodshop skills such as planning, measuring, cutting, and assembly. We will focus on safety while you master tools like handsaws, coping saws, scroll saws, drills, clamps, sanders, and rulers. You will design and build unique, three-dimensional woodworking projects to take home, all while developing problem-solving skills, creativity, and confidence. No prior woodworking experience is necessary.

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## SPECIAL OFFERINGS FROM OUR PARTNERS

### Film Production: Write it, Cast it, Produce it!

Grades 9-12 • 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Taught by Kids In The Spotlight

Dive into an exciting script-to-screen journey with Kids In The Spotlight! Collaborate with industry professionals to create and produce a short film based on your personal stories! Choose between two work groups, writing or editing/production, and work together on acting and casting. Explore multimedia exercises while building skills for the film and TV industry. Enhance communication, leadership, and creativity. Create the story of a lifetime! Returning students are welcome.

### Photo Journalism

Grades 6-12 • 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Taught by Boyle Heights Arts Conservatory

Come explore the powerful connection between photography and journalism, gaining the skills necessary to research, document, and tell impactful stories through images. You will learn to identify important narratives, conduct interviews, and use photography as a tool for visual storytelling. By the end of the program, you will have honed your ability to use photography in a journalistic context, producing a portfolio of work showcasing your storytelling ability and technical skills.

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