

Wethersfield Academy for the Arts

SUMMER

2018 YOUTH ART

- Week 1** **Morning** **Birds & Botanicals in Watercolors** Ages 7 & up Instructor: Nick Frasco
- Students will pick a species of bird or plant from various references, or bring their own photograph of a favorite species. The class will provide step-by-step instruction in drawing a composition and then transferring it to watercolor paper. Students will learn to paint with watercolors and finally use colored pencils for highlights and details.
- Morning** **Creating Creatures in Paper Mache** Ages 11 & up Instructor: Deidre
- Students will learn the proper set up, shape breakdown, form analysis to have fun building and sculpting creatures. Please bring 1) photo of your favorite animal or one you drew on the first day, and 2) a pile of newspapers for base material.
- Afternoon** **Developing A Sketchbook** Ages 9 & up Instructor: Trudy Mitchell
- Have fun drawing outdoors in your own artist's sketchbook! Participants will explore ways to simplify the scenes/objects they wish to draw, observe the behavior of light and shadow on objects, be introduced to simple perspective and complete their sketches with ink and water color. Artists will have a sketchbook filled with drawings, color notes and observations which will encourage independent sketchbook journaling throughout the summer and all the seasons to come!
- Week 2** **Morning Program** **Still Life Drawing** Ages 10 & up Instructor: Eliza Moser
- Working from life, students will learn how to create a convincingly realistic drawing of simple still-life objects. The course will cover drawing basics, and focus on tricks to achieve a believable sense of space and form. The end goal will be to create a drawing with a convincing 3-Dimensional effect. Students will work in the medium of charcoal for optimum results.
- Morning Program** **Illustrating the Masters** Ages 8 & up Instructor: Christine Komacki
- Students will illustrate a "Fancy Animal Portrait" by choosing from a selection of animal photographs and combining it with a classical portrait. They will be shown how to use references and studies to understand the anatomy of their animal and figure. After sketching out their animal combination, students will move onto their final color illustration, paying attention to the emotion, lighting, and form of their character.
- Morning Program** **Painting a Mural** Ages 7 & up Instructor: Nick Frasco
- Students will sketch farm animals on paper, working on details in graphite and color pencil for dimensional value study, then drawing them on an outside building and learning to paint a mural in acrylic. They will keep all of their color drawings.
- Afternoon Program** **Designing A Skateboard** Ages 8 & up Instructor: Jared Standish
- You will learn the methods and materials used to make skateboards, by building your own mini-cruiser board and creating a custom collage graphic! This class will be rooted in teaching students to express themselves through art and skateboarding, and will nurture the creativity possible with each. At the end of the week, students will choose trucks and wheels, then assemble and go home with their own handmade skateboard! Additional fees apply for materials.
- Afternoon Program** **Portrait Drawing** Ages 10 & up Instructors: Eliza Moser
- Learn to draw a life-like portrait from a photo. You will learn the basic drawing process of developing a solid block-in to a finished and realistic drawing. Students will be taught the sight-size method, using observational skills to observe and translate visual information onto paper with accuracy. Realistic form will be accomplished with additional study of light and the construction of the human face. The end goal will be a refined portrait which conveys likeness, sense of light and a convincing three-dimensional form.
- Week 3** **Morning and Afternoon** **Embroidery on Jeans** Ages 9 & up Instructor: Lynn Payette
- Exploring a variety of basic embroidery stitches on a pair of jeans, jacket, etc. (not supplied), the student will learn to use an embroidery hoop as well as how to work with the different fibers and stitches. Stitches taught will be: split, satin, chain, back stitch, outline stitch, French knots, open buttonhole, closed buttonhole, open and closed fly. Beads & metallic thread can be used. Techniques will be designed age appropriately.
- Morning** **Drawing/Painting Your Pet in an Environment** Ages 7 & up Instructor: Nick Frasco
- Using a picture of your own pet, the student is shown a step by step process for making a portrait of their own. Students will start by "gridding" their photos to get the exact pose of their pets. Once the final drawings have been established they will then use skills of blending and layering of pet. An indoor or outside background including perspective will be taught.
- Afternoon Program** **My Own Flip Book** Ages 6 & up Instructor: Deanne Annunziato
- Design your own flip book-with a twist! Explore flip books of various artists for inspiration, then compose a series of real and imaginary creatures in a book of your own. This three-part book allows you to mix and match combinations of head, torso and legs, building new and unimaginable creations.

Week 4 Morning Program **Self-Portrait Drawing** Ages 11 & up Instructor: Eliza Moser

Learn to draw a self- portrait using a mirror. You will learn the basic drawing process of developing a solid block-in to a finished and realistic drawing. Students will be taught the sight-size method, using observational skills to observe and translate visual information onto paper with accuracy. Realistic form will be accomplished with additional study of light and the construction of the human face. The end goal will be a refined portrait which conveys likeness, sense of light and a convincing three-dimensional form.

Morning Program **"Gamers Wanted" Gaming Creation** Ages 7 & up Instructor: Nick Frasco

Students will create their own original Gaming characters and design their very own "virtual world" for a fictitious new computer game. Focusing on the basic elements of storytelling and drawing skills that bring these "larger than life" characters from the pads to HGS, all the while creating what could be the "Next Big Thing" in HGS.

Afternoon Program **Intro to Oil Painting** Ages 11 & up Instructor: Eliza Moser

Students will learn the fundamentals of oil painting; paints, brushes and cleaning, etc. Next, students will do exercises in color mixing and finally to work on an accurate master copy. Students should finish the week with a basic understanding of their materials, light and form, hue/ value/chroma, and paint application.

Afternoon Program **Games Around the World** Ages 7 & up Instructors: Deanne Annunziato

Game lovers will discover board games from across the globe and choose a few of their favorites to recreate. Elevate your game night by learning to design, then play your handmade game. Add your personal touch and express your design colorfully using markers, colored pencils and inks. Students will enjoy playing the games on the final day.

Week 5 Morning and Afternoon **Decorative Furniture Painting** Ages 7 & up Instructor: Nick Frasco

With a SMALL piece of furniture, jewelry box, chest or chair that needs a creative touch-up, students will go through the process of surface preparation, the application of a paint base-coat and developing a color scheme best suited to the student's own vision. Full day students may use their Pattern Design from Week 3 on their piece.

Morning **Writing for an Active Imagination** Ages 9 & up Instructor: Trudy Mitchell

Creating characters from observation and imagination, young writers will invent and develop passages that can stand alone or become the groundwork for developed short stories or poetry. Students will leave the workshop with an abundance of writing as well as the confidence to develop creative ideas independently.

Afternoon **Creating Basic Book Structures** Ages 9 & up Instructor: Trudy Mitchell

This class is designed to introduce the creative and historical world of book binding to children of the technological age. Tactile, colorful and imaginative, beginning bookbinders will create accordion fold books for story-telling, concertina books for drawing, gate fold books for secrets and many others. These skills will last a lifetime of creative possibility. Students will leave the class with as many book forms as they are able to create and the knowledge to continue independently!

Week 6 Morning **Anime Emoticons** Ages 7 & up Instructor: Nick Frasco

This very popular session is back! Learn the art of anime--from rough drafts to the finished pieces of artwork. Students will begin with pencil drawings and finish in Prismacolor markers and micron pens. Characters with emotions will be drawn and used to create a poster.

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Morning **Printmaking: Create Monotypes** Ages 9 & up Instructor: Trudy Mitchell

Students will create colorful transparent monotypes using gelatin plates and the etching press which will also allow them to create their own small edition of prints using dry point tools on plastic. Students will leave the workshop with a series of hand-made fine art prints as well as a knowledge of where printmaking fits into the larger world of fine art. Bring "art clothes"/apron and a sense of adventure!

Afternoon **The Story on a Scroll** Ages 7 & up

An examination of stories painted on art scrolls throughout history in different cultures will encourage students to tell their own story. These can be simple animal, people stories or both first sketched out in planning than transferred to long sheets of paper. Color descriptions will be enhanced in pencil, marker, or ink.

Sign-up early as spaces are limited.

Morning Session: 9am - 12pm Afternoon Session: 1 - 4pm **\$175./session** Student 1-year Membership \$25. Materials included, except where indicated. Fees include early drop-off (no earlier than 8:30); mandatory pick up by 4:30pm. Full day includes a supervised lunch from 12-1pm and outdoor recreation time. We do not provide lunches or snacks. Please bring a water bottle and label everything with your child's name. Registration form online.

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July 16-20

July 23-27

July 30-Aug. 3