



Outreach Programs

ArtAbility

Every other month CAC hosts ArtAbility, a new program for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The program brings in-depth enrichment and challenging studio opportunities to people with special-needs allowing them to attain their creative potential. Fundamentally, this program is about changing perceptions of people with special needs and showing that each person has something important they feel and want to communicate. The focus of this program is not just accessibility, but inclusion.

Art as a Second Language

CAC's broad-based outreach program that takes family-friendly interactive arts programming into the community, Art as a Second Language provides free hands-on arts activities and arts education on-site making it accessible and fun, thus creating a festival atmosphere in the community. Art as a Second Language is held on a regular basis at Klyde Warren Park, NorthPark Center, the Dallas Arboretum, local libraries and other locations throughout Dallas. The goal of the program is to bring out the playful and artistic side of participants in order to build their creative confidence.

Arts Magnet Life Drawing Program

CAC hosts life drawing classes for Booker T. Washington HSPVA students who are trying to build a collage portfolio and need figure drawing classes that they cannot take on campus due to DISD policy. These classes are taught by Arts Magnet teachers and include only their peers. CAC also hosts a yearly exhibition on-site to showcase their work.

Camp MetalHead

The focus of Camp MetalHead is to provide relevant job skills training and quality arts instruction to at-risk and underserved youth, ages 13 to 17. Students learn impressive job skills while welding, belt sanding, sand blasting and grinding in metal arts and small metals, using such tools such as oxyacetylene torches, arc welders, pneumatic hammers, jewelry torches, grinders, polishers, etc. Students are referred by DISD teachers and guidance counselors as well as area nonprofits, such as Wesley-Rankin and Café Momentum. Field trips are organized to visit both artists' studios and local job sites to see how the tools they are using are adapted to both environments. Camp MetalHead focuses on coupling arts instruction with job skills training while expanding its students' tangible abilities in a fun and active way. Over the course of the six-week summer program each student develops artistic skills, enhances their creativity and thirst for learning while gaining confidence about future careers.

Unseenamerica

Each year CAC works with 10 children and their families on a photography project which teaches digital photography skills as well as provided students a voice in their communities. *Unseenamerica* is an 8-week curriculum-based program offered at Bayles Elementary School during the school year. The final exhibition opens at Bayles, travels to locations in the community and then finally to CAC. CAC has also completed an *unseenamerica* project with Youth First Texas, the only nonprofit in north Texas solely devoted to the needs of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender youth, ages 14 to 22.

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