

North York District Spring and Summer 2012 Arts

Dance • Drama • Music • Visual Art



Getting in touch with your Creative Side

Explore and discover your artistic self! A wide range of recreational arts programs are offered for every age group including – visual arts, music, dance, drama, crafts and special interest workshops. Our arts programs provide an opportunity for you to explore and develop new and existing skills, to develop an appreciation for the arts and to cultivate your imagination.

For a complete listing of arts programs offered in your community, refer to your local community recreation centre's programs listing in this guide.

Some arts programs may have an additional fee for materials or supply fees. Contact the program location directly for specific details.

Programming Descriptions

Crafts

There are an incredible variety of craft classes to be experienced. The majority of craft classes require no previous experience, simply a desire to learn, socialize, and have fun. Each location has its own instructors that provide expert guidance and direction in a given craft. Due to the specialized nature of some crafts, not every program can be offered at each location. Participants may be expected to provide some and/or all required materials.

Dance

Dance programs offer a wide variety of styles at all skill levels and ages. Choose from basic introductory classes in traditional dance such as jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop and line dance to specialized, cultural or more advanced programs.

Beginner classes allow participants to join in from the very beginning, learning all the basic moves.

Intermediate and Advanced participants have learned the basic moves in Beginner and are seeking a challenge at a more advanced level.

Instructors can assist you in determining your dance level. Culturally specific or specialized dance programs are generally open to all levels with an interest in that program.

Drama

Drama programs offer aspiring actors a chance to learn basic performing techniques in a group setting. Participants will learn through a variety of exercises and class situations how to control their nerves, feel confident in their lines, speak clearly and project their voices.

All basic level programs take a step by step approach that allows all participants a chance to gain their confidence for a future on the stage or speaking in a crowd.

More advanced classes specialize in certain areas of interest such as Musical Theatre, Improv and Storytelling. These classes go beyond basic performing to capturing mood, setting the atmosphere and other advanced skills required for comedy, singing and storytelling.

Music

Music programs offer participants an opportunity to learn basic musical theories such as reading music and timing for keyboards, piano and guitar to various strings and woodwind instruments and vocal. Students may be expected to provide the instrument as indicated.

Beginner music classes introduce participants to a basic step by step approach for any age.

Intermediate, advanced or jam programs expect a participant with a minimum of beginner experience to register. Participants continue to progress on the basic skills developed in beginner and to work with more challenging music.

Visual Arts

Visual Arts programs offer the participant of any skill level an opportunity to learn new techniques or mediums. Join in at a level you feel comfortable with. Visual art classes have been developed with entry level programs in drawing, sketching and painting. Advanced specialized programs allow the more advanced artist to focus in an area of interest.

Basic drawing and sketching classes provide the framework or skills required to progress to colour or more advanced drawing techniques. Advanced classes in portraiture, pen and ink, and life drawing will challenge the artist even more.

Basic painting classes introduce the participant to colour and its variety of forms such as; acrylic, watercolour and traditional oils to conte, pencil crayon and pastels.

Workshops

Centres across the City provide countless opportunities to experience seasonal, holiday or special interest workshops for all ages and skill levels. Some workshops can be as quick as a couple of hours or others may require a couple of days to complete. Workshops generally focus on a certain theme and the participants leave the program with a completed project. Supplies are usually provided for the participant with a fee included in the cost. Check Centre listings for program titles and dates.