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Performing, Visual and Literary Arts

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Students and teachers enjoy drumming together during the “I Can Drum” School Residencies program.

Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet dancers perform during the CRYB Field Trip in the CI Amphitheater.

Chautauqua Opera Invasion shares the magic of opera in schools.
Chautauqua Institution Arts Education

Chautauqua Institution is committed to serving as a year-round arts education resource for the youth, teachers and families of Chautauqua County and beyond. Reaching past the summer season and Institution gates, Chautauqua promotes excellence and creativity in engagement with the performing, visual and literary arts from grades Pre-K through 12. Through national partnerships with organizations such as The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the Wick Poetry Center and Carnegie Hall’s Weill Music Institute, Chautauqua Institution fosters relationships with educators and schools to provide enriching opportunities that demonstrate cutting-edge best practices in arts education.
Link Up: The Orchestra Rocks
Grades 3–5
August 9, 2020
Students in area schools will collaborate with the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra in Link Up: The Orchestra Rocks, a music education program provided by Carnegie Hall’s Weill Music Institute (WMI). Students participating in Link Up will attend a culminating concert on Sunday, August 9, at the Amphitheater, where they sing, play the recorder and string instruments with the orchestra from their seats — becoming the center of a collaborative musical experience for all. Teachers may request more information about partnership in this program at linkup.chq.org.

School Residencies
Grades K–12
Offered for students with and without disabilities
Residencies consist of weekly classes over the course of several weeks, allowing students to more deeply participate in the creative process of arts learning. Two such residencies are available to select Chautauqua County students, with a focus on serving students with disabilities. “Sing Me a Story” focuses on the integration of vocal and instrumental music and stories, with an end goal of increased musical involvement and reading comprehension. “I Can Drum” integrates music learning with social emotional skill development through drumming. These VSA programs are provided in 2019-2020 under a contract with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Young Playwrights Project
Grades 3–4
Phase I: September 23–27 and September 30–October 4, 2019;
Phase II: January 29–30, 2020
(Snow Dates February 3–4);
Phase III: June 12, 2020;
Family Entertainment Series performances on July 7, 2020
In collaboration with the Chautauqua Theater Company, this three-phase project engages students as they first learn about the interactive playwriting process in the classroom, then hear peers’ plays read aloud during a winter visit to Chautauqua Institution and lastly see the winning student plays performed by Chautauqua Theater Company actors. These plays are then again performed as part of Chautauqua’s Family Entertainment Series during the Summer Assembly Season.

Opera Invasion!
Grades K–6
June 8–12 and June 15–18, 2020
Students get up-close and personal with Chautauqua Opera Company Young Artists as they visit elementary classrooms for arts-integrated lessons linking together opera and social emotional learning, then perform for the entire student body. Students will also get to find out if they can sing louder than an opera singer — and some will even get to star in the show. Building principals may register their schools for this inclusive and engaging experience at operaivasion.chq.org.

Battle of the Books
Grade 5
Registration: October–November 2019
Battle Date: May 2, 2020
A lively competition for Chautauqua County fifth-graders, Battle of the Books improves reading comprehension, builds vocabulary and teaches teamwork and good sportsmanship. Teams of five students read the same pre-assigned books, covering a wide range of reading levels and subjects. Thanks to generous donors, all teams receive a set of books. It all comes together during the “battle” — part sporting event, part costume contest and part quiz bowl. Learn more at battlechq.org or contact Sara Toth at stoth@chq.org or Karen Schiavone at ksciavone@chq.org.

FOR TEACHERS: Kennedy Center Partners in Education
As a Kennedy Center Partners in Education team, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua Lake Central School and Jamestown Public Schools present professional development workshops in Arts Integration. These workshops bring Kennedy Center national workshop leaders to help local educators learn new strategies toward achieving student learning goals. The teaching strategies introduced integrate the performing and visual arts with other core areas such as reading, math and science. Participating educators receive professional development credit toward their certification goals, as approved by their district. Teachers interested in attending one of the workshops should contact Project Manager Lisa Gierszal at lgierszal@chq.org.

Education Wednesdays
Education Wednesdays at Chautauqua Institution offer current students, teachers and staff from Chautauqua County schools (K–12) a free gate pass (7 a.m. to midnight) each week, in addition to regularly scheduled programming, events like the CLSC Young Readers Program, art gallery tours and more are offered. All a guest must do is show a current school ID card to receive free entry to the grounds — which includes access to all events at the Amphitheater. Youth 12 and under always have free access to the grounds.

Students from Southeastern Elementary enjoy drumming during the “I Can Drum” School Residencies program.

Area schools can fill an entire day with learning and fun at Chautauqua Institution — register for two of these field trips, bring a lunch and enjoy the day at Chautauqua!
Visit artseduc.chq.org to learn more or register for these great experiences.

Visual Arts Gallery Field Trips
Grades 4–12
June 15–19 and June 22–24, 2020
Students are invited to tour the Chautauqua Art Galleries to learn about and actively explore the visual arts.

Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet Field Trip
Grades Pre-K–12
June 18, 2020
Come visit and enjoy a preview of the Chautauqua Youth Ballet’s Spring Gala in the Chautauqua Amphitheater, featuring some of Chautauqua County’s best and brightest young talent. Afterwards, students are invited to stay on the grounds, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day. Learn more at ballettrip.chq.org.

Poetry Makerspace
Grades 4–12
June 15–19 and June 22–24, 2020
Students can flex their creative muscles at the Chautauqua Institution Poetry Makerspace at almost any time of year! Featuring interactive exhibits, a poetry-to-video contest and a costume contest, Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet’s Spring Gala in the Chautauqua Amphitheater, featuring some of Chautauqua County’s best and brightest young talent. Afterwards, students are invited to stay on the grounds, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day. Learn more at ballettrip.chq.org.

Students and teachers take guided tours of exhibits held in the galleries of the Strohl and Fowler-Kellogg Art Centers, as well as the Melvin Johnson Sculpture Garden. Visit the “I Can Drum” School Residencies program.

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Teachers experience how to integrate dance and math as part of the Kennedy Center Partners in Education Program.