



# Chautauqua Arts Education

Chautauqua Institution is committed to providing meaningful arts learning experiences in Chautauqua County schools and beyond. Chautauqua promotes excellence and creativity in engagement with the performing, visual and literary arts from grades Pre-K through 12. These programs cultivate relationships with educators and schools to provide enriching opportunities that demonstrate cutting-edge best practices in arts education.

Learn more at [artsed.chq.org](http://artsed.chq.org).



## FOR STUDENTS

### School Residencies

**Developmental level: PreK–5 • November–May**

Two 10-visit residency programs feature arts-integrated learning strategies. “Sing Me a Story” integrates ELA and music learning through story and song, and “Feelin’ the Beat” integrates social emotional and music learning through drumming. Learn more at [residencies.chq.org](http://residencies.chq.org).

### Opera in the Schools

**Grades K–6 • June**

Students get up close and personal with Chautauqua Opera Company Young Artists as they sing and make music with students through an in-class lesson for select classes and a performance of a kid-friendly, 45-minute opera for the entire student body. Learn more at [operaed.chq.org](http://operaed.chq.org).

### Young Playwrights Project

**Grades 3–4 • January–June**

This three-phase project brings actors and teaching artists from the Chautauqua Theater Company to schools to teach the art of playwriting, empowering students to use their imagination and tell their unique stories. Students will write plays, hear their plays read and acted out, and see selected plays performed live by CTC. Learn more at [ypp.chq.org](http://ypp.chq.org).

### Battle of the Books

**Grade 5 • November–May**

Battle of the Books improves reading comprehension, builds vocabulary, and teaches teamwork and good sportsmanship. During the school year, teams of five students read the same provided, pre-assigned books, covering a wide range of reading levels and subjects. It all comes together during the “battle” in May — part sporting event, part costume contest and part quiz bowl. Learn more at [battle.chq.org](http://battle.chq.org).



# “EXPLORE CHAUTAUQUA” FIELD TRIPS

Students will enjoy a day-long experience that explores key elements of what Chautauqua Institution has to offer, comprising a selection of the following possibilities, and more. Visit [fieldtrips.chq.org](http://fieldtrips.chq.org) for more information.

## Visual Arts Gallery Field Trips

**Grades 4-12**

Students are invited to tour the Chautauqua Visual Arts Galleries to learn about and actively explore the visual arts. Students and teachers take guided tours of exhibitions displayed in the galleries of the Strohl and Fowler-Kellogg Art Centers, as well as the Melvin Johnson Sculpture Garden, culminating with a hands-on project related to the exhibitions. Learn more at [arttours.chq.org](http://arttours.chq.org).

## Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet Field Trip

**Grades Pre-K-12**

Come visit and enjoy a preview of the 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](http://ballettrip.chq.org).

## Mindfulness Moment

**Grades Pre-K-12**

Students will be led through an age-appropriate mindfulness exercise that encourages self-regulation and awareness.

## Kids Just Wanna Have Fun

**Grades Pre-K-12**

Students will explore the many opportunities for recreation that Chautauqua Institution offers. Activities may include games on Bestor Plaza, a visit to the playgrounds, and more.

## Poetry Makerspace

**Grades 4-12**

Students can flex their creative muscles at the Chautauqua Institution Poetry Makerspace at almost any time of year. Through the Traveling Stanzas exhibit, teachers can request on-grounds or in-classroom poetry workshop sessions for their students.

To plan a visit, contact Sony Ton-Aime, Michael I. Rudell Director of Literary Arts, at [stonaime@chq.org](mailto:stonaime@chq.org). More information is available at [poetry.chq.org](http://poetry.chq.org).

*Traveling Stanzas is an exhibit from Kent State University’s Wick Poetry Center.*

# FOR TEACHERS

## Chautauqua Arts Education Professional Development

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. Learn more at [teachered.chq.org](http://teachered.chq.org).

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