



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.

NEW! – This year, programs marked with an asterisk below (*) will be funded in part through the Erie 2 BOCES Arts in Education Co-Ser program. Contact Suzanne Fassett-Wright at sfassetwright@chq.org for details about fee structure and program availability.

FOR STUDENTS

School Residencies*

Developmental level: PreK–5 • From 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.

Young Playwrights Project*

Grades 3–4 • Various times throughout the school year

This three-phase project brings actors and teaching artists from 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 the CTC. Learn more at ypp.chq.org.

Opera in the Schools*

Grades K–6 • October

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.

Battle of the Books

Grade 5 • From 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.

Chautauqua Young Writers Institute Scholarship Workshops

Grades 9–12 • From November–April

Throughout the school year, Sony Ton-Aime, Chautauqua’s Michael I. Rudell Director of Literary Arts, provides poetry workshops for students in Grades 9–12 to prepare them to apply for a scholarship to attend the Chautauqua Young Writers Institute. The Chautauqua Young Writers Institute provides week-long workshops in poetry and prose for high school students. Students receiving scholarships have the option to stay with a host family on the grounds of Chautauqua Institution while they attend this immersive, multi-genre creative writing day camp. Learn more at youngwriters.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 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 exhibits held in the galleries of the Strohl and Fowler-Kellogg Art Centers, as well as the Melvin Johnson Sculpture Garden, that end in a hands-on project related to the exhibits.

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.

Mindfulness Moment

Grades Pre-K–12

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

The Explore Chautauqua Field Trips will be funded in part through the Erie 2 BOCES Arts in Education Co-Ser. Contact Suzanne Fassett-Wright at sfassettwright@chq.org for details.

Kids Just Wanna Have Fun

Grades Pre-K–12

Students will explore the many opportunities for recreation that Chautauqua Institution has to offer, which 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 Michael I. Rudell Director of Literary Arts Sony Ton-Aime, stonaime@chq.org. More information is available at poetry.chq.org.

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

Water Matters

Grades Pre-K–12

Chautauqua Lake is the perfect learning laboratory for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) activities that help students understand the importance of clean water to our communities and the wildlife that depend on the lake. Students will engage in arts and science activities designed to build their knowledge of freshwater ecology and the role each of us can play in protecting our precious water resources.

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 towards their certification goals, as approved by their district. Learn more at teachered.chq.org.

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