

Chautauqua Arts Education

Chautauqua Arts Education programs, serving Pre-K through 12th grade, inspire creativity and self-expression across the performing, visual and literary arts. These enriching experiences foster connections among students, build community, and offer opportunities to explore the world through the lens of the arts while honing their artistic skills. Find out more at artsed.chq.org.

Chautauqua Arts Education programs are intentionally designed to be inclusive and accessible for students of all ability levels. Adaptations and accommodations are seamlessly integrated into each program, ensuring that every student can have a meaningful experience through the arts. To learn more about how Chautauqua Arts Education creates accessible arts opportunities, visit accessibleartsed.chq.org.

For programs marked with an asterisk(*) below, schools may apply for funding from the Erie 2 BOCES Arts in Education Co-Ser to apply towards program fees. For details about our fee structure and program availability, contact Suzanne Fassett-Wright at sfassettwright@chq.org.

FOR STUDENTS

School Residencies*

Developmental level: PreK–12

Feelin' the Beat integrates social emotional and music learning through drumming. This program is presented in two 10-week residency cycles, where classes receive weekly 30-minute sessions that develop their musical expression and important social skills such as impulse control, staying on task, collaboration, and identifying and expressing emotions through music. Learn more at residencies.chq.org.



"Drumming gave my students a sense of importance through their ability to show their musical talent and their increased self-esteem as well. They have grown so much and it is fun to see!"

—Teacher about School Residencies

Young Playwrights

Project*

Grades 3–4

This three-phase project brings actors and teaching artists to schools to teach the art of playwriting. This program encourages students to use their imagination and tell their unique stories, centering their creative expression as they develop writing and theatrical arts skills. Students will write plays, hear their plays read and acted out, and see selected plays performed live at Chautauqua Institution. Learn more at ypp.chq.org.



"My students really enjoyed having their plays read and seeing them come to life. I noticed that a few of my students had more confidence in their writing after they saw how the rest of the class liked their plays."

—Teacher about Young Playwrights Project

Opera in the Schools*

Grades K–6

Students get up-close and personal with young artists selected by the Chautauqua Opera Company as they sing and make music with students through an in-class lesson for 4th grade classrooms and a performance of a kid-friendly, 45-minute opera for the entire student body. Learn more at operaed.chq.org.



"The kids were engaged the entire show! I love when my students have experiences that they would not likely otherwise, and this is absolutely one of them. It is a beautiful thing to share with them and I'm so glad that they can experience and learn about opera."

—Teachers about Opera in the Schools

Battle of the Books

Grade 5

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 books that are provided by Chautauqua Institution, covering a wide range of reading levels and subjects. It all comes together during the final "battle"—part sporting event, part costume contest, and part quiz bowl. Learn more at battle.chq.org.



"This program promotes a love for reading for those that are sometimes harder to reach as reluctant readers. One student yelled, 'This is the best day of my life!'"

—Teachers about Battle of the Books

EXPLORE CHAUTAUQUA FIELD TRIPS

Students will enjoy a visit to Chautauqua Institution, engaging in hands-on learning experiences that explore what Chautauqua has to offer. Based in Chautauqua's mission statement that includes "exploring the best in human values," these field trips encourage students to expand their understanding through kid-friendly activities that inspire thought, discovery and fun! For more information, visit fieldtrips.chq.org.

Chautauqua In a Day Field Trip*

Grades 4 and up

This field trip gives students a sampling of what Chautauqua Institution has to offer in one day. These four experiences are included.

Chautauqua Visual Arts Gallery

Students are invited to tour the Chautauqua Visual Art Galleries to learn about and actively explore the visual arts. Students and teachers take guided tours of exhibitions held in the Strohl and Fowler-Kellogg Art Center galleries, and in the Melvin Johnson Sculpture Garden that end in a hands-on project related to the art work.

Mindfulness Moment

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

STEAM with SUNY Fredonia

Chautauqua Institution has partnered with science experts from SUNY Fredonia to develop STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) activities centered around Chautauqua Lake. Students will engage in hands-on arts and science activities to build their knowledge of the role that each of us play in protecting our water resources.

Kids Just Wanna Have Fun

Students will work together during games and creative activities while developing their collaboration, problem-solving and communication skills.



"The students gained life experiences to add to their background knowledge. The questions that they had when we returned to school really were meaningful and let me know that they were interested and engaged in all of the activities."

—Teachers about Explore Chautauqua Field Trips

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.



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 offer professional development workshops focused on Arts Integration. These workshops feature leading experts who provide educators with innovative strategies to incorporate performing and visual arts into core subjects like reading, math, and science. Participating educators also earn professional development credits toward their certification, as approved by their district. Learn more at teachered.chq.org.

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