

NURTURE THROUGH ART

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The New Britain Museum of American Art's Nurture Through Art: Infant to Teen programs enhance children's appreciation of art through interactive projects, various themes, and engaging artwork. Artistic backgrounds provide a strong foundation for intellectual growth, as well as promote self-confidence and emotional expression. Our programs accommodate all ages and focus on each stage of artistic development in your child's life. Nurture through Art: Infant to Teen receives support from the DECD. If you have any questions or want to sign up contact Katy Matsuzaki at (860) 229-0257, ext. 220.

Programs for Early Learners:

Museum & Me: Playdates with Art (ages 0-2)—This every other month, hour-long program teaches parents and caregivers to talk to their babies about art, recognize and respond to signs of visual stimulation, and use art as a resource to promote visual literacy. Led by Museum educators and docents, the program will explore a different theme each month through a story, gallery exploration, and sensory play session. Appealing to the first stage in a baby's life, this program hopes to introduce art in an engaging and positive way. Classes start at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, 2014 and Friday, Feb. 13, 2015.

Early Childhood Learning Program (ages 3-5)—The Museum offers a six-session museum curriculum to encourage creativity in preschoolers. Each visit focuses on a different element of art, through stories, close looking, movement, music, exploratory art making, and reflection. Our program will help prepare your child for Kindergarten by promoting self-expression, creativity, and encouragement through art. Groups may come for the entire curriculum, or visit for one or more individual sessions.

Art Start (ages 3-5)—Young children and their caregivers are invited to discover art together and listen to stories on Saturdays from 11-11:45 a.m. at the Museum. This program develops visual and verbal literacy skills with active reading, close looking at a single work of art, and a related art project. Children (and caregivers) will be both entertained and mentally engaged during this period of fun and learning!

Programs for Children:

Art Adventures (ages 6 & up)—Catering to children ages 6 & up, the Museum hosts one or three-day sessions during school breaks from 10:30 a.m. - noon. Children explore special exhibits and kid-friendly topics such as the art of recyclables through innovative art projects. Parents and caregivers are welcome to participate in this intergenerational program to help enhance your child's appreciation of art!

Art Explorers (ages 6-8)—On Saturdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon, students are welcome to explore their creativity by using varied methods and materials to create personal works of art. Themes and projects vary from week to week allowing maximum exposure to diverse artists, artworks, and ways of art making. See what inspires you and get creative! Artistic expression provides a strong foundation for future success by promoting confidence and imagination in children.

Studio@4 (ages 8-10)—Students delve deeply into various art materials, processes, and production through month-long sessions held on Thursdays from 4-5:30 p.m. Each session will be led by different artists-in-residence who specialize in diverse media, and guide students through all stages of the creative process. From conception to completion students receive personal guidance and encouragement from professional level artists! By embracing their creativity, students discover their talents and enhance their ways of learning.

Programs for Youth & Teens:

Youth Drawing 101 (ages 11-13)—Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. Students hone their drawing skills while learning about the history and practice of art in an informal, social setting. Museum educators and visiting artists introduce concepts through gallery chats and interactive projects. Working in the Museum's creative space students will be surrounded by art as they work on their projects at their own pace and receive individualized instruction from talented artists. At the end of each monthly class, leaders facilitate group reflection sessions to help students learn and improve.

Teen Fellowships (ages 14-18)—High school students learn the inner workings of the Museum as youth interns in the Education Department, while also acquiring community service credit hours. Students may provide hands-on assistance with studio classes, prepare and maintain art supplies, design activities for the ArtLab, and work with Museum staff on a variety of other creative projects that provide experience and exposure to the museum profession.

Creativity at work in the American Savings Foundation Art Studio.