City of Aurora Cultural Arts offers educational programming in fine art, dance, language arts, music, humanities, pottery and theatre. Most programs are available year-round and are adaptable to grade level.

Programs address Colorado curriculum standards. Discounts may be available. Please contact us so we can discuss what kind of programming is right for your school or community group. If we don’t have the resources you need, we will help you find someone who does.

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

GREEK MYTHOLOGY
Students portray deities, heroes, heroines, villains & victims from exciting myths. Atalanta, Perseus & Pandora come to life. Students create ancient Greek costumes from pieces supplied by the instructor. The 1-hour version of the workshop culminates with a creative interpretation of Pandora’s box. Each student portrays a deity presenting a gift & one of the evils that Pandora unwittingly unleashes into the world.

IMPROVISATION
Instructor leads students through basic acting & story-telling exercises that are the building blocks of improvising dialogues & scenes. Best for ages 9 & up.

ANIME/COMICS
Learn basics of creating your own anime characters & comics from professional artist & instructor Terra Necessary - workshops & residencies, 3rd grade & up.

VISUAL ARTS AND POTTERY
Professional teaching artist in the field leads one-time demonstration. Water color, pastels, oils, acrylics, printmakings, drawing, color theory, art history, Pottery & mixed media. These presentations can also be developed into residencies.

DANCE GUEST LECTURE
Demonstrations in ballet, tap, jazz, musical, theater, contemporary, hip hop or dance history. The program can also provide dance workshops geared toward combining dance concepts & school subjects, or dance for general health, balance, coordination & flexibility. Workshops can be developed into residencies. Each year Aurora Dance Arts provides students with opportunities to attend full-scale, in-person dance productions. This allows students a full theatrical dance experience.

MUSIC
One-time guest lecture/demonstrations in guitar, keyboard, singing, improvisation, music basics & music history. Instruments not provided. Can also be developed into residencies.

A CAREER IN THE ARTS
Meet a professional artist. Learn about their educational, artistic and professional career path. What kind of opportunities await you as you consider a career in the arts?
PERFORMANCES

INTERACTIVE ASSEMBLIES OR CLASSROOM PERFORMANCES
Available year round, prices may vary, adaptable to most ages & locations.

MUSIC

EL JAVI – FLAMENCO GUITAR
North American guitarist El Javi defies music genres with his unbound exploration of instrumental music. The Denver based composer, producer & performer incorporates elements of flamenco, progressive rock, classical, folk & world music to shape his compositions.

• 30–60 min., $250-$500

KUTANDARA–MARIMBA ENSEMBLE
Healing the world through music, Kutandara uses the vehicle of joyful, group percussion to create meaningful, personal interactions. Their mission is to provide opportunities for people of all ages to experience the joy & interdependence of music.

• 45–60 min., $250-$1,250

UKULELE SING ALONG PILOT PROGRAM
Designed for intimate groups of preschool to 2nd grade, or seniors & individuals in assisted living. The musician/singer duo will conduct an old-fashioned sing along, playing and singing popular songs chosen to appeal to each age group. Songs are preselected.

• 30 min., $150-$750

STORYTELLING & SPOKEN WORD & THEATRE

MERRY ANDREW AFOOT
Leroy Leonard is Merry Andrew Afoot, an award winning actor & playwright. Leroy provides intimate theatre performances & workshops designed especially for primary classroom reading curriculum. Choose from Stone Soup, A Cowboy’s Tail, Johnny Appleseed & The Three Wishes.

• Pre–2nd grade, 30 min., $150, classroom performance or small groups

NATIVE AMERICAN STORY TELLING – LISA MUMPTON
Lisa spins stories about Grandmother spider from different Native American traditions. This performance can be adapted into a classroom workshop, teaching students how to tell stories following different storytelling traditions.

• K-2nd grade, 30–60 min., $150, classroom performance or small groups

LIVE RADIO SHOWS
- Actors perform a live “radio show” for your senior center or adult community groups. Choose from a group comedy serial, murder mystery or holiday classic.

• 90 min., $450

AFRICAN, AFRICAN AMERICAN STORY TELLING
Stories born on the continent of Africa & remade through the eyes of African American folklore, are told by a Weaver of tales, Hugo Jon Sayles. The gifted Hugo is an award winning author & storyteller. These original stories are based on African folklore & African American Culture.

• K-5th grade, 30–60 minutes, $150-$250

WORKSHOPS & RESIDENCIES

45–90 min. custom designed workshops to work with your schedule, age/grade ranges, skill levels. $150–$315. These programs can also be developed into before or after school residencies. Our performers and teachers can also teach workshops and residencies.

• Self esteem, creative thinking, problem solving, non-violent conflict resolution

• Communication, public speaking, reading for fluency, poetic interpretation

• Shakespeare, Greek mythology, Norse mythology, fractured fairy tales

• Creative dramatics, improvisation, reader’s theatre, dialects, stage combat

• Writing & adapting plays, story construction, story telling

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