

Ten Lessons the Arts Teach

1. The arts teach children to make good judgments about qualitative relationships. Unlike much of the curriculum in which correct answers and rules prevail, in the arts, it is judgment rather than rules that prevails.
2. The arts teach children that problems can have more than one solution and that questions can have more than one answer.
3. The arts celebrate multiple perspectives. One of their large lessons is that there are many ways to see and interpret the world.
4. The arts teach children that in complex forms of problem solving, purposes are seldom fixed, but change with circumstance and opportunity.
5. The arts make vivid the fact that neither words in their literal form nor numbers exhaust what we can know. The limits of our language do not define the limits of our cognition.
6. The arts teach students that small differences can have large effects!
7. The arts teach students to think through and within a material. All art forms employ some means through which images become real.
8. The arts help children to learn to say what cannot be said. When children are invited to disclose what a work of art helps them feel, they must reach into their poetic capacities to find the words that will do the job.
9. The arts enable us to have experience we can have from no other source and through such experience to discover the range and variety of what we are capable of feeling.
10. The arts' position in the school curriculum symbolizes to the young what adults believe is important.

Top Ten Reasons Why Teachers Should Choose Arts Enrichment Activities at the Carson Center:

- 10 My students gain more confidence and self-esteem by participating in the Arts
- 9 My students learn about the value of teamwork
- 8 My students have a creative outlet for what they love to do
- 7 My students have a way to be whom ever they want to be and not be judged
- 6 My students' future career might be in the performing arts
- 5 My students have an opportunity to work and perform on a professional stage
- 4 My students can work with their peers in a safe and non-threatening environment
- 3 My students can set goals to improve their skills with each arts activity
- 2 My students benefit from seeing professional shows and working with a professional staff & instructors

THE NUMBER 1 REASON - My students are able to participate in the arts to help them become whatever they DREAM of being...

CLASS ACTS F.A.Q.

Are Class Acts shows open to the public?

Yes! We sell individual seats to the public 2 weeks prior to the performance or you may buy seats at the Box Office on the mornings of the shows. We suggest you arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the performance you want to attend.

Is there a place to eat our sack lunch after a performance if we are traveling from a distance or the weather is bad and we can't eat outside?

We do have spaces for your school group to eat lunch if the spaces aren't rented or being set up for a rental. To request a lunch space, please call the Education Manager at least one week prior to your scheduled performance.

What is an "After School Special"?

These are Class Acts shows offered in the evenings to the public. Prices are \$5 for students 18 & under and \$10 for adults. Call 450-4444 for tickets.

What is the Class Acts Outreach Program?

These are workshops, master classes, and residencies taught by the wonderful professional touring companies that visit the Carson Center and present their shows. They are offered free to school groups who book a performance at the Center. Contact the Education Manager for more information and to schedule your outreach activity.

How do I set up a School Tour at the Center?

We do give school tours on a limited basis. Tours need to consist of no more than 25 people in a group at one time, and will be scheduled according to the performance and rental schedule. Contact the Education Manager to set up your school tour.

How do we get added to the Mailing List to receive Class Acts Brochures, E-mails, and Arts Education opportunities?

Brochures and E-mails are sent directly to the schools and school boards to be given to all teachers. If you are not receiving these, please check with your school secretaries and principals to make sure they are being dispersed. If not, please contact the Education Manager to have these sent directly to you. If you would like to be placed on the Teacher Contact List, please e-mail emillizer@thecarsoncenter.org. All information is listed under *Educational Programs* on our website at www.thecarsoncenter.org.

I would love to usher a Class Acts show! How do I become a volunteer?

Ushers are a very important to the success of the Class Acts Series. There will be Orientation sessions set up periodically for training. If you are interested in signing up, please contact ctate@thecarsoncenter.org or (270) 443-9932 x 262.

Are there opportunities to work as an Education Intern?

Absolutely! Interns are a wonderful asset to the Center. This position might interest you if you have an Education or Children's Arts/Theatre background and want to find out more about the business. Contact the Education Manager if you are interested in volunteering as a Class Acts intern.

**Any suggestions, comments, questions?
Please contact the Education Manager at
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