

Darlington Art Center August 2017 Newsletter

Coming Up in August...

August is here, which means Summer Camp is in full swing. You can still sign up for camp. Now is also the time to be aware of the coming season and sign up for fall classes at DAC. Stay sharp and keep building your skills in the arts. Stay up to date on everything that's coming up at Darlington Arts Center!

Made sure your young child is enrolled in DAC **Preschool** for the ideal springboard to learning. To continue the learning for Kindergarten students, DAC **Kindergarten Enrichment** classes are open for enrollment and are the perfect enhancement to the school curriculum.

Meet the Friendly Darlington Staff

Helping guide you by learning through the Arts: Music, Art, Dance & Drama



Meet the Darlington Staff

Darlington is purposely designed to accommodate a variety of participants and patrons of the arts in the surrounding communities. We believe in being friendly and supportive for each student to enhance the learning experience. Our goal is to create an environment that encourages engagement in the arts.

This spring, Darlington transitioned to new staff members and changes in position. New Executive Director Eric Carter-Thompson is a familiar face having transitioned from Program Manager to his new role as the Director of DAC. His new leadership position is welcome and renews the vitality for moving forward with greater community connection and programming possibilities. He is joined by new Program Manager Michael Hahn and new Marketing Manager Rande Styger, along with experienced Registration Manager Madeleine Turley. Both Michael Hahn and Rande Styger are newcomers to DAC and joined the Center this spring.

Darlington staff also includes Caretaker Ray Carter Thompson and Bookkeeper Michele Scherer. Another recent addition to the Darlington staff is Development Manager Christopher Barrett Politan who is actively increasing the fund-raising capacity of the Center.

Stop by and meet the staff!

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2017-2018 Preschool at Darlington Learning Through The Arts: Music, Art, Dance & Drama



Register now for Darlington's Fall Preschool and Kindergarten Enrichment!

Arts-based early learning activity emphasizes creativity, imagination, exploration, and active participation. [Learn more here.](#)

Pick your days: Monday-Thursday (1, 2, 3, and 4 days/week)

Half-day Sessions: 9 a.m.-12 noon
9-month Program: September-May

Get your preschooler ready for next year. Open the doorway to learning by utilizing the arts. Stop in, tour the facility, and meet new friends. Discover why Darlington's

arts-integrated preschool program is the right fit for your little learner. RSVP to programs@darlingtonarts.org.

Spaces remain for Preschool and Kindergarten Enrichment. Sign up today!

Check out the Kindergarten Enrichment Program Featured this Fall!



Kindergarten Enrichment Class This Fall!

Morning Kindergarten students will continue their day of learning with arts-enriched lessons and activities. A dynamic curriculum developed by a certified teacher plus arts activities with professional Teaching Artists will reinforce concepts taught in Kindergarten while developing creativity. Making it perfect is the bus to Darlington from Concord for our Kindergarten Lunch Bunch!

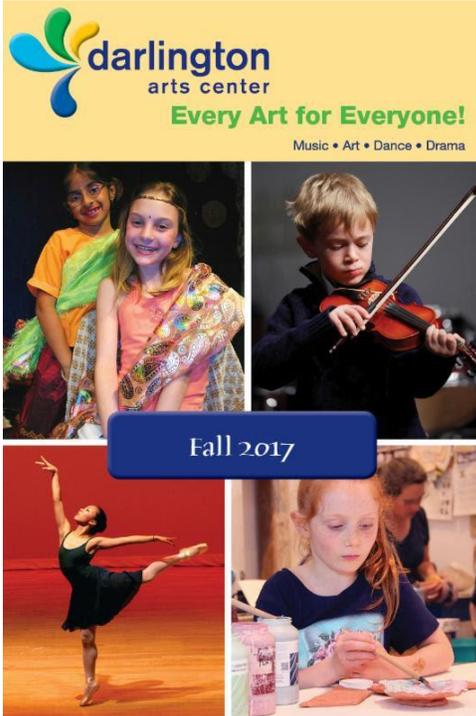
Kindergarten Enrichment runs Tuesday and/or Thursdays from September 12 to May 10 at 12:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m. (Lunch Bunch starts at 12:00 p.m.). The price is 9 payments of \$135 (for one day) and \$230 (for two days).

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Lunch Bunch is an additional \$20/ month.

[Kindergarten Enrichment Registration](#) information.
[Sign up for creative learning today!](#)

Enroll for Fall Classes and Workshops Today!



Get ready for Fall Classes!

Register today and get the jump on the fall classes and workshops.

Check out the exciting fall classes in our newly released catalog and peruse the multiple great offerings for the whole family to enjoy! Discover new talents and refine those skills already acquired. Study under the direction of skilled professional teaching artists at DAC today. Sign up for the Workshops below before they fill up.

[Creative Arts Workshop](#)

September 21 Ages 6-12 (*Thursday*)

[Movie Making Workshop](#)

October 9 Ages 6-12 (*Monday*)

[Found Object Orchestra](#)

November 7 Ages 6-12 (*Tuesday*)

[Mommy & Me Holiday Craft Workshop](#)

November 11 & 18 Ages 2-5 with adult (*Saturday*)

[Mommy & Me Music Pottery Workshop](#)

October 14 & 21 or January 20 & 27 Ages 2-5 with adult (*Tuesday*)

... and much more!

Sign up for Fall Lessons Today!



Begin your new passion or continue your favorite by exploring the 4 arts at Darlington this fall. Sign up for individual lessons in **music, art, dance, and drama** and discover your muse for a lifetime of enjoyment! [Learn more here.](#)

Pick your day and time slot now! Slots are filling up fast. Fall lessons begin September 11.

From preschool to adult, Darlington is the right place for fall lessons in the arts. **Sign up today.** Stay engaged with the arts!

Stop the presses. Summer classes are still available during August. Don't delay and start today to discover you passion for the arts!

Dance Registration Is Open



Sign up for Dance Classes Today!

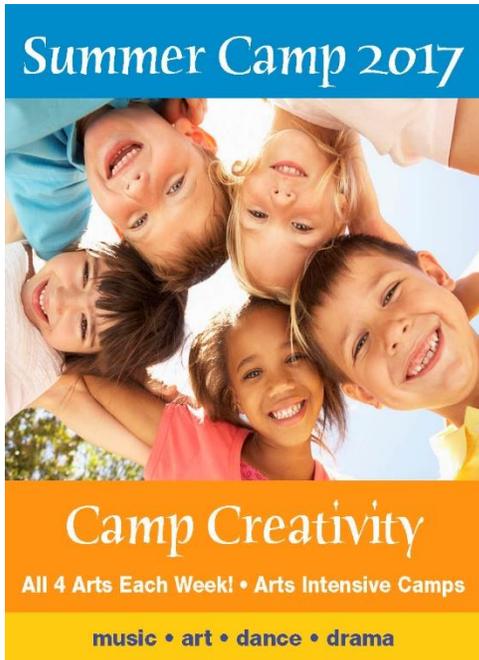
Now is the time to grab your spot for fall Dance classes. Darlington offers multiple dance experiences that range from Tiny Tutus for young children to Hip Hop Prep, Jazz, Tap, Advanced Ballet, and Point for youth, and Dance for adults. [Check out the fall dance schedule here.](#)

Registration is ongoing for all students, including adults interested in dance at Darlington. Improving balance, poise, discipline, and confidence are among the many advantages discovered, in addition to the sheer joy of dancing for all ages. [Learn more here.](#)

Discover your wings at Darlington and launch your dancing talent today! **Building better communities through the arts is our mission!**

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Summer Camp Creativity is Open and Ready to Explore!



Spots remain for August Summer Camps!

Summer campers are having a blast. Check for remaining spots in August. For a creative summer camp experience run, hop, skip, and jump to the Darlington Arts Center today!

Check out some of the exciting summer class offerings for the whole family!

[Out of this World Adventure](#)

Aug 7-Aug 11 Half Day: ages 3-12

[Hooray for Hollywood](#)

Aug 14-18 Full Day: ages 7-14

... and much more!

[click here for summer camp photos](#)

[DOWNLOAD BROCHURE](#)

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

DAC Paint Day Volunteers Wanted!



Paint Day at Darlington set for August 26!

Save the Date: August 26 @ 10 AM-2 PM

Calling all volunteers! Tee shirts and jeans or your choice of work clothes are the proper attire for a fun community day of grooming the Art Center with fresh paint for the new school year ahead. We welcome your participation to help maintain the campus. We will have brushes and rollers ready at this late summer friend-raising event. **Bring your family and friends!**

Volunteer Opportunities Abound at DAC...

Darlington Arts Center applauds and appreciates our volunteers. We welcome the

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efforts and commitment our volunteers make to enhance the programming and facilities at the center and treasure their contributions to our community. Whether adult or student, there are many opportunities to volunteer at Darlington and make a positive difference. DAC volunteers are invaluable by giving of their time and talents to help Darlington and those we serve.

Contact Program Manager Michael Hahn at programs@darlingtonarts.org for volunteering opportunities at Darlington today!

DAC Acknowledges Our Gifted Teaching Artists



Two New Teaching Artists Join Darlington

DAC introduces two new Teaching Artists to the music program this fall. Tina Simon for Piano/Suzuki Piano and Alyssa Wu teaching viola and violin. Tina and Alyssa are accomplished teachers and musicians able to enhance the options for new incoming students and students who have studied under other instructors.

Tina Simon (*Piano/Suzuki Piano*)

Tina discovered she had a gift to teach and inspire students while she was a piano performance major at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. Her approach is developing the whole person through the art of music performance and music appreciation.

Tina has studied performance with Louis Kazze, Sylvia Glickman and Donn-Alexandre Feder, piano wellness with Sheila Paige, and pedagogy with Haruko Kataoka. She enjoys a vibrant career as a music educator and has been teaching beginning through advanced levels at music schools throughout PA and New Jersey for several years. Tina has great success with young learners due to extensive training in Kindermusik® and Suzuki Piano Method. Her students have participated in competitions including at West Chester University. Tina also performs as a soloist and accompanist, including recently performing at the Kimmel Center. Tina got started at DAC this summer while providing a music component to some of the Darlington *Summer Camp* programs.

Sign up to work with this master teacher [here](#) today!

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Alyssa Wu (*Viola and Violin*) An open and diverse teacher and musician, Alyssa's Wu's experiences shape her approach to each student. A native of the Philadelphia area, Alyssa is an accomplished professional and has performed with musicians of the highest caliber at many world renowned venues, including the Kimmel Center, Lincoln Center, and Carnegie Hall. She has had the privilege of studying with Sydney Curtiss, Che-Hung

Chen, Ana Tsinadze, Lenuta Ciulei, Nicholas Cords, Phillip Ying and Michael Emery. She has continued to grow as an educator and teaching artist through engagements at Play on, Philly!, an El-Sistema inspired after school youth orchestra program, Swedesboro Performing Arts Center, and her private studio. As a violist in the Pennsylvania Philharmonic, Alyssa has performed in numerous school outreach concerts across Pennsylvania to bring children access to orchestral music. Alyssa received her B.A. in Music from Skidmore College as a Filene Music Scholar and is a Candidate for M.M. from Temple University. You can learn more at her website: <http://alyssawustrings.squarespace.com/>

Sign up to work with this master teacher [here](#) today!

Get Ready for Great DAC events this Fall and Spring.



Save the Date for Upcoming Events!

Mark your Calendars for DAC Events this Fall and Beyond!

Saturday, October 7

Back to School Arts Party

Saturday, October 13

Coffee House Concert

Friday, November 10

Art Gallery Opening

Student Recital

Saturday, November 11

Coffee House Concert

Saturday, December 9

Holiday Open House

Saturday, January 13

Gallery Reception

Student Recitals

Coffee House Concert

All events are open for DAC members and family and friends. Make your DAC dates today!

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Contact Registration Manager Madeleine Turley
at register@darlingtonarts.org reservations and information at Darlington today!

Save the Date for DAC Events

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