

## Coming Up in February

To our Community-

February has arrived turning thoughts of a long winter to the coming change of seasons! To dispel the remaining chill in the air and jump-start resilient spring energy, turn to new classes and workshops at Darlington. Nothing trumps cold weather like engagement in the 4-arts. This is the perfect time to open the door to creativity and join our growing community. Our Winter/Spring scheduled classes begin this week and provide several opportunities for discovering and refining your talents. Included are a variety of classes and workshops ready to entice both young students and adults alike. Our new Winter-Spring catalog ([viewed here](#)) includes multiple avenues of the arts to explore. Each class and workshop is designed to awaken your creative desires and provide experiences that open a path of pure enjoyment.

On Friday, February 9, our second winter recital serves as the opening act for a spectacular weekend at Darlington. Our music students will display their budding talents as they perform for parents and members of our community. The following evening, on Saturday, February 10 provides two additional events and reasons to attend. Fine artist Carrie Barcomb is the featured artist for the Gallery Opening on Saturday evening at 7 PM. Right on the heels of the art opening is a concert not to miss, Coffee House Concert featuring the earthy tones of Lucky Brown and guitarist E. B. Hawkins. Kicking off the evening venue will be DAC Program Manager Michael Hahn to warm up the crowd during the Open Mic segment beginning at 7:30 PM. [Sign up here](#) today to guarantee a good seat for this intimate evening of soulful music and pure pleasure. Circle this date for a night to remember.

Valentine's Day, on February 14 arrives the next week and paves the way for the annual [Preschool party and Open House event](#). Bring your friends and neighbors to a fun gathering that highlights the Preschool program and the advantages of early learning at Darlington. Please invite everyone with young children to learn about the gift of the arts at DAC. A second Open House event this month occurs on Tuesday, February 27. Please attend one or both and remember to bring your friends and neighbors.

Whether you are new to us, or have an established relationship with our Center, we welcome you. We also thank you for your support and solicit your help in continuing our fund-raising efforts this new year in 2018. Please take a minute to view our [annual appeal here](#). Then get ready for the annual spring bash **A Toast to the Arts** in April! More information is coming with a sneak preview [here](#).

If you have interest in volunteering at Darlington Arts Center, we are happy to have you! Darlington is seeking community members to join our [Board of Directors](#) and committees. If you have any interest, please feel free to contact me at [eric@darlingtonarts.org](mailto:eric@darlingtonarts.org). For more information on our volunteering opportunities, please click [here](#).

The arts have never been more exciting and we look forward to seeing you at Darlington! Stop in for a visit and take a tour, call with any questions, or visit us at [www.darlingtonarts.org](http://www.darlingtonarts.org). We look forward to providing Every Art for Everyone! Make DAC classes and workshops the gateway for your artistic journey. Come and enhance your life at Darlington today!

-Eric Carter-Thompson, Executive Director

**Preschool Valentine's Day Party & Open House on Wednesday, February 14**  
Bring your friends and neighbors!



**Join us Wednesday, February 14 for our Preschool Valentine's Day Party Open House Event!**

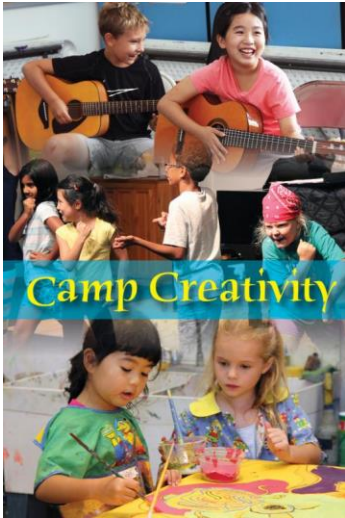
Our PreSchool Open House event is open to the public. It will provide an opportunity to introduce you to the expansive world of the 4 Arts and its benefits to early education. We welcome all new families and individuals to learn about the advantages that DAC PreSchool offers. We provide the ideal environment to accelerate early learning through a structured program utilizing engagement with music, art, dance, and drama to enhance cognitive development and facilitate confidence.

Now is the time to stimulate and develop your young child's learning potential. This is also an excellent opportunity to learn about Darlington's collaboration with Language University's curriculum for building foreign language development skills for young students.

Other dates for DAC Pre-Kindergarten Open House events are:  
**Tuesday, February 27, and Tuesday, March 13.**

**Mark your calendar and circle the date for Wednesday, February 14 at 10 AM!**

**Sign up for DAC Summer Camp**  
*A Summer of fun awaits!*



Make your summer camp plans at Darlington today! Make the most of this time in the sun. Plant seeds of learning, creativity, and discovery. Explore and develop new interests, talents, and abilities.

Darlington Summer Arts Camp provides children with eleven weeks of interactive fun and hands-on experiential activities. Each week features a unique theme providing every child opportunities to find new areas of interest that stimulate learning. Sign up for one week or spend the entire summer at Darlington.

Start the adventure today! Get ready to weave the four arts with science and technology during [STEAM in the Summer](#) or grab the mic and your guitar for [Rockin' the](#)

[Arts!](#) Travel back in time to the Jurassic period [Discovering Dinosaurs](#) or go on [A Hero's Quest](#); the possibilities for adventure await. View the DAC [Summer Camp catalog here](#) and sign up today!

## Explore Dynamic Afterschool Art Clubs at Darlington

Learning Through The Arts: Music, Art, Dance & Drama



### Afterschool 4-Art Clubs Flourish!

The 4 arts flourish at DAC with several dynamic after school clubs. Tapping into creativity is now convenient and simple. Just take the after school bus directly to Darlington and step into music, art, dance, and drama. Students in Garnet Valley schools have an ideal opportunity to come directly to the Darlington campus via the school bus transportation! Just notify your child's school and call us at 610-358-3632 to sign up for this free transportation today!

**Monday - [Drawing and Painting for Young Artists](#)** (ages 5-9), 4-5:15 PM

**Tuesday - [Creative Dramatics](#)** (ages 5-8), 4-5:15

**PM [Beginner Guitar Class for Kids I](#)** (ages 7-12) 4-5 PM

**Wednesday - [Creative Clay Works](#)** (ages 5-9), 4-5 PM and

If the 4 PM time is inconvenient, we offer several other art classes for kids, teens, and adults throughout the week! Make sure to check out all the classes for exploring the arts this fall.

**Monday - [Drawing and Painting Composition](#)** (ages 11-15), 6:30-8:30 PM.

**Saturday - [Visual Art Club Saturdays](#)** (ages 6-12), 10-11:15 AM, [Art Explorers](#) (ages 3-5) 10-11 AM

[Download Winter/Spring Catalog here.](#)

Sign up for creative learning with the 4-arts today!

New 5-Day DAC Preschool and Early Learning Program!



### Register now for Darlington's new 5-Day Winter/Spring Preschool

Beginning in February, Darlington now offers a 5-Day Preschool. This unique Arts-based early learning activity emphasizes creativity, imagination, exploration, and active participation! [Learn more here.](#)

**Pick your days: Monday - Friday** (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 days/week) **Five day Preschool arrives January 8!**

**Half-day Sessions:** 9 AM.-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](mailto:programs@darlingtonarts.org).

Spaces remain for Preschool. Sign up today!

## Mommy & Me Winter Craft Workshops

*Sweep Away winter cold with the arts today!*



A great time with the arts awaits for parents and children at Darlington in February during our [Mommy & Me Winter Workshop](#). Held on two Saturdays (Feb. 17, 24), preschoolers and their moms will enjoy special time together exploring the arts and discovering new talents while creating crafts utilizing a variety of materials and techniques.

Engage in fun activities while collaborating with your children in this unique experience to chase away winter chills and open the door to creative imagination. This is a wonderful opportunity to engage young learners with the potential of the arts for instilling a lifetime of enjoyment! [Sign up here.](#)

From preschool to adult, Darlington is the right place for achieving your artistic potential. If you are not currently, a member **sign up for membership**

**today!** Engage with the arts to develop your creative abilities and discover your muse! The rewards for enjoyment can endure forever!

**Arts for Adults Abound in our Winter/Spring Catalog!**  
Sign up for classes in Music, Art, Dance & Drama today!



**The Winter/Spring Catalog has several opportunities for adults to participate in the arts at Darlington!** Now is the time to sign up and express yourself through the 4-arts! New classes and workshops are offered to engage with your creative spirit. Check out the new **Winter/Spring catalog here!**

With winter still with us, this is an ideal time to accelerate the pace and prepare to dance or paint the night away. Opportunities for staying vibrant are open that will keep the body limber, the mind sharp, and the creativity flowing.

Discover your muse at Darlington today through the 4-arts. Lessons in creative self-expression last a lifetime! Get ready to soar to new heights and sign up [here](#) today!

[Dance for Adults](#), [Drawing & Painting for Adults](#), [Pottery for Adults](#), [Adult Artist Open studio](#), and [Precious Metal Clay Workshop](#) are all great opportunities to enliven the spirit and refine skills for adults of all ages! Recharge and explore the arts today!

Commit to the arts, push your creative envelope and never look back. Take this opportunity to awaken your abilities in any or all of the 4 arts offered at DAC.

**Sign up for creative learning at DAC today!**

**Weekend Art Classes at Darlington!**

**Sign up for Visual Art Club on Saturdays!**

Get your weekends started at Darlington with Saturday art classes. Work in two and three dimensions while you expand your creative expression. Drawing, painting, sculpture, and more are woven into the art experience. Check out this exciting Saturday art class and others in our 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 [here](#) for classes today!

[Visual Art Club Saturdays](#), Feb 10-April 14 (Saturdays 10-11:15 AM)... **and more!**

### Arts All Day Workshops Make School Holidays Special



Arts all Day Workshops are the perfect way to spend a school holiday. Enjoy a day of artistic exploration and creativity to stimulate your self-expression. These full-day uniquely themed workshops run from 9 AM - 3 PM with before & aftercare available for students in grades 1-6.

Spring Break Workshops include these opportunities to explore the arts.

[Cooking & Crafts](#) (students in grades 1-6) Monday, March 26, 9 AM-3 PM

[A Play in a Day](#) (students in grades 1-6) Tuesday, March 27, 9 AM-3 PM

[Art Outside the Box](#) (students in grades 1-6) Monday, March 28, 9 AM-3 PM

[Creative Arts Workshop](#) (students in grades 1-6) Thursday, March 29, 9 AM-3 PM

[Wearable Art Workshop](#) (students in grades 1-6) Monday, April 2, 9 AM-3 PM

Art classes to explore on weekends are [Art Explorers](#) (ages 3-5) and [Visual Art Club - Saturdays](#) (ages 6-12)! Sign up today!

Call 610-358-3632 to register! [Enroll today!](#) [Learn more here!](#)

### February 10 Coffee House Concert Features Lucky Brown!



**The February Coffee House Concert features Lucky Brown with E.B. Hawkins (Blues-Rock-Smooth Jazz)**

Winter weather sizzles with the smooth licks of E. B. Hawkins on guitars, vocals and percussion, Stephen Smith on electric fretless bass, and Susan McKey on luscious vocals. This is a night to mark as a musical quest of pure pleasure. This talented

group of musicians delivers the listener deep satisfying grooves coupled with harmonic sophistication for a tantalizing listening experience that resonates within body and soul. LUCKY BROWN featuring EB Hawkins is music to savor.

An open mic segment at 7:30 begins a torrid winter night featuring DAC's Michael Hahn. Come with friends to this relaxed setting for basking in great music. With an ideal blend of blues- rock, and smooth jazz, Lucky Brown serves as conductor for an entertaining juggernaut to remember. Climb on board for tunes that linger in the night and capture vocal visions of Susan McKey as she carries you effortlessly

to a new destination. DAC Coffee House Concerts get you close to the performers for an intimate experience.

Tickets: \$10 for members, \$15 at the gate (please call for member discount). Includes FREE coffee, tea, and desserts (BYOB - corkscrew & glasses provided) 7:30 PM - open mic, 8:00 PM - featured performer. **Advance ticket purchase is recommended!** [Get tickets here!](#)

Contact Program Manager Michael Hahn at [programs@darlingtonarts.org](mailto:programs@darlingtonarts.org)!

## DAC Acknowledges Our Gifted Teaching Artists



### DAC Teaching Artist of the Month Sarah Grober

Sarah Gober (Piano) is a collaborative pianist with a strong passion for teaching and forming partnerships with other creative expressive musicians. She obtained a Master's degree in Piano Accompanying/Opera Coaching from Temple University and a BA in Piano Performance from West Chester University.

Sarah teaches piano and accompanies instrumental and vocal students from the University of Delaware and West Chester University. She serves as choral director at Calvary Baptist Church in Newark, DE and is also an active music director and accompanist for local community organizations including Bravo Theatre Company, The Brandywine Singers, and The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Chester County. She strongly believes in balancing the technical, the musical, and the expressive aspects of the music to communicate an authentic rendition. Sarah is a versatile artist and performer and is also active in the theater arts. She is available during the academic year on Tuesdays.

Sign up for art classes today to work with this superb Teaching Artist [here!](#)

Get Ready for Great DAC Events this Winter and Spring.



**Save the Date for Upcoming Events!**

**Mark your Calendars for DAC Events this Winter and Beyond!**

- February 9**  
*Student Recital*
- Saturday, February 10**  
*Gallery Reception & Coffee House Concert **Lucky Brown***
- Thursday, February 14**  
*Valentine's Day Party*
- Thursday, February 27**  
*Preschool Open House*
- Saturday, March 10**  
*Student Recital & Coffee House Concert **Belfast Connection***
- Friday, April 13**  
*Student Recital*
- Saturday, April 14**  
*Coffee House Concert **Phyllis Chapell***
- Thursday, April 26**

*A Toast to the Arts annual celebration*

Events are open for DAC members and family and friends. **Select dates today!**

Contact Registration Manager Madeleine Turley at [register@darlingtonarts.org](mailto:register@darlingtonarts.org) for reservations and information at Darlington today!

**Save the Date for DAC Events**



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