

Coming Up in October

To our Community -



The fall season is here and the new year of artistic creativity is running smoothly at Darlington. There are multiple opportunities to join this growing wave of learning in the four arts. Classes and workshops abound to ignite your passion and release your talents. Students of all ages are invited daily to explore a myriad of classes and workshops at the Arts Center. Connect and discover how the arts build confidence and inspire joy! Early discounts for second session classes end October 6. Sign up today!

As the seasons move ahead, it is important to keep the creativity flowing. The transition of summer to fall generates a powerful dynamic at Darlington. The changing landscape, filled with vibrant colors, is matched with exciting new classes and workshops. Each arts discipline, whether music, visual art, dance, or drama, offers new possibilities to unleash aspiration leading directly to fulfillment. Every challenge relished on the artistic pathway at Darlington illuminates greater potential. Grab these opportunities to enhance your life and step boldly forward along a journey of becoming!

Our new 5-days per-week Darlington Preschool and Kindergarten Enrichment are underway and seeking more young students to grow the programs. Both offer a number of advantages to early learners with the incorporation of music, art, dance, and drama into the daily curriculum. The arts add depth to fundamental concepts and enhance comprehension - a definite plus for school readiness. The new second language-learning component, introducing Spanish to students, is another important advantage to the Darlington preschool experience.

The first weekend in October serves as the launch pad for the new Coffee House season at Darlington and the initial Art Gallery Opening of the season. The Homegrown String Band™ opens the fall 2018 Coffee House concert series on Saturday evening, October 6. An open mic session begins at 7:30 and the main event follows at 8 p.m. This family trio will kick the concert season into high gear with a rousing mix of bluegrass and folk music setting the tempo for an evening to remember.

Prior to the music event that night, Darlington is holding an art gallery opening for Chester County artist Kimberly Hoechst. Please join us to celebrate a talented woman and accomplished artist who has received accolades for her art throughout the Philadelphia and Delaware Valley region. The gallery opening begins at 7 p.m.

The fall season is also optimal to begin or continue with private music lessons. Darlington has several new Teaching Artists who have recently joined the Center, providing increased options for students to select while developing their music skills. Students of all ages are invited to sign up for music lessons.

As always, we welcome you. Please, come tour the facilities or just stop in to chat. New members, established friends, and all curious first-timers can relish exploring the arts comfortably together as a community. We are a relaxed environment willing and able to utilize your expertise as we value your participation. If you enjoy getting more involved, consider joining our committees, or become a member of our Board of Directors. Email me at eric@darlingtonarts.org. For more information on DAC volunteering opportunities, **click [here](#)**. Call with questions, or visit us at www.darlingtonarts.org. Our mission is to provide *Every Art for Everyone!* Join us today for adventures in the arts that last a lifetime. Do not forget to sign up for second session classes today. Early discounts ends October 6!

-Eric Carter-Thompson, Executive Director

Campaign for Darlington Announced



Darlington Arts Center celebrates its 40th birthday.

As we celebrate our 40th Anniversary, we look around our beautiful campus and recognize that there are items that could use refreshing and some opportunities to enrich our programming through expanded use of our grounds. For these reasons, we have developed a Building Fund.

This fund is a critical component of our Future. As we look ahead to the next 40 years, we know that there will be projects that come up that need to be completed on our building, but we believe that this Fund will enable us to undertake a few of the most immediate and essential ones now! With your support, we are confident that Darlington's excellence in the arts will be complemented by our facilities.

Utilizing a music scale to chart the contributions in support of the Arts Center throughout the year, we are asking for your support to create a symphony of giving to help propel Darlington Arts Center forward.

You can join the chorus for this arts ode to joy by contributing today at: give.darlingtonarts.org

Thank you for ensuring our future of providing Every Art for Everyone!

Darlington Ceramic Classes and Arts Workshops are Open



Darlington Clay Classes and Arts Workshops are Open. Sign up for early discount today!

The fall season is ideal for working in clay and other art forms. Several opportunities are available to create decorative and functional art in Darlington clay classes and arts workshops. Second session classes are now open to work the smooth clay into the desired shape, either on the wheel or by hand-building techniques and sculpting. After firing, glaze the new piece in vivid colors or follow the material to its origins with earth tones to reveal a masterwork.

Peruse the options below and sign up for Darlington ceramics classes today! Second session early sign up discounts end October 6. Sign up today!

[Paint and Clay Works](#)

(Ages: 7-12) Mondays, 4:00-5:15 PM

Heighten your imagination through the use of clay and paint! This class will combine the fundamentals of both two and three-dimensional art through construction of sculpture as well as functional pottery!

(8 weeks): Nov 26 - Jan 28 (excluding 12/24, 12/31)

Price: \$188

Pottery for Adults

Mondays, 6:30-9:00 PM

Explore the many techniques of making pottery: pinch, slab, coil and wheel-throwing. Work step-by-step through each technique and use these skills to create a variety of functional and decorative forms, such as bowls, mugs, plates and plaques. Personal project ideas are welcome.

(8 weeks): Nov 26 - Jan 28 (excluding 12/24, 12/31)

Price: \$312 + \$36 clay fee

Intro to Throwing (Pottery on the Wheel)

(Age 14-Adults) 2:30-4:30 PM 3 Saturdays, (1/19, 1/26, 2/2)

Perfect for beginners! Learn the art of throwing pottery on the wheel. Develop your skills and build several pieces in this 2-part workshop. Pick up your finished pieces within two weeks after the workshop ends.

Price: \$160

Ring-Making Workshop

(Age 14-Adults) 12:30-2:30 PM 2 Saturdays: 10/20, 10/27

Create an original and beautiful ring. You will learn metalworking techniques while making a unique piece of silver jewelry. Great for a holiday gift for a special person or for you! Bring your partner and make your own wedding bands!

Teacher: Hattie Weselyk Price: \$119

Arts Day Out Workshop - Sign up today!



Arts Day Out Workshop (*Mommy & Me*)

Ages 2-5 with Adult 4 Mondays (beginning October 15)
10 - 10:45 AM

Darlington Arts Center is the perfect environment to introduce the arts to your little one and begin a lifetime of enjoyment! Across four Mondays, participate together in projects encompassing all four arts - music, art, dance and drama. Create and decorate ceramic pieces, dance yourself silly, discover the wonderful music within you, and play fun theater games as you act out a story. Come see what you can create together!

**(additional family member children may attend at half the regular fee)*

View the [Fall catalog here](#) and sign up for classes and workshops today!

DAC 5-Day Preschool is Open



Register now for Darlington's new 5-Day Preschool

Preschool is underway at Darlington and we welcome new students to join the program at any time. DAC's unique arts-based early learning program emphasizes creativity, imagination, exploration, and active participation! An additional advantage is the introduction of foreign language learning through the Language University program [Learn more here.](#)

Pick your days: Monday - Friday (1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 days/week)
Signup for one, two or all five throughout the school year!

Half-day Sessions: 9 AM-12 noon

9-month Program: September-May

Get your preschooler a learning boost and ahead of the class 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. Sign up today for one day or all five!

Classes and Workshops!



It's time for fall After-School classes and workshop registration. Opportunities for exploring the arts are available at Darlington throughout the upcoming fall and winter seasons Monday through Friday. Now is the time to take advantage of early registration discounts and save your spot to springboard new learning in any or all of the 4-arts.

Sign up today and get ready to tap your talents. Sign up today for fall after-school classes and discover enjoyment that is certain to last a lifetime.

Several new classes have been added to the fall lineup. Check out these and the entire schedule. **Early discounts end October 6. Sign up today!**

New After-School Classes on Tuesdays -

[Performing Arts Playground](#) (Drama) Ages: 5-10, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

[Comic Book Club](#) (Visual Art) Ages: 5-10, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

New After-School Classes on Wednesdays -

[Language Through the Arts](#) (4 Arts) Ages: 5-10, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

[Mix it Up!](#) (Visual Art) Ages: 5-10, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Check out the [Fall catalog here](#) and sign up today!

Arts for Adults Abound in our Fall Catalog!

Sign up for classes in Music, Art, Dance & Drama today!



Get ready for fall adult classes at DAC. There are multiple opportunities for adults to participate in the arts at Darlington! Sign up and express yourself through the arts! Classes and workshops are available to engage your creative spirit and discover your muse. Get ready to soar to new heights and sign up [here](#) today!

Fall Adult Classes & Workshop include:

[Drawing & Painting for Adults](#)

Wednesdays @ 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Saturdays @ 9:30 to 11:30 AM

[Barre Fitness for Adults](#)

Mondays @ 6:30-7:30 PM (9 weeks)

Develop your unique style and let the art flow through you. Ventures in the arts enliven the spirit and last a lifetime!

Commit to the arts, explore your talents and never look back. **Sign up for creative learning at DAC today!**

DAC Acknowledges Our Gifted Teaching Artists



DAC Teaching Artist of the Month

Erika Matyok (Drawing, Painting) is a superlative member of the Darlington Teaching Artist faculty. She has enjoyed a passion for painting big, vibrant flowers throughout her life. She takes pleasure in large-scale art projects and has worked on several popular murals that adorn landmarks scattered throughout Philadelphia. Erika also created the murals that adorn the exterior entrance to Darlington and the fundraising musical mural on the interior wall across from the office.

She currently teaches aspiring young artists at an elementary school in Broomall while she

runs Fancyhands Designs, a company that specializes in custom murals, faux finishes for kids' rooms, and hand-painted furniture. Her large-scale murals emit directed energy as each is filled with visual imagery that make an impact. "I feel vibrant, alive, and more connected every time I complete a work of art, especially one large in size. Each piece contains a unique meaning, process, or look. It's an affirmation and deeply personal feeling that comes with completion," exudes Erika. "It's a natural desire for me to paint, draw, design, and continue to reveal."

Erika is available during the academic year on Tuesdays. **Sign up to learn with this talented DAC Teaching Artist today!**

Gallery Opening Features Artist Kim Hoechst



Art Gallery Opening Saturday, October 6 Featuring Artist Kimberly Hoechst

Kim Hoechst has enjoyed a passion for art, design, and creative endeavors throughout her life. She pursued formal training at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts following a career in marketing. Her paintings have been praised at several juried shows, exhibitions, and venues in and around Philadelphia.

"The greatest joy of having become a painter is going through each day perceiving things with an eye toward their potential to be expressed as art," says Kim. "The interplay of light and shadow inspires me to paint because this dynamic can

make ordinary things intriguing or dramatic and reveal beautiful things in an unexpected way. Bright light, illuminating certain areas of the painting creates excitement and emphasis, and is strengthened by the juxtaposition with darker, more mysterious areas in the shadows. I often paint local places, but any location or object is fair game if the light and shadows dominate."

"I work primarily in oils because I feel the vibrancy, malleability, and durability of this medium. I vary my compositions by working on a variety of surfaces including wood and hardboard panels, linen, canvas and metals such as copper, zinc, and aluminum. My process involves direct painting done in multiple sessions. I am inspired by the looseness and freshness achieved in the first pass, but then return to discover new opportunities to develop and enhance the painting until I detect no more."

Please join us at the opening reception for this fine artist on October 6.

October Coffee House Concert Opens the Season



The Homegrown String Band Trio (Bluegrass-Folk) (Bluegrass-Folk)

The Homegrown String Band™ kicks off the fall 2018 Coffee House concert series. They perform authentic bluegrass/folk string band music brought up to speed with a family of musicians collaborating for a unique repertoire drawn from classic rural Americana. Their spin on this traditional music is innovative and honed to perfection. Comprised of husband and wife plus daughter, this dynamic trio utilize an eclectic palette of instruments to put their own musical DNA on a broad music genre.

Traversing ancient ballads of the British Isles to blues and bluegrass of the twentieth century, these crowd favorites bring high energy while creating a memorable soundscape. The Homegrown String Band will etch their place in every heart as they launch the new Coffee House season at Darlington. Foot tapping and body swaying will linger long into the night when their feel good music nourishes body and soul.

Get Ready for Great DAC Events this Fall



Save the Date for Upcoming Events!

Mark your Calendars for DAC Events this fall!

Back to School Arts Party *Saturday, September 29*

Student Recital *October 19*

Preschool Halloween Party *Wednesday, October 31*

Student Recital *November 9*

Holiday Jam *Saturday, December 8*

[Autumn Coffee House Concerts](#)

October 6 * *The Homegrown String Band* **November 10** * *Geri Smith*

December 8 * *Liz Filios with Ira Cantor*

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

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

Save the Date for DAC Events



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