

Coming Up in November

To our Community -



November kicks off the holiday season and begins our second session classes. As the days grow shorter and cooler, the energy heats up at Darlington with a colorful palette of opportunities to explore the arts and bring beauty to life. The hum of activity emanating from students of all ages keeps the creativity flowing smoothly in each artistic discipline.

Today is an opportunity to connect and discover how the arts help build confidence and inspire joy! Engagement with the arts opens a door to new and vibrant experiences. Revealed are the necessary steps to satisfy artistic desires. Developing these abilities and realizing your potential, whether in music, art, dance or drama takes genuine effort and persistence. To follow your muse can be a journey of a lifetime, but the quest is worthy. Importantly, the arts bring rewards wrapped in bundles at each way station along the path.

Darlington piano students performing at the initial recital of the season on October 19 epitomized this belief in the artistic journey and the fruits encountered during progression. Each performed wonderfully and their joy was evident. This positive affirmation was immediately transferred through the luminous smiles of all in attendance, and particularly among family members. Witnessing the success and accomplishments of Darlington students that culminate during music recitals is satisfying; indeed, these moments captivate and crystallize delight. Vibrant fall colors were reflected back in equal measure in the coloration of notes clearly struck on responsive piano keys. In summation, each recital offers a declaration of achievement, a statement of value in a sojourn of becoming. They serve as trials that ignite a passion, releasing talents born of effort and aspiration.

There are multiple opportunities to join this growing wave of learning in the four arts. There are also multiple ways to support the arts at Darlington with a financial contribution. Please read further to discover how donations benefit the programs, facilities, and students at Darlington today and tomorrow.

Our November Coffee House concert brings a familiar talent to the microphone; local music icon Geri Smith, a DAC Teaching Artist. This talented singer-songwriter-musician is a triumvirate of talent with a repertoire that spans from pop rock to smooth jazz and sultry blues. An open mic session begins the concert at 7:30 and the main event follows at 8 p.m. Geri Smith will elevate the mood taking the audience on a ride of pure pleasure with a satisfying mix of musical styles for an evening of enchantment.

The night before, on Friday, November 9, Darlington is holding an art gallery opening for Garnet Valley High School students. Gracing the walls will be a mix of styles and creations illustrating the artistic talents of students and their teachers within the local community. Please join us to celebrate these aspiring young artists as they glow in the spotlight. The event begins at 6 p.m. and is followed by our November student music recital.

Again, you are always welcome. Please, come tour the facilities or just stop in to say hello, reminisce, or chart a new beginning in creativity. At Darlington, everyone can relish exploring the arts comfortably together as a community. We feature a relaxed environment that values your participation. In addition, we would love to utilize your expertise, knowledge, and talents. If you enjoy getting 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. Make Darlington your home for the arts.

-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!

Great November School Holiday Arts All Day Workshops



November Arts all Day Workshops

Enjoy a day of artistic exploration and creativity during school holidays!

9 AM - 3 PM * before & aftercare is available

November school holidays are coming up and Darlington is ready with several ideal Arts All Day experiences for students to let their creativity soar. From singing and acting to cooking and crafts, the table is set with entertaining opportunities to unleash the imagination and explore your talents. November 6 begins a series of workshops to enjoy a day of learning and artful fun with a day off from school. Later, Thanksgiving week provides three additional days with fantastic options to savor the arts with friends at Darlington.

Peruse the options below and sign up for Darlington arts classes today!

[Sing Your Heart Out](#) * Tues (11/6)

Students will get an all-day singing lesson from warm-ups to performance! They will learn about music theory and various singing styles and choose songs that they love. Then they will practice the songs and put on a recital at 2:45 p.m. for friends and family! Price: \$56

[A Play In A Day](#) * Mon 11/19

Become the writer, art director and star - put on a play from start to finish in one day! Students will design sets and costumes, and bring their story to life. Performance at 2:45 p.m. for family and friends! Price: \$56

Cooking & Crafts Tues 11/20

Discover your inner chef! Students will learn to prepare and cook delicious seasonal snacks while creating food-inspired artwork and crafts to take home, including a book with their new favorite recipes. Price: \$60

STEAM All Day * Wed 11/21

Students will spend the day creating art projects that integrate science, technology, engineering and math. Students will learn valuable principles while doing exciting experiments and crafty creations. Friends and family are invited to walk through the gallery of projects beginning at 2:45 p.m. Price: \$66

Sign up today before workshops are filled!

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

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)
Sign up 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! Our Winter Catalog is coming soon.

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



Jackie Tate (Fitness)

Jackie Tate is an expert health and wellness educator and trainer. She serves as the Certified SilverSneakers® fitness instructor for Darlington Arts Center on two days each week. Jackie has an MS in Health Education with a Corporate Wellness emphasis and a BS in Nutrition Science from Penn State University.

Jackie is the owner of Tate's Wellness Company, based in Glen Mills, PA. She works one-on-one as a health/fitness consultant providing personalized dietary and exercise plans that result in successful, long-term, healthy

lifestyles for adults, teenagers, and children. She also designs and instructs corporate wellness programs. In addition, Ms. Tate conducts fitness classes and personal training instruction at area dance, fitness, and martial arts facilities.

Jackie's greatest enjoyment is motivating individuals to reach their personal goals of good physical, mental, and emotional health by maintaining nutrition excellence and optimal physical performance for a lifetime of healthy and happy living.

Gallery Opening Features Garnet Valley High School Art



November Art Gallery features High School Student Art

Students from Garnet Valley High School will have their artwork displayed in the DAC gallery throughout November with the art opening on Friday, November 9.

Please join us for an enjoyable evening in celebration and recognition of talented young student artists in our community.

Next spring, several excellent area student art pieces will be entered in the juried Congressional Art Show that will be displayed at Darlington in April. Come and get a sneak preview of some of the award winners in this November gallery exhibition displaying several talented public high school student artists.

Please join us for the opening event on the evening of November 9.

October Coffee House Concert Features Geri Smith on November 10



Geri Smith Headlines November Coffee House Concert

Saturday, November 10 is a date to circle on the calendar for a perfect night of pure listening pleasure. Local music icon Geri Smith is an experienced singer-songwriter and performer; a triple talent with two albums of original music in addition to an award-winning children's album in collaboration with John Hadfield to her credit.

Beginning her artistic journey as a classical music student, Geri soon shifted gears. By her teens, she was banging on the guitar and keyboard while writing her own songs. In college, she majored in voice, but continued to study piano and arranging. The results are worthy of savoring.

By the way, Geri is a Darlington Teaching Artist and when she is not busy guiding students to prominence. She is lead singer and keyboardist with Brandywine Jazz and R&B. Geri is a vocal powerhouse and sought after performer. Her satisfying vocals

resonant deep within, igniting wayward thoughts with brighter possibilities. A hypnotic distillation of soulful pop, jazzy blues, and original rock tunes are components of Geri's vast musical repertoire.

Join the group and get a Coffee House Concert 4-pack. Catch great performers with family and friends. There are fabulous musician on tap from December to May. The venue is a relaxed BYOB environment creating an ambiance of listening pleasure. Come, listen, and savor the experience.

Next on the docket is Liz Filios with Heath Allen to transport you to another realm on December 8. Reserve a table and purchase tickets for this Coffee House Concert [here](#) today!

Get Ready for Great DAC Events this Fall



Save the Date for Upcoming Events! Mark your Calendars for DAC Events this fall!

Student Recital

November 9

Holiday Jam

Saturday, December 8

[Autumn Coffee House Concerts](#)

November 10 * *Geri Smith*

December 8 * *Liz Filios with Ira Cantor*

Events are open for DAC members, family, and friends. Coffee House concerts are open to the public in addition to the DAC community. **[Select Coffee House dates today!](#)**

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

Save the Date for DAC Events

