

Coming Up in December

To our Community -



Holiday season is in full swing and Darlington Arts Center is celebrating the festive rhythms up-tempo. Second session classes and workshops are humming and recitals, drama performances, and art exhibits provide a myriad of wonderful opportunities to savor the fruits of efforts made during the days of autumn.

This is a special time of year. December is a month of appreciation and gratitude rewarded during a season of generosity to give thanks. Darlington Arts Center is a haven for all three. Each day is ripe with opportunities to appreciate the talents of aspiring artists of all ages in multiple disciplines. Each student is remarkable in efforts to explore new forms of artistic expression, reveal new talents, and achieve imagined dreams. Each dance move, image and artwork exhibited, and each note struck and dramatic line uttered is a gift generating respect and encouragement followed by gratitude. Each accomplishment layered upon the preceding one, paves the way for illumination yet to come along a journey still unfolding.

At Darlington, we are filled with admiration for the accomplishments of our students and thankful for the support of a community of families and friends in selecting Darlington to pursue their artistic endeavors. This network of support unites us as one providing the resources and motivation that enable each student to reach for the stars.

We continue to be grateful for the financial support provided by our member community and encourage actively funding opportunities in the arts at Darlington. Each monetary contribution becomes a gift of purpose that enable others to engage their creative spirit and experience their potential. This occurs, both on the Darlington Campus and through our Community Outreach programs, helping to fulfill our mission of every art for everyone.

I also want to share great news regarding Darlington music students performing in their school arts programs. Senior Dylan Tran is playing in Jazz Band and accompanying the choir at Malvern Preparatory School and Sixth Grade student Noelle Forgarty will be performing in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at Tower Hill School. DAC students shine brightly.

This month is also release time for the new Winter/Spring catalog of classes and workshops to tantalize and invite enjoyment through the arts. Check out the [new catalog here](#) and get ready for a creative winter. With holidays approaching, consider a unique gift idea of an art workshop or our 4-private music lessons package. This is certain to brighten and warm up the wintry days ahead. Stop in for other great Darlington gift ideas.

Now get ready for our annual Holiday Jam on Saturday, December 8 for a spirited afternoon and evening of celebrating the arts with family and friends. The event begins at 2:30 with a Gallery Opening for Philadelphia abstract artist T. J. Walsh. His vibrant, yet introspective compositions provide a window to explore our collective unconscious. A student recital follows and then a holiday jam sessions breaks out with full community participation. Stay or return to make a night of it at Darlington and enjoy the talents of Liz Filios and Heath Allen for a mesmerizing evening of soothing sounds at our Coffee House Concert starting at 7:30 p.m

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. 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 volunteering at Darlington, 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 constant 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!

Explore Winter/Springs classes in our new catalog.



View the New Winter/Spring catalog today!

The new Darlington Winter/Spring catalog is on the way and ready to peruse for new adventures in the four arts of music, art, dance and drama. View the new catalog here and on the website to get a jump on the myriad of opportunities to engage your creative spirit and explore your talents at any age or ability.

Whether you are continuing with current lessons or wish to travel a different artistic course, there are multiple avenues to pursue at Darlington with a variety of fun new classes and workshops able to refine abilities and reveal new ones.

Preview the new Winter/Spring catalog [here](#) and register for early discounts today!



4- Private Lesson Package is Back



Darlington's 4-Private Lesson package is Here!

Now is the time to pursue your music interests and begin your journey in the arts at Darlington. Sign up today for our 4-lesson package and experience the joy of playing an instrument. If you are an experienced musician, this is a great opportunity to try a new instrument and explore new possibilities without a long-term commitment. Select the instrument and choose a Teaching Artist for four 30-minute sessions.

This is the season for new beginnings and resolutions that bring greater satisfaction and joy to life. Begin your music quest and register for a 4-lesson package today! Find your muse and launch your star. Call to select the Teaching Artist and days that fit your schedule.

Four 30-minute lessons for \$150. Additional lessons can be scheduled following completion. Call or email Madeleine at register@darlingtonarts.org today!

Darlington Ceramic Classes and Arts Workshops are Open



Second Session Classes and Arts Workshops are Open. Sign up 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 open to work with clay by hand-building techniques and sculpting. A wheel throwing class begins in January. Painting and drawing classes are also open for adults to explore their artistic vision and engage their talents.

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

Arts for Adults Abound!

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



Enroll in Great 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. Sign up here today! Adult dance coming soon!

Fall/Winter 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](#)

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

(February) [Beginner Salsa Dancing for Adults](#)

Adults (16 and above) Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

(9 weeks) Register before/after January 5 \$172/\$179

Develop your unique style and let the art flow through you. Ventures in the arts enrich the spirit and last a lifetime! Explore your talents and never look back. Sign up for creative learning at Darlington today! Preview the [Winter/Spring catalog here.](#)

Coffee House Concert Features Liz Filios on December 8



Liz Filios Headlines December Coffee House Concert

Saturday, December 8 is a music journey to savor. Liz Filios and pianist Heath Allen traverse time and space with a pleasurable repertoire of songs to tantalize and stir passions, both remembered and those yet to come.

A perfect night of soothing sounds beckon when songstress Liz Filios envelopes patrons with her hypnotic mix of blues, cool jazz, and international folk songs.

A remarkably talented renaissance woman, Liz Filios is an actor, musician, composer, sound designer, and teaching artist. She has studied and performed around the globe in as diverse locations as Chennai, India and Caracas, Venezuela as well as throughout the U.S., Japan, and Europe. Liz works in a variety of forms, including theatre, opera, cabaret, jazz, and folk music.

Her performances are to be consumed, nibbled on, digested, and remembered as she heightens the mood with a sensuous pallet of audible delights... pure entertainment that elevates completely. Together, with her pianist extraordinaire Heath Allen, they coalesce as music duo of enchantment, rendering melodies that linger long into the night.

Liz is a performer not to be missed. An evening of musical seduction awaits! Reserve a table and get [tickets here](#). Learn more about Liz Filios here.

Next on the docket is Minas (Brazilian cool jazz, pop, folk) to tantalize and provide escape on a music adventure. Begin the new year right by reserving a table and purchasing tickets for this [Coffee House Concert here](#) today!

DAC Acknowledges Our Gifted Teaching Artists



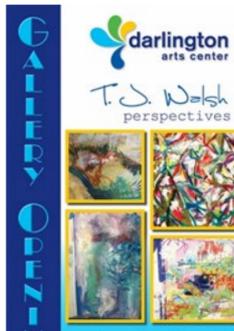
Bette Halberg (Piano)

Bette Halberg is a superb pianist and consummate Teaching Artist at Darlington Arts Center. Bette teaches her B.M. Music Education, (Piano), and M.A. Music at Florida State University. She has extensive experience as a teacher in piano and choral music, and is renowned for her work as accompanist and church musician in Orlando, Florida and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Bette believes that the study and performance of music can be invaluable for people of all ages and endeavors. She subscribes to the idea that the key to success is careful, thoughtful practice. Music has always been a deep and abiding passion and she loves sharing her gift. This becomes obvious with the first chord struck.

She is shown in this photo (left) with her Darlington Teaching Artist partner Ethel Olsen. They perform together as Duo Festivo in a variety of venues and will perform at the Darlington Holiday Jam on December 8. They are sublime, elegant musicians able to provide listening pleasure.

Bette is available during the academic year on Mondays and Saturdays.

Art Gallery Opening December 8 at 2:30 PM



December Art Gallery features abstract art of T. J. Walsh

An Art Gallery opening on December 8 begins a festive day at Darlington. Our featured artist, T. J. Walsh, BFA, MA is a both a psychotherapist and painter with a private practice and studio in Philadelphia. He received his BFA in Graphic Design and Painting from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

His abstract compositions involve probing what lies within, revealing masterworks of the human condition. He states, "My work focuses on the hidden conversations that course through the undercurrent of our minds, unconsciously giving form to our human status. I work fast letting my emotion and intuition drive the painting. Through this alive and deliberate process, I aspire for beauty to unveil itself."

Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon in celebration and recognition of this talented area artist.

Stay for the Holiday Jam at 4:30 PM and make it an evening by attending the Coffee House Concert featuring Liz Filios for an evening to remember. Reserve your table and [tickets here.](#)

Get Ready for Great DAC Events this Fall



Save the Date for Upcoming Winter Events! Mark your Calendars today!

Holiday Jam

Saturday, December 8 at 4 PM

Art Gallery Opening, T.J. Walsh

Saturday December 8 at 6:30 PM

Dec-Jan-Feb Coffee House Concerts

December 8 * Liz Filios with Heath Allen

January 12 * Minas

February 9 * Heidi Hayes

Events are open for DAC members and 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!

