

Coming Up in January

To our Community-



The new year is here and Darlington Arts Center is recharged and ready. Join us for new beginnings through exploring the arts. Now is the time to allow that resolution to materialize and come to sparkling fruition. Make 2019 the year of the artist, the ideal time to champion creativity and invigorate your vitality.

Our new Winter/Spring catalog was sent to our community in December and you can peruse it here if you have not received it. Or stop in at the Center and pick up a catalog at your convenience while getting on the mailing list. There are several new courses and workshops to launch a creative journey in music, art, dance, and drama. Use the brisk weather as a catalyst to get the inspiration flowing. Glide through the winter exploring new talents or continuing to refine the current predilection.

At Darlington, you will find encouragement and discover deep satisfaction. We admire and applaud the accomplishments of our students and are forever grateful for the continuing support provided by our member community. This unity of purpose binds up together, providing the supportive structure enabling students to shine and discover their potential.

We thank you for choosing Darlington as your haven for the arts and for your respect and esteem for our Teaching Artist faculty. We also thank you for your financial support during our 40th anniversary campaign and encourage your commitment to actively fund opportunities in the arts at Darlington going forward. Each monetary contribution is a gift of purpose igniting engagement with creativity that serves students both on the Darlington Campus and through our Community Outreach programs, ensuring our mission of "every art for everyone".

Early January is the time to get the four percent discounts that extend the value of exploring the arts at Darlington. New classes and workshops abound. Sign up by January 5 to get the discount. Another great music value is our 4-private music lessons package! Select an instrument and make your mark to become a musician ready to dazzle on stage or in the studio. Call today for details. And despite the calendar, begin to think warm weather as the Darlington Summer Camp program is knocking at the door and heading your way this week. Take a sneak peak here and get ready for a fabulous summer of learning, fun and engagement with the arts at Camp Creativity!

January also brings extraordinary outside talent to the Center during our first Coffee House Concert of the New Year featuring a Brazilian flair with Minas. This fabulous duo is ready to provide a tantalizing blend of musical rhythms and styles certain to captivate on Saturday evening, January 12 at 8 p.m. Arrive an hour earlier to engage with area artist David Katz and view his evocative sky painting, rich in color and perspective. The Friends Art Gallery opening begins at 7 p.m. and provides an ideal beginning for a cultural night out at Darlington. Start early and enjoy an afternoon student recital at 2:30 followed by Teaching Artist Kevin Cope playing classical guitar at 3:30 p.m.

In this New Year, choose Darlington as your favorite destination for the arts, a special environment where you are always welcome. Visit and discover how the arts provide depth and add greater pleasure to life. Stop in for a chat or to tour the facilities. Feel relaxed while you reminisce, or chart a new beginning in creativity. At Darlington, everyone relishes exploring the arts together as a community. We offer a comfortable environment that values your involvement.

In addition, we can utilize your expertise, knowledge, and talents and always welcome your participation. Please 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 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.

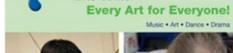
This fund is a critical component of our Future. As we look ahead to the next 40 years, we know that there will be projects that come up that need to be completed on our building, but we believe that this Fund will enable us to undertake a few of the most immediate and essential ones now! With your support,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



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The new Darlington Winter/Spring catalog is out 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



Explore Winter Classes and Workshops. Sign up today!

Winter is wonderful to reset the creative compass and begin anew in the four arts at Darlington. Work in clay or paint on canvas. Begin a music quest or elevate your mood and stimulate your body through dance and drama. Winter session classes are open to explore your talents and begin the new year on an artistic quest. Pottery classes and workshops offer hand-building techniques and sculpting opportunities as well as wheel throwing. Painting and drawing classes are also open for adults to explore their artistic vision and engage their talents.

Peruse some options below and sign up for Darlington arts classes today! For more options, check out the new catalog here!

Clay Creations

(Ages: 5-10) Mondays, 4:00-5:15 PM
Explore the wonderful world of ceramic art! Create functional hand-built pottery such as bowls, cups, and vases and decorate them with food-safe colorful glazes so you can enjoy using them at home! Develop your creativity as you also create sculptural objects out of clay.
Session 1 (8 weeks): February 4 - April 1 (exc. 2/18)
Register before/after January 5: \$181/\$188

Pottery for Adults (Session I)

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): Feb 4 - April 1 (excluding 2/18)

Price: \$240 + \$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

Beginner Watercolor Painting for Adults

(Age 14-Adults) 6-7 PM 4 Thursdays, (3/7, 14, 28, 4/4)

Perfect for beginners! Learn the basic terms, tools and skills of a painter for a specific medium - watercolor paint! Across four one-hour classes you will explore subtle watercolors and the beauty they convey. Express yourself creatively, begin a new passion or just relax with a morning of fine art-making.

Price: \$94

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, and 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 enliven 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 Minos on January 12 @ 8 PM



Minos Headlines January Coffee House Concert bringing Brazilian cool jazz and pop.

January Coffee House travels below the equator welcoming Minas with a Brazilian blend of smooth sounds expertly merging north and south in a fluid mix of soothing music. Orlando Haddad and Patricia King compose Minas. Their compositions resonate as comparisons to classic by Cole Porter and Antonio Carlos Jobim.

Brazilian guitar and jazz piano weave together in sensual rhythms coalescing with male and female voices entwined with English and Portuguese poetry. Their uplifting music, both subtle and complex, is nuanced beauty able to transport listeners to another realm.

Intuitively, they message Brazilian and American roots blending sounds that are fresh and innovative, from ballads tinged with melancholic traits of Blues and Choro, to folk coasting on the subtle coolness of a Bossa Nova piece, to upbeat Sambas elaborated with instrumental jazz improvisation, scat singing and whimsical whistling. Capturing the essence of great songwriting with memorable melodies, inventive harmonies, and poetic lyrics, the music of Minas is timeless.

Start the new year off right and make your reservation here today. Then get set to settle in for an evening of music bliss! Reserve a table and get [tickets here.](#)

Learn more about [Minos here.](#)

Next on the docket is Heidi Hayes (Blues-to Broadway-to Smooth Jazz) 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



Bea Kaplan (Visual Art) (Drawing, Mixed Media, Printmaking)

Darlington Teaching Artist Bea Kaplan earned her B.F.A. at Carnegie-Mellon University with concentrations in printmaking and drawing. Bea has a range of experience and talents utilized in the art world that include art teacher, gallery director, mural project coordinator, and therapeutic recreation program instructor. She has provided art instruction at multiple schools throughout the Tri-state region of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey including Westtown School, Tower Hill School, Friends School of Mullica Hill, NJ; The Winchester Thurston School, Pittsburgh, The Carnegie Museum of Art, The Children's Room, Pittsburgh, and Allegheny County - Association for Children.

Bea is a gifted Teaching Artist who provides visual arts programming for Darlington Outreach and afterschool activities at the Center in addition to being a favorite instructor during the Summer Arts Camp each year.

Art Gallery Opening January 12 at 6:30 PM



January Art Gallery features sky painting of David Katz

Artist David Katz provides a different take on Chester County landscapes from a higher perspective. His oil painting includes the sky as a dominant theme while considering how it relates to objects on the ground.

David Katz is a graduate of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. In his recent oil paintings, he explores the country mystique in Chester County as it relates to our human existence via sky paintings. David renders the stillness of the exterior, blending architecture and the landscape as it becomes a playground for the omnipresent sky, drenched in saturated colors or subdued hovering mystically above, benign yet dominant, as if lying in wait, embracing all that lies below.

Please join us for an engaging evening in celebration and recognition of this talented area artist.

Stay for the Coffee House Concert immediately following at 7:30 PM with an open mic performance beginning the music followed by the Brazilian rhythms of Minas at 8 p.m., as the main event. Reserve your table and tickets here.

Get Ready for Great DAC Events this Winter



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

January Recital

Saturday, January 12 at 2:30 PM

Art Gallery Opening, David Katz

Saturday January 12 at 6:30 PM

Jan-May Coffee House Concerts

January 12 * Minas

February 9 * Heidi Hayes

March 9 * Belfast Connection

April 13 * Jean Therapy

May 18 * Darlington Teaching Artists

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!