

Art & dance classes for kids

■ Crossroads is offering special discounted ArtSpeak classes for youth this winter

BAKER CITY — In an effort to help more youngsters access the arts, Baker City's Crossroads Carnegie Art Center is expanding its ArtSpeak program this year.

Crossroads has offered ArtSpeak as an afterschool program for many years, funded by grants and private contributions. This year, the art center is using ArtSpeak funds to offer dance and art classes at a reduced cost.

Pre-registration is required and classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. To include more students, the instructors are offering several classes per week. Each child may choose one class to attend.

Sessions are four weeks, and Crossroads asks students to dedicate themselves to attending every class session (unless they are ill). Wellness and temperature checks will be taken prior to each class. Face coverings and social distancing are required also.

To sign up for these classes, go to www.crossroads-arts.org or call 541-523-5369.

Each four-class session costs \$16. Scholarships are available, with recipients being responsible for 10% of the cost (\$1.60).

Dance

Debbie Friedman will lead "Creative and Expressive Dance." There are three options for classes:

- Ages 7-9, Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m.; Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15

- Ages 7-9, Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m.; Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16

- Ages 10-15, Thursdays from 4-5 p.m.; Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17



Students need to wear comfortable clothing. This class will utilize very basic concepts of dance and rhythm and simple choreography based on a fusion of ballet, modern and jazz dance techniques. The course will build strength, coordination, and musicality.

Art

Paul Hoelscher will lead "Art Class with Mr. Paul." All supplies are provided for this open studio approach where Hoelscher helps young people make art in the way that most interests them.

Instruction will be offered in a variety of media, including acrylic, oil, watercolor, soft and oil pastels, charcoal, graphite, conte and colored pencil.

There are three options for ages and days of the week:

- Grades 4-6: Mondays from 3:45-4:45 p.m.; Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14

- Grades 2-3: Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45 p.m.; Nov. 18, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16

- Grades 4-6: Thursdays from 3:45-4:45 p.m.; Nov. 19, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17

CROSSROADS CARNEGIE ART CENTER

Call to artists for 2022 shows

BAKER CITY — Crossroads Carnegie Art Center is seeking proposals for the 2022 Featured Artist Exhibition in the center's Main Gallery.

Crossroads is a nonprofit regional art center that was founded in 1963. It is dedicated to the arts, serving the public through major exhibitions, art classes, lectures, workshops and outreach programs. The center offers classes, open studios, workshops and lectures. Located in historic downtown Baker City, it houses a studio classroom, an extensive art library, pottery studio, sales gallery and exhibition gallery space.

Gallery space

The exhibition gallery space is upstairs in a fully restored 1909 Carnegie Library with 96 feet of movable wall space, a large selection of various sized pedestals and flexible track lighting. The 440-square-foot gallery is a shared space between the Featured Artist exhibition space and the sales gallery. Great care is taken in displaying all work to the best advantage.

What we show

The Featured Artist exhibitions represent the highest quality art by emerging, mid-career and

established artists from the local, Eastern Oregon and larger Pacific Northwest regions.

The center strives to show a broad and diverse range of visual art styles created in the last two years. Several months throughout the year are dedicated to open shows featuring the artwork of local and regional artists, limiting the number of months available for solo and group shows.

Artists should specify their preference in being considered for a solo show or group show. Each artist will be evaluated individually. The committee through the jury process may group together one show of two to four artists, based on complementary styles or mediums.

Artist groups with a clear vision are highly valued and strongly encouraged to submit a show proposal for consideration. Artist groups must designate one artist as the coordinator of the group exhibit.

Selection process

Featured Artist exhibitions are determined by a volunteer committee composed of artists working in a variety of mediums, art educators and collectors in conjunction with the art director. The selection

takes place once per year.

Submissions are reviewed from digital images of art and referenced by an accompanying inventory list. Submissions are also evaluated on the exhibition description and artist's statement.

Artists who are accepted for a Featured Artist exhibit will have a two-year interval before their proposals are considered again.

Artists are strongly encouraged to keep pricing consistent with websites and other sale sites.

Submission guidelines

The submission deadline is Feb. 8, 2021. Submissions must be delivered or postmarked by 5 p.m.

There is not a processing fee required for submissions; however, if an artist's work is selected for a Featured Artist show, a current art center membership is required at time of acceptance.

Artists will be notified of selection decisions in March 2021. Artists will be presented with an exhibit timeline of dates, contract and membership to confirm or deny acceptance of Featured Exhibition.

For information in submitting a proposal, email Crystal Rainwater at crystal@crossroads-arts.org or call 541-523-5369.

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