MEET OUR INSTRUCTORS



Kate Brizendine is interested in all sorts of creative pursuits, especially when she can share them with her children. She also serves as our Coordinator of Education and Outreach, helping connect students of all ages with outlets for creative expression.



Kim Chavez graduated from EOU with a Master of Arts in Teaching and currently teaches third grade at Stanfield Elementary. No matter what she's introducing to students, she makes making art FUN.



Arlen Clark is a self-taught painter producing works for nearly 40 years. His fantastic portraits have been displayed in a featured exhibit in the East Oregonian Gallery. He uses bright colors, exaggeration, distortion, and imagination to express his ideas.



Erica Edwards is a native of California and a lover of Oregon. She enjoys teaching classes, reading, and all things art. In addition to teaching here at PCA, she's out in the community with our outreach program.



Charlie Herrington is semi-retired and working at the Pendleton Music Company. His enthusiasm for music led him to the PCA, where he's brought his 25 years of experience to share with our beginner adult guitar groups. He's a big fan of improvisational music.



J.J. Hill has worked off-Broadway in New York and did stand-up comedy all over the country for eight years. Previous to his career in acting, J.J. received his Bachelor's degree in Theatre from Eastern Oregon University.



When **Roberta Lavadour** isn't working at PCA, she's busy in her studio making artist's books and design bindings. She teaches book arts at venues across the country. You can see her work at robertalavadour.com.

Sharon Murray is an ASL expert and has been studying the language for over 30 years. When she's not signing, she's working with her students - which she loves!



David Orr is a recent transplant to Pendleton who's specialized in the soothing sounds of guitar for upwards of 50 years. He is also known as a guru for stress management. In this day and age of hyper-busyness and multi-tasking, he enjoys being an ambassador for relaxation.



Denise Henkle Owen is a farmwife and lifelong pianist/accompanist/vocalist who loves all things in the arts. Denise is a Zentangle CZT who has shared Zentangle with youth, teens, and adults. Her other interests include photography, graphic arts and digital art and of course, music. View her work at denisehenkleowen.zenfolio.com



Kate Peck has worked in the Early Childhood Education field in some form for the past 22 years. She teaches classes, serves as PCA's Education & Outreach Assistant, coordinating various community events that advocate strong and healthy youth and families.

Jean Reiher works with a variety of materials in her jewelry compositions. She teaches classes in a range of techniques, from simple stringing to sophisticated wire wraps.



Chantell Reid is a creative minded soul, residing in NE Oregon. Each piece of art she creates comes from within, ensuring the individual uniqueness. You can often find her exploring different creative avenues, including needle felting, macramé, photography, and crocheting.



Lori Sams received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Studio Art with an emphasis in ceramics from California State University, Chico. Her current work focuses on fibers, including fabric collages and blind contour thread sketches.



Melissa Weston is a self-taught artist specializing in repurposing furniture and wood, as well as creating a wide range of décor, paintings, and pieces of art that are sure to impress. A mother, wife, and friend, Melissa is excited to start her journey at the PCA.