



FALL
2016



NORTH CAROLINA ARTS IN ACTION

Helping children reach their full potential
one dance step at a time

2016-17 NC Arts in Action Schedule

Holt Elementary School

Instructional Day: Thursday

Class times: 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Final Performance

Nov 3, 10, 17

Dec 1, 5** 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM

Baileywick Elementary School

Instructional Day: Monday

Class times: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Final Performance

Jan 9, 18 (Wednesday) 23, 30

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

Mar 6, 13, 20, 27

Apr 3, 7 (Friday) 17, 26**

Knightdale Elementary School

Instructional Day: Monday

Class times: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Final Performance

Dec 9 (Friday), 12, 19

Jan 9, 20 (Friday), 23, 30

Feb 6, 13, 17, 20, 24 (Friday), 27

Mar 6, 10, (Friday), 13, 20, 22

(Wednesday)**

Lake Myra Elementary School

Instructional Day: Tuesday &
Wednesday

Class times: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Final Performance

Jan 24, 25, 31

Feb 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28

Mar 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 22 (Wednesday)**

Rashkis Elementary School

Instructional Day: Friday

Class times: 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Final Performance

Dec 2, 9, 16

Jan 6, 13, 20, 27

Feb 3, 10, 17, 24

Mar 3, 10

Apr 7, 14, 17, 20 (Thursday) **

Rolesville Elementary School

Instructional Day: Tuesday

Class times: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Final Performance

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31

Feb 7, 14, 21, 23 (Thursday), 28

Mar 7, 14, 16 (Thursday), 21, 28

Apr 4, 18, 19, 20 (Thursday)**

Millbrook Elementary School

Instructional Day: Tuesday

Class times: 8a.m. – 1 p.m.

*Combined rehearsal

**Final Performance

Oct 4, 11, 18, 25

Nov 1, 7, 8, 15, 22, 29

Dec 6, 13, 20

Jan 5 (Thursday), 10, 17, 24, 31

Feb 6, 7**

York Elementary School

Instructional Day: Wednesday

Class times: 12 – 2 p.m.

*Combined rehearsal

**Final Performance

Oct 5, 12, 19, 21 (Friday), 26

Nov 2, 4 (Friday), 9, 16, 30

Dec 7, 14, 21

Jan 4, 11, 18, 20 (Friday)* 23

(Monday)**

On behalf of the Board, Staff and children we serve, thank you for your continued support. NC Arts in Action believes that participation in the arts promotes self-confidence, builds self-esteem, self-discipline, tenacity and a commitment to excellence. Please donate today by check or online.

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Pittsboro Elementary School

Residency will commence in Spring.

Dates TBD.

Wakelon Elementary School

Instructional Day: Thursday

Class times: 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Final Performance

Dec 8, 15, 16

Jan 5, 12, 19, 26

Feb 2, 9, 16, 23

Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 24

Apr 3 (Monday)**

LEAP TEAM

Instructional Day: Saturday

Class times: 10 a.m.– 12 p.m.

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25

Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

May 6

NC Arts in Action (NC AIA) is an internationally acclaimed in-school, curriculum-based, performing arts program for elementary students.

The program is directed at developing life skills such as self-esteem, teamwork, and focus among underserved students in Title 1 schools. We provide dance teaching from certified instructors, live music, and allow students rigorous exercise. NC AIA benefits numerous schools in Durham, Orange, Wake and Chatham counties.



THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM IN 10 SCHOOLS, 4 COUNTIES; REACHES 1,000 CHILDREN

Wake County – Our program launches in two new schools this winter and 1,000 children participating in NC AIA's in-school programs will be introduced to the power of curiosity, creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. This year's theme *Technology Meets the Arts* is written and directed by Alton Tisino, with musical direction by Doug Largent. Our theme celebrates the advancements of modern technology and the role it plays in our daily lives. Through dance, music, and visual art, students will explore the evolving relevance of technology as a means of communication, connection, and productivity in today's society. Our NC AIA artistic staff will collaborate with teachers and administration throughout the Triangle to develop a curriculum that reinforces concepts relevant to the students' science studies.

Two new schools which will launch our program this year are Baileywick Elementary in Raleigh and Rolesville Elementary, both in Wake County. Rolesville Elementary in Eastern Wake maintains a collaborative environment to model life-long learning. Baileywick Elementary in Raleigh prepares students to be global thinkers and problem solvers in a diverse community. Both schools will begin our program this winter.

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THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS

Thanks to the many individuals who have given generously to us. In addition, we extend our appreciation to our Foundation funders who provided grants recently:

Durham Arts Council
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 PNC Foundation
 Rolander Foundation
 United Arts Council



“Arts in Action always encouraged me to do my best and be a good example.”

– Wakelon Fourth Grade Student

LEAP TEAM



Our NC AIA Ambassadors, the LEAP Team (Learning Excellence and Perseverance) members wowed an audience of community members, funders, board representatives and parents at their year-end performance in May at the Carrboro Arts Center. Our LEAP team members are alumni of our school program who wish to expand their experience by attending more in-depth sessions on Saturdays. LEAP Program recruitment began on November 12. Rehearsals start in January and continue through May.

National Dance Institute Leads Two Days of Professional Development in September

On September 8, the NC Arts in Action family gathered to celebrate acclaimed dancer, arts education advocate and founder of the National Dance Institute (NDI), Jacques D’Amboise. Staff from NDI, program supporters and NC Arts in Action’s alumni group LEAP Team shared a private evening with Jacques learning about the power of dance, choreography and storytelling.

On September 9 at Wakelon Elementary, National Dance Institute staff, including Artistic Director Ellen Weinstein, Associate Artistic Director Tracy Straus and Senior Director of Education & Outreach Aileen Barry, offered professional development training for classroom teachers from eight school-partners across four counties.

This workshop offered participants a first-hand experience with NDI’s ensemble performance model, guided observation and reflection on the NDI methodology, and the opportunity to explore collaborations between the NC AIA artistic curriculum and the classroom teachers’ curriculum with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Participants also explored the use of the pedagogy for developing collaboration, creativity, communication and critical thinking skills in students, as well as its applications for fostering compassion toward others and supporting positive and safe learning environments.

NC Arts in Action thanks Castle Worldwide and Wakelon Elementary School for hosting our two-day events, as well as the fourth grade students from Holt and Wakelon Elementary Schools for their wonderful participation in the dance classes led by NDI staff during their visit.



Indy Give!Guide

NC Arts in Action has again been chosen to participate in the INDY Week’s 2016 Give!Guide campaign. This social media campaign, targeting donors under age 35, will be conducted during the last two months of the year. Arts in Action is one of the 42 nonprofits selected from a competitive process to participate and is pleased to be a part of this innovative giving program.

Our program will be listed in the Give!Guide under Arts in Action. The giving program began November 6. Participants can donate to Arts in Action through this program by visiting give.indyweek.com. Also donations forms will be available in the annual Give!Guide edition distributed in November.

Partnering with us to offer incentives for giving are these companies:

- Brasco Marketing will match the first \$500 in donations.
- Castle Worldwide will match the first \$1,000 in donations.
- Moe’s Southwest Grill in Durham is offering \$5 off coupons for the first 50 Durham-based donors.

Annual Report

We mailed out our first ever NC Arts in Action Annual Report in September to our valued donors of \$100 or more. If you’d like to have a copy and didn’t receive one in the mail, contact us and we’d be happy to share one with you!



MATCH YOUR GIFT

A foundation donor who wishes to be anonymous has offered to match our year-end giving. Each gift that comes in during the month of December will be matched, up to \$35,000. **This offer is only good for the month of December, 2016, so please send your donation in today!** This year we are seeking your continued and renewed support as we grow our impact in children’s lives far beyond their classroom experiences.

Contributions from individual donors, foundations and partners have helped grow our reach to 1,000 children in Title 1 schools in 2016-17. As we finish out our calendar year, NC AIA asks for your continued support so that we can serve more children and sustain our program at 10 school partners. **Please give today by check or online by credit card!**



HOLT STUDENTS PERFORM DEC. 5

Fourth graders at Holt Language Academy in Durham will present their Final Performance, *The Collision: Technology Meets the Arts*, on Monday, December 5 at noon and 5 p.m. You will not want to miss this! Thank you to the PNC Foundation for their \$25,000 gift to sustain the program at Holt, and to support teacher training. This project is also supported by gifts from the Durham Arts Council Annual Arts Fund and the N.C. Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

