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NORTH CAROLINA ARTS IN ACTION

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

2016-17 NC Arts in Action Schedule

Baileywick Elementary School Knightdale Elementary School

Instructional Day: Monday
Class times: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
*Combined rehearsal
**Final Performance
Jan 9, 18 (Wednesday) 23, 30
Feb 6, 13, 22 (Wednesday), 27
Mar 6, 13, 20, 27
Apr 3, 17, 24
May 1, 2* (Tuesday), 3**
(Wednesday)

Rolesville Elementary School

Instructional Day: Tuesday
Class times: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
*Combined rehearsal
**Final Performance
Jan 24, 31
Feb 7, 14, 21, 23 (Thursday), 28
Mar 7, 14, 16 (Thursday), 21, 28
Apr 4, 18, 19* (Wednesday), 21**
(Friday)

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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Lake Myra Elementary School

Instructional Day: Tuesday & Wednesday
Class times: 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
*Combined rehearsal
**Final Performance
Dec 9 (Friday), 12, 19
Jan 9, 20 (Friday), 23, 30
Feb 6, 13, 17 (Friday), 20, 24 (Friday), 27
Mar 3 (Friday), 6, 10 (Friday), 13, 17
(Friday), 20, 21* (Tuesday), 22*
(Wednesday)**

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), 17, 24, 27 (Friday)
Feb 6 (Monday), 7**

York Elementary School

Instructional Day: Thursday
Class times: 12 – 2 p.m.
*Combined rehearsal
**Final Performance
Dec 8, 15, 16 (Friday)
Jan 6 (Friday), 12, 19, 26
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23
Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 31*
Apr 5** (Wednesday)

Wakelon Elementary School

Instructional Day: Thursday
Class times: 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.
*Combined rehearsal
**Final Performance
Dec 8, 15, 16
Jan 5, 12, 19, 26
Feb 2, 9, 16, 23
Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 24 (Friday), 29*
(Wednesday)
Apr 3** (Monday)

Rashkis Elementary School

Instructional Day: Friday
Class times: 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
*Combined rehearsal
**Final Performance
Dec 2, 9, 16
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24
Mar 3, 10, 17
Apr 7, 17 (Monday), 18* (Tuesday),
20** (Thursday)

Pittsboro Elementary School

Instructional Day: All week
Class times: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
*Combined rehearsal
**Final performance:
April 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
May 1, 2, 3, 4*, 5**

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.

LIVE MUSIC AT EVERY PERFORMANCE

Fourth grade students participating in Arts in Action's programs enjoy live music at every practice and every performance throughout their session. Students are treated to pulsating rhythms, electronic keyboards, and catchy tunes from live performers. They are propelled to leap, swing, jump and step to a higher level.



provided the soundtrack for parties and nightclubs in the 1950's and 60's – Hammond organ with guitar and drums playing jazz standards, Latin rhythms, blues, funk, swing and bebop.

Doug brings his skills to Arts in Action, where he has been a musician since 2012. Doug also provided music direction for The Collision: Technology Meets the Arts theme for this year's program. "I'm thrilled to use my experience to serve students during a crucial time in their physical, social, and intellectual development," he says. "I was lucky to be able to work under previous Arts in Action Music Director Julie Bradley. In fact, I've known her for over 20 years. I'm honored to continue the great work she did here. We are also lucky to have a musical staff of the best musicians in the Triangle area."

Other musicians performing in our programs are: Brean Hampden, Andrew Berenson, Jay Wright, Pete Kimosh, Joe MacPhail, and Grant Osborne.

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GRANTS AWARDED

The Grable Foundation has awarded NC Arts in Action a \$90,300 grant to help support our operations over three years. We are deeply appreciative of their support of our mission. Their funding helps us to expand and grow.

We extend our thanks to our generous foundation funders who have also recently awarded grants this Fall to NC Arts in Action:

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HOW ARE SCHOOLS CHOSEN TO PARTNER WITH NC AIA?

NC Arts in Action's goal is to reach all children, especially those in underserved Title 1 schools. Collaborators at both school and district levels, including school board members, area superintendents, principals, teachers and parents, work with NC AIA to identify schools and commit to help support the program. To make programs affordable NC AIA subsidizes school fees on a per county or per school basis, using free and reduced lunch rates to delineate how program costs are covered. The remaining program costs are typically covered by gifts and grants restricted to that school, or with unrestricted NC AIA contributions from foundations, individual donors and businesses.

More about funding: Every public school district and school in North Carolina is facing serious budget cutbacks. While Title 1 or other flexible money may be available, there are significant demands on that money and NC AIA cannot expect to be able to access those funds consistently.

A school with 95 percent free and reduced lunch contributes the minimum 20 percent. Schools have been able to identify some money via various discretionary funds, Donors Choose, PTA, and other parent initiatives.

Each school residency costs approximately \$20,000 for 16 weeks of direct instruction to an entire 4th grade level, including final performances for school and community audiences. If you would like to sponsor one of our partner schools, please contact Executive Director Marlon Torres at Marlon@ncartsinaction.org.



MARCH 22 SET FOR KNIGHTDALE AND LAKE MYRA COMBINED FINAL PERFORMANCE

Come attend the show stopper performance of both Lake Myra and Knightdale students at Knightdale High School's auditorium. The March 22 performances will be at 1 p.m. for school audiences and 7 p.m. for parents, supporters and the community. This blockbuster show will feature both 4th grade classes and NC AIA's LEAP team.

Millbrook's final performance will be February 7 at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. See the full schedule for other school rehearsals and performance dates.



MESSAGE FROM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR ALTON TISINO

It has been quite an exhilarating season here at North Carolina Arts in Action. Our in-school program continues to flourish as we will be serving over 1,000 children this school year. To witness a child's transformation from a reserved study to an exuberant performer is quite a sight to behold. I am forever grateful to the wonderful teachers who guided and introduced me to the magic of expressing oneself through the arts.

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Artistic Director Alton Tisino performing with our students

If you ever find the time to observe a NC Arts in Action class you will witness there is always one constant. Our teaching artists pride themselves on bringing out the best in every child that we serve. So often there are so many labels and unfair expectations placed on children. Our program's mission is to ensure that every child feels successful regardless of ability. Each dance step is taught with energy, precision, and joy. The classes are filled with extraordinary musicians and dance instructors who are extremely passionate in their fields of expertise. All barriers are broken once the students have been introduced to our playful techniques of discipline, teamwork, and setting standards of excellence.

Each year we choose a theme, which is interwoven into the state's curriculum standards. This year's theme *Technology Meets the Arts* celebrates the evolving relevance of technology as a means of communication, connection, and productivity in today's society. Just this past December, our Durham partner school Holt Language Academy, kicked off the performance season with a riveting performance for over 400 members of the Durham community.

One student, who had been struggling picking up steps earlier in the year, remarked that the AIA culminating performance was the best thing he had ever done in his life. These moments are what truly make this work so special. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as this organization's Artistic Director having been a student in a very similar program in my home state of Texas. To be able to teach now has been an even more fulfilling experience. To those who have supported our cause throughout the years I say, thank you! You truly are making a difference in our community.

YEAR END GRANT CHALLENGE – You Helped Us Meet Our Match



Thanks to our NC Arts in Action supporters for helping us meet our grant goal of \$35,000 in individual gifts. We have earned the match from our foundation donor! With over \$38,100 raised between November 1 and December 31, NC Arts in Action has met its challenge.

Your contribution to this challenge grant helps us sustain 10 schools in Wake, Orange, Durham, and Chatham Counties. On behalf of the children we serve, we extend our deepest appreciation. Thank you for giving our 1,000 children in four counties a Happy New Year!

To keep our children dancing across the counties, please contribute by check or online.