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WINTER SCHEDULE

Wakelon Elementary School

Instructional Day: Wednesday (make-up classes on Friday)

Nov 6 (Friday make-up), 11, 18, 20

Dec 2, 9, 11 (Friday make-up), 16

Jan 6, 12, 14 (Final Performances)

Knightdale Elementary School

Instructional Day: Monday (make-up classes TBA)

Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Dec 7, 14

Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 (Final Performance)

Millbrook Elementary School

Instructional Day: Tuesday (Make-up class & Final Performances TBA)

Nov 3, 10, 17, 24

Dec 1, 8, 15, 22

Jan 5, 12, 26

York Elementary School

Instructional Day: Thursday

Nov 5, 12, 19,

Dec 3, 10, 17

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Mar 3, 10 (Final Performances)

Rashkis Elementary School

Instructional Day: Friday

Dec 4, 11, 18

Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

Mar 4, 18

Apr 8, 15, 19, 20 (Final Performances)

Holt Language Academy

2016 Residency: TBA

Lake Myra Elementary School

Instructional Days: M, T, W

Feb 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29

Mar 1, 2 (Final Performances)

Pittsboro Elementary School

March 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23 (Final Performances)

LEAP Team (Session 1)

Instructional Day: Saturday

Nov. 7, 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12, 19

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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NORTH CAROLINA ARTS IN ACTION

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

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.



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OUR END OF YEAR APPEAL: CHALLENGE GRANT WILL MATCH YOUR DONATION

NC Arts in Action received a 1:1 matching grant to challenge our community to give during the final months of the year. The William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust will match the first \$35,000 in donations that arrive before January 1, 2016. Any gift given from November 1 through December 31 will count for the match. This includes checks, donations through our participation in the Indy Give!Guide campaign, and online gifts through our NC AIA website. Please help us meet our year-end goal by donating before the end of December.

North Carolina Arts in Action helps children reach their full potential using performing arts as the catalyst to build focus, discipline, self-esteem, teamwork and leadership.

INTRODUCING OUR FIFTH SCHOOL IN WAKE COUNTY

Lake Myra Elementary School will become our latest Wake County School to participate and will begin in February 2016. Lake Myra Elementary is a "Leader in Me" school, practicing the *Seven Habits of Highly Successful People*. Their specialists program gives students the opportunities to strive in Art, Music, PE, Guidance, and STEM. Located on Elk Falls Drive in Wendell, Lake Myra Elementary runs on the year-round track 4 calendar. Watch for announcements soon of this new school's performances, open to the Arts in Action community.



**"When I first walked into the gym I thought I would be a terrible dancer. But you showed me I was great."
– A 4th grade student**



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INDY GIVE!GUIDE

NC Arts in Action has again been chosen to participate in the INDY Week's 2015 Give!Guide campaign. This social media campaign, aimed at attracting 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.

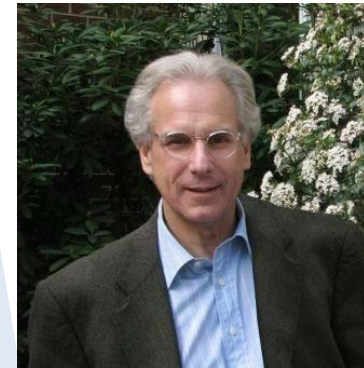
Our program will be listed in the Give!Guide under Arts in Action. The giving program begins November 6. Participants can donate to Arts in Action through this program by visiting give.indyweek.com. Also donation forms will be available in the annual Give!Guide edition distributed in early November.

Several businesses are also collaborating with us in offering incentives for giving:

- 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.

Last year, NC Arts in Action won a \$1,000 award prize from Triangle Community Foundation's Charles E. Alberta B. Dolan Fund for receiving the most donations from donors under 36 years of age during the Indy Give!Guide 2014 campaign. Thank you to all our supporters, but especially to our younger generations for making a difference in our communities through the power of collective giving.

WHY I SUPPORT ARTS IN ACTION



I support North Carolina Arts in Action because it is the rarest of in-school programs. It uses dance as a catalyst, and, in just a few hours of participation, students gain self-confidence and learn important teamwork and leadership skills.

Testimonials from principals, teachers and parents all attest to the beneficial change they see at school and at home from the children who participate. In my long career working with non-profits and working in some of the leading museums in America, I have never found a more effective program at engaging children and at often changing their trajectories through life for the better.

One of 12 affiliates of the National Dance Institute founded in NYC more than 30 years ago by acclaimed ballet dancer Jacques D'Amboise, NC Arts in Action has grown since its founding ten years ago from one school in Chapel Hill to eight schools throughout the Triangle. This year alone, it will touch over 800 students. I am honored to have served on its board since its founding and to have presided as chair for the past seven years.

Jeffrey LaRiche
Chair, North Carolina Arts in Action



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NC AIA Executive Director Marlon Torres accepts a check from Orange County Commissioners at their September meeting from the Orange County Arts Commission. The Arts Commission has supported Arts in Action for several years and we are grateful for their ongoing patronage of our programs.

"Arts in Action has become a special time in our week where students are able to stand out in their own ways. Students that are shy in the classroom really shine during this time. Also, students that may struggle behaviorally, are able to put those feelings aside and become wrapped in the exciting environment."

-Knightdale Elementary Teacher