

Chautauqua Arts Education

Chautauqua Institution is committed to providing opportunities for students and teachers to engage in meaningful arts learning experiences in Chautauqua County schools and beyond. These experiences promote self-expression and discovery through engagement with the performing, visual and literary arts for grades Pre-K through 12. These programs cultivate relationship building throughout the community and provide immersive, engaging activities that center students as artists. Learn more at artsed.chq.org.

Programs marked with an asterisk below (*) will be funded in Chautauqua County in part through the Erie 2 BOCES Arts in Education Co-Ser. Contact Suzanne Fassett-Wright at sfassettwright@chq.org for details about fee structure and program availability.



"This residency has helped my students become leaders in their own learning and express themselves through music."

—Quote from teacher about School Residencies



"My students felt like rockstars when their plays were brought to life."

—Quote from teacher about Young Playwrights Project



"The entire school seemed to be engaged, enjoying themselves and following the story."

"It is a GREAT way to give the students at our school the chance to see what an opera is!"

—Quotes from teachers about Opera in the Schools

FOR STUDENTS

School Residencies*

Developmental level: PreK–5

Two 10-visit residency programs feature arts integrated learning strategies. "Sing Me a Story" integrates ELA and music learning through story and song, and "Feelin' the Beat" integrates social emotional and music learning through drumming. Learn more at residencies.chq.org.

Young Playwrights Project*

Grades 3–4

This three-phase project brings actors and teaching artists to schools to teach the art of playwriting, empowering students to use their imagination and tell their unique stories. Students will write plays, hear their plays read and acted out, and see selected plays performed live at Chautauqua Institution. Learn more at ypp.chq.org.

Battle of the Books

Grade 5

Battle of the Books improves reading comprehension, builds vocabulary, and teaches teamwork and good sportsmanship. During the school year, teams of five students read the same provided, pre-assigned books, covering a wide range of reading levels and subjects. It all comes together during the final "battle" — part sporting event, part costume contest, and part quiz bowl. Learn more at battle.chq.org.

Opera in the Schools*

Grades K–6

Students get up-close and personal with young artists selected by the Chautauqua Opera Company as they sing and make music with students through an in-class lesson for 4th grade classrooms and a performance of a kid-friendly, 45-minute opera for the entire student body. Learn more at operaed.chq.org.

Chautauqua Young Writers Institute Scholarship Workshops

Grades 9–12

Throughout the school year, Chautauqua's Michael I. Rudell Director of Literary Arts, provides poetry workshops for students in Grades 9-12 to prepare them to apply for a scholarship to attend the Chautauqua Young Writers Institute. The Chautauqua Young Writers Institute provides week-long workshops in poetry and prose for high school students. Students receiving scholarships have the option to stay with a host family on the grounds of Chautauqua Institution while they attend this immersive, multi-genre creative writing day camp. Learn more at youngwriters.chq.org.

"EXPLORE CHAUTAUQUA" FIELD TRIPS*

Students will enjoy a day-long experience that explores key elements of what Chautauqua Institution has to offer, comprised of a variety of the following possibilities, and more. Visit fieldtrips.chq.org for more information.

Field Trips include one experience from each area:

ARTS

Visual Arts Gallery Field Trips

Grades 4–12

Students are invited to tour the Chautauqua Visual Art Galleries to learn about and actively explore the visual arts. Students and teachers take guided tours of exhibits held in the galleries of the Strohl and Fowler-Kellogg Art Centers, as well as the Melvin Johnson Sculpture Garden that end in a hands-on project related to the exhibits. Learn more at arttours.chq.org.

Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet Field Trip

Grades Pre-K–12

Come visit and enjoy a preview of the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet's Spring Gala in the Chautauqua Amphitheater, featuring some of Chautauqua County's best and brightest young talent. Afterwards, students are invited to stay on the grounds, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the day. Learn more at ballettrip.chq.org.

MINDFULNESS MOMENT

Grades 4–12

Students will be led through an age-appropriate mindfulness exercise that encourages self-regulation and awareness.

RECREATION

Kids Just Wanna Have Fun

Grades Pre-K–12

Students will explore the many opportunities for recreation that Chautauqua Institution has to offer, which may include games on Bestor Plaza, a visit to the playgrounds, and more!

EDUCATION

STEAM with SUNY Fredonia

Grades 4–12

Chautauqua Institution has partnered with science experts from SUNY Fredonia to develop STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) activities centered around Chautauqua Lake. Students will engage in hands-on arts and science activities to build their knowledge of the role that each of us play in protecting our water resources.

Activity Stations

Grades Pre-K–12

Students rotate through stations that include Recreation and STEAM experiences.



"I love that this program opens up our students to new ideas and experiences that are not common for them."

—Quote from teacher about "Explore Chautauqua" Field Trips



"The variety of activities was great. There was something for everyone!"

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FOR TEACHERS



Chautauqua Arts Education Professional Development

As a Kennedy Center Partners in Education team, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua Lake Central School and Jamestown Public Schools present professional development workshops in Arts Integration. These workshops bring national workshop leaders to help local educators learn new strategies toward achieving student learning goals. The teaching strategies introduced integrate the performing and visual arts with other core areas such as reading, math and science. Participating educators receive professional development credit towards their certification goals, as approved by their district. Learn more at teachered.chq.org.

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