



Middlesex School Summer Arts 2019 Course Descriptions

Two Week Session Class Options

Period 1

Jr. Artists (campers entering Grades 1-2) will attend a recreation class during this period. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays this will be swim lessons at the pool, Tuesdays and Thursdays this will be games class. On swim days please send your Jr. Artist to camp wearing a bathing suit and with a towel.

Intro to Ceramics – Grades 7-11

Students will learn about both functional vessels and ceramic sculpture. All major hand building techniques will be taught. Creative solutions to problems and personal vision will be stressed as we explore the medium of clay. All work will be kiln-fired and glazed. Artwork from this class will not be ready for pickup until week 4 of camp.

Comedy Club – Grades 6-11

The Office. 30 Rock. Community. The Daily Show. Saturday Night Live. Before they made it on television, comedy writers and actors were making laughs at Chicago's Second City and Manhattan's Upright Citizens Brigade. This summer, come study comedy writing and improvisation based on the world's most successful comedy institutions. See if you have what it takes to be the next Kristen Wiig, Tina Fey, Will Ferrell, Amy Poehler, Donald Glover or Steve Carell. Join MSSA's 2019 Comedy Troupe!

Dance Company – Grades 8-11

This class is for those dancers (male & female) who want to take a deeper look into technique and performance for concert. These students will get a hands-on approach into choreography, costuming, lighting and learn what goes into the creation of a dance concert. Final performance will be in the evening of show week in addition to Noontime Show and Festival Day. This is an audition based class.

Dance for Actors - Grades 3-11

Even if you don't consider yourself a "dancer", there is a really strong chance that your movement and dancing skills will be called upon at some point during a show. This class is designed to improve your movement on stage and help you make your way through a musical number or a dreaded dance audition. Having fun and gaining confidence as a dancer will be the goals for this class.

Digital Photography – Grades 3-11

Want to see the world differently and print beautiful photos? Then this class is for you. Students will learn basics of composition, camera controls, and how to organize, process, and print their photos with Photoshop. Students will take pictures around campus exploring their own personal style and also providing photos of the classes and activities for the MSSA Yearbook. This is a class for all skill levels. Cameras will be provided.

Drumming – Grades 3-11

Explore the exciting world of percussion. Work on rhythms and technique as you enter the crazy syncopated world of Drumming!

From Script to Screen – Grades 6-11

This class will take students all the way through the process of writing, pre-production, and production of their own short

films. By the end of the session, students in this class will have experience with screenwriting, producing, directing, and editing short narrative videos. All students will begin by learning the basic rules of screenwriting using the free screenwriting program CeltX. Pre-production will begin in once all scripts have been workshopped with the class. This is where planning, casting, storyboards, shot lists and location scouting will come into play. Once fully prepared, students will shoot their films, leaving the end of the session for post-production-- including editing, dialogue re-recording, special effects, and creating copies of their work to share with the world!

Games – Grades 3-11

Kan-jam, kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, soccer, bocce and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

Greasepaint Kids - Grades 3-5

Disney's Winnie the Pooh KIDS

Musical Production, Performance date: Monday, July 22, 2019 7:00 pm

Disney's Winnie the Pooh KIDS is a delightful show based on the beloved characters of A.A. Milne and the 2011 Disney animated feature film. Featuring favorite songs from the film, as well as new hits by the Academy Award-winning Robert and Kristen Lopez (**Frozen**), this honey-filled delight is as sweet as it is fun.

Welcome to the Hundred Acre Wood, where Winnie the Pooh is once again in search of honey. Along the way, he meets his pals, Tigger, Piglet, Rabbit and Owl, but soon discovers that Christopher Robin has been captured by the mysterious Backson! As they prepare for a rescue operation, the animals learn about teamwork, friendship and, of course... sharing snacks. Filled with all of their favorite characters, **Disney's Winnie the Pooh KIDS** is a favorite for children to perform. There is ample opportunity for adding a large ensemble and filling your stage with as many creatures of the Hundred Acre Wood as possible.

This class is only offered for campers attending both the two and three week sessions

Guitar – Grades 3-11

Grab your guitar and get started learning to play one of the most versatile instruments in the world! Emphasis will be on making music from the start, and students will have fun playing simple fun tunes as well as learning enough chords to play countless songs. Make music playing individually, with partners and small groups, and as a whole ensemble. Learn music from tablature (a diagram of where to put your fingers) and 'play-along' CDs, as well as listening to a variety of styles. Class is designed for those with no prior experience playing the guitar, and those who want to review the basics. We have a limited number of guitars for use at camp, but campers are encouraged to bring their own if they have one.

Illustration – Grades 6-11

A drawing class for students with some drawing experience. Possible themes may include (but not limited to) children's books, Poster Art, observation of animals at play. A variety of media will be used. Students will be encouraged to incorporate poetry, verse and / or text with a chosen piece of work.

Improv – Grades 8-11

You may have seen "Whose Line is it Anyway" on TV. Improv is fun, but it does take a lot of work, energy and concentration in order to create entertaining, interesting theatre for an audience. We'll work with short game-type forms as well longer forms of Improv. How do you create believable characters and make interesting scenes for you and the audience? Take this class and find out. We will put on an Improv show that will include both short (Dating Show, for example) and longer forms of Improvisation (Movie styles).

Intro to A cappella – Grades 6-8

This ensemble-based singing group will perform popular styles of a cappella music during the camp session. Learn to sing in multiple parts and work on your musicality. Previous singing experience is recommended but not required. Performances: Noontime Shows and on Festival Day.

Jewelry Making – Grades 3-11

In this class we will start with basic earring, necklace, and bracelet techniques and move into more complex projects including wire jewelry, seed bead stitching and bead making. This class is geared towards new jewelry designers, but will have projects for all levels!

Lighting for Theatre – Grades 6-11

Explore both the artistic and technical side of theatre electrics. This class will focus on the why behind lighting as well as the how. Students will work together on bringing to life the lighting effects for the final week productions, as well as for the Noontime shows. There may be some work at heights, and close toed shoes (toe and heel enclosed) are required.

Modern (Dance)- Grades 7-11

Modern Fusion: Technique class with an emphasis on blending modern dance technique with West African movement and rhythms. Students will learn whole body connectivity, balance, and weight shifting with upbeat, strong, and grounded movement.

Musical Theatre Scene - Grades 6-11

Take part in all aspect of musical theatre: the singing, the dancing and the acting – all within a scene! Scenes from different musicals will be chosen and performed with the dialogue, song and choreography. Performances: Noontime Show and Festival Day.

Photoshop - Grades 3-6

This class will delve into the art and craft of photography. What elements make up a compelling photograph, and how can our camera help us to achieve capture these elements? How can Adobe Photoshop software enable us to be creative and make our photographs even stronger? What aspects of presentation should be considered before hanging a photo on a wall to be seen? This class will look at all these aspects of photography and tap into what each student finds interesting about the art form.

Sculpture – Grades 6-11

Explore the world of 3 dimensional art. What is negative space? Using a variety of materials including but not limited to clay, recycled goods and fabric we will be creating a world of sculpture.

Sewing for Costumes – Grades 3-11

Learn sewing techniques essential to costume design. Some work on costumes for 2019 MSSA show season. No experience necessary.

Period 2

Jr. Artists (campers entering Grades 1-2) will attend a music based performance class during this period.

Act II Players – Grades 6-8

Disney's Frozen, Jr.

Musical Production, Performance Date: Tuesday, July 23rd at 7:30 pm

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Backstage Magic – Grades 3-8

Learn all the secrets about what really happens backstage and how the magic is made. Students will work on special effects, set dressings and props (properties - this means anything that is hand-held onstage) as class projects and for the shows!

Broadway Dance – Grades 3-11

This class will take you thru the “how to” of Musical Theater with appropriate scenes and music. From the character to the song, you will sing classic Broadway show tunes and develop some beloved characters for your own Noontime show and Festival Day performances.

Digital Photography – Grades 3-11

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Drawing – Grades 7-11

Develop your drawing skills; learn new ways to express what you see before you by exploring various materials and techniques. Work from still life arrangements, the figure and landscapes. Mediums include graphite, charcoal, conte crayon and soft pastel.

Explorations in 2-3D – Grades 3-6

This Visual Arts class seeks, searches, and creates with exposure to a multitude of methods and materials. We will learn new skills with which to express ourselves.

Fabric Art - Grades 3-11

Work with a variety of textiles to create unique artistic pieces.

Games – Grades 3-11

Kan-jam, kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, bocce, soccer and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

Playwriting - Grades 7-11

This class will give you the tools to write your own play. Bring your own ideas or begin use the first days of the session to brainstorm. This course will introduce the traditional approach to theatre which is rooted in character and narrative structure, with emphasis on a play's arc through its beginning, turning point, and ending.

Proscenium Players – Grades 9-11

This show will perform Wednesday July 24th at 7:30pm.

Pullman Car Hiawatha by Thornton Wilder

In this one-act comedy, set in a Pullman car on a train traveling from New York to Chicago in December, 1930, conventional time is suspended, and the only true measures of existence are life and death. **Pullman Car Hiawatha** takes us on a metaphorical journey by train through the American landscape, a diverse band of travelers encapsulated in a Pullman car hurtle through time, space and a range of emotions.

The Happy Journey to Trenton and Camden by Thornton Wilder

A father, mother and two of their three surviving children drive from Newark, New Jersey to Camden to visit their married daughter, who has recently lost her baby in childbirth. Their journey is punctuated by talk,

laughter, memories (some mundane, some happy, some painful), and appreciation of the Now – ham and eggs, flowers, family, sunsets and the joy of being alive. In this family drama, nothing much happens-and yet everything important happens.

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Rock/Jazz Band – Grades 3-11

This class is an exploration into the various Rock and Jazz styles and the artists who created and developed them. Songs of the 50s to the present and styles from Dixieland to Fusion will be incorporated. We will develop sight reading and improvisation skills. Knowledge of rhythms, notes, chords and key signatures is required.

Short Shorts: Commercials and Sketches – Grades 3-11

This class is for students who are interested in pitching their ideas and then jumping straight into production. The only rule: no content can run longer than 60 seconds. It's an ideal length of time for commercial content, sketches, or experimental works. Students will be expected to produce at least two 60 second pieces every week.

Silver Clay - Grades 7-11

Use ceramic techniques to create pendants, earrings, and rings out of Precious Metal Silver Clay. This exciting new material transforms into 99% pure silver after kiln firing. You will learn a variety of techniques for forming fine jewelry including stone setting. You will be making wearable mini sculptures in real silver! This is as close to magic as it gets.

Stage Make-Up – Grades 3-8

You will learn to create, design and apply make-up for the stage or just for fun, covering techniques from aging, glamour, fantasy, to the most outlandish special effects. Campers in this class have the opportunity to do make-up for evening stage productions during the final week of MSSA.

Story Into Play – Grades 3-8

Let's put on a play! This class gives you the opportunity by using simple staging, as well as basic props and costume pieces. Do you have a favorite story or book you would like to turn into a play?

Swimming - Grades 3-11

Swim lessons at the pool

Watercolor – Grades 6-11

This class will experiment with traditional and nontraditional techniques within the watercolor medium. Plein air painting (outdoor/ landscapes) will be included with this class. Open to all ages and experiences.

Period 3

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Apprentices will meet with their mentors during this period.

Act II Players – Grades 6-8

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Creative Writing – Grades 7-11

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Digital Photo and Yearbook – Grades 3-11

An emphasis in this class is on creating the MSSA Yearbook - deciding on a theme, designing pages and taking photographs for the yearbook. Students will learn basics of composition, camera controls and how to organize, process, and print their photos with Photoshop. Students will take pictures around the camp exploring their own personal style and also providing photos for the Yearbook. This is a class for all skill levels. Cameras will be provided.

Drawing – Grades 3-6

Develop your drawing skills; learn new ways to express what you see before you by exploring various materials and techniques. Work from still life arrangements, the figure and landscapes. Mediums include graphite, charcoal, conte crayon and soft pastel.

Experimental Acrylic Painting – Grades 7-11

Introduction to acrylic painting. Students will use acrylic paints to create paintings ranging from realism to abstraction. We will work from observation, sketches, and imagination, and use both traditional and experimental techniques to explore this medium to its fullest. In-depth instruction in painting techniques will be a foundation of this class. The work of all students will be professionally photographed for inclusion in their portfolios.

Games – Grades 3-11

Kan-jam, kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, bocce, soccer and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

Graphic Design - Grades 7-11

This class will introduce what graphic design is exactly and focus on its basic elements, how to generate ideas, developing strong designs, and typography.

Modern (Dance) – Grades 3-8

Modern Fusion: Technique class with an emphasis on blending modern dance technique with West African movement and rhythms. Students will learn whole body connectivity, balance, and weight shifting with upbeat, strong, and grounded movement.

Print Making – Grades 6-11

A variety of traditional and innovative printmaking techniques will be explored. Block printing, etching, and monoprints are planned.

Rockapella – Grades 9-11

This ensemble-based singing group will perform popular styles of a cappella music during the camp session. Past material has included The Doors, Billy Joel, Queen, Rolling Stones, the Beatles and Alanis Morissette. Previous singing experience is recommended but not required. Performances: Noontime Shows and on Festival Day.

Stage Combat – Grades 3-11

Learn the basics of stage combat; both unarmed (wrist grabs, slaps, punches, kicks, hair pulls) and armed (attacks and parries with “silly swords”). This is a great 2-week course for someone who wants to try fight choreography.

Stage Management - Grades 6-11

Ever wonder what a Stage Manager does? This course examines the duties and procedures of one of the most important members of any show. Students learn the basic skills necessary to see a production through from preparatory work to performance, including blocking, tech, cue calling, and more.

Steel Drums – Grades 3-11

Learn to play upbeat festive music on steel drums. No prior experience necessary.

Stop Motion Animation – Grades 3-11

Do you love to draw, paint, build scenes, tell stories, and take pictures? Then this class is for you! Stop Motion Animation brings all of those skills together and lets you put any image in motion – from 2D projects to 3D using your own characters and landscapes. Students will use the MyCreate App and iPads to create their own stop-motion projects. Once complete, projects will be finished in Final Cut with sound effects, dialogue, music and titles. Never animated before? Welcome aboard!

Swimming – Grades 3-11

Swim lessons at MSSA’s outdoor pool

Video Yearvlogging– Grades 3-11

Be a part of the exciting world of video production and help bring the MSSA yearbook to life! Create a theme, gather video footage, help edit and select music and anything else that will create a memorable video yearbook of an unforgettable summer.

Period 5

ACT/TUNES Company – Grades 9-11

Children of Eden

*Musical Production, Performance on **Friday, July 26th at 7:30 pm***

From musical theatre greats, Stephen Schwartz and John Caird, comes a joyous and inspirational musical about parents, children and faith... not to mention centuries of unresolved family business! An expansive and ambitious musical, the original production used a cast of sixty.

Adam, Eve, Noah and the "Father" who created them deal with the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children. The show ultimately delivers a bittersweet, but inspiring, message: that "the hardest part of love... is letting go."

A large cast is needed to take on the story of the Old Testament in this moving, foot-stomping musical. **Children of Eden** is a wonderful show for faith-based groups looking for a large-scaled pageant with sweeping music.

This class is only offered for campers entering grades 9-11 and attending both the two and three week sessions

This class rehearses during Periods 5 and 6. Please select this class for both periods.

Acting for the Camera – Grades 7-11

This class is intended for experienced actors who want to learn the subtle art of acting for the camera. Each week, students will be given material and a scene partner on Monday. Tuesday will be rehearsal day, along with peer feedback. By Wednesday, we will begin to shoot each scene and on Friday, watch on the big screen as the work is assembled, with feedback all along the way about choices on camera and behind the camera. Students will learn how to edit their own performances as well as the performances of their peers. By the end of the summer, each student will assemble a reel with a number of different scenes in which they are featured, and can take home a DVD copy of their acting for the camera reel.

African Drumming – Grades 1-8

The goal of this fun hands-on music making class will be to perform rhythmically exciting music from around the world. Working as a group, we'll explore rhythms and melodies from Africa and other regions. Using all types of drums and percussion and any other instruments played by members of the group.

And... Scene - Grades 6-11

Text can be just words on a page, but assemble that text in a certain way, add in actors to interpret and convey it to others, and you have a scene. In this class, actors will take the written words of some well-known playwrights, analyze and discuss them, then they will formulate characters and rehearse scenes for possible presentation at noontime shows.

Creative Writing - Grades 1-6

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Fractured Fairytales – Grades 1-6

Take a fairy tale and give it a new twist. We will transform favorite fairy tales into creative and hilarious presentations. You will work on acting, movement, dancing, drumming, and singing. Anything goes as we learn to work as an ensemble (a group working together!). Join us in this land of trolls, magic capes, and secret potions.

Games – Grades 1-11

Kan-jam, kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, bocce, soccer and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

Guitar – Grades 3-11

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Hip Hop (dance) - Grades 1-6

Get ready to get your funk on and explore the latest and coolest hip-hop moves in this class!

Mixed Media – Grades 3-11

Fabric! Wood! Inks! Pastels! Found objects! All of these materials and more can be used to make art. We'll use 2-3 different materials in each piece of artwork made, with an abundance of imagination and creativity stirred into the mix.

Musical Composition - Grades 3-11

Learn how to compose music in rock, pop, house, chill, latin and world beat styles using O-Generator software. Learn how to notate or improve upon your notation skills. You'll have the opportunity to learn about songwriting elements, compose instrumental tracks using loops (or your instrument) and write and record your lyrics. Engage your creative skills on independent projects or collaborate with classmates.

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Swimming – Grades 1-11

Swim instruction at MSSA’s outdoor pool.

Tap (Dance) – Grades 6-11

Learn the basics of the only dance style "Made in America." We'll use classical, swing and modern music to accompany our learning of the basic steps, as well as, for routines. No experience required.

[Required: tap shoes, comfortable clothing]

Technical Theater Crew – Grades 6-11

Join the action behind the scenes. Students will learn the ins and outs of backstage running crews, lighting, sound, and set construction. Topics will include stage management, rigging, rope work, plotting scene changes, and backstage safety. Students will assist backstage during the final performance week as running crews for the performances, as well as daily with Noontime shows. This is the class for all those who want to learn the tricks of the theatre ninja. Sneakers or closed shoes (toe & heel enclosed) must be worn.

Wild Art! & Discovery - Grades 1-5

Explore the varied wildlife and habitats that exist at MSSA, and use what you find as subjects for photography and video artworks. Campers will use computers to learn about and digitally edit the nature footage that they capture.

Period 6
Acrylic Painting – Grades 3-8

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Acting and Directing - Grades 6-11

We will be directing scenes using the class as our actors and directors. By working on the same scene with multiple

directors, we will learn that directing presents endless possibilities.

Caricature - Grades 1-11

The art of caricature will be explored in this class, as the teacher has a professional background in this area. Learn how to capture distinguishing characteristics of your subjects.

Ceramics – Grades 3-7

Students will learn to create both functional pots and ceramic sculpture. All major hand building techniques will be taught. Projects will challenge the imagination, and stretch your ability to think creatively. All work will be kiln-fired and glazed. Prepare to learn, have fun, and get your hands dirty!

Dancing with Spencer (3-11)

Come explore different dance styles with your favorite dancing Junior Counselor, Spencer in a new entertaining class.

Digital Photography – Grades 3-11

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Lego Maniacs – Grades 1-6

Ever wanted to build your own world? We will create models of real-life vehicles and landmarks as well as our own architectural wonders. We will also invent characters and stories for the people and things that live in our worlds.

News Flash! – Grades 5-11

Wassup around camp? It's up to you to uncover the latest news and report it in the camp newspaper. Write! Observe! Inform! Snoop! Entertain! Come be a reporter for Backstage Beat, sports, CIT surveys, exclusive interviews, opinion pieces, movie reviews, and much more. Work independently or team up to write an article with a friend. At the end of each week, your terrific newspaper is distributed at camp and uploaded to the MSSA web site for all to enjoy.

Sculptural Bookmaking - Grades 7-11

Explore the possibilities of bookmaking as an art form. Along with a variety of techniques we will use water color paper, painting, drawing and other media to create Pop-up, Accordion, Tunnel, and Radial books as beautiful and unique three dimensional works of art.

Songwriting - Grades 3-11

There are no "rules" in songwriting—but there are "tools" that are consistently found in successful songs. This class will explore what works and encourage students to use techniques that have proven successful—while adding their own unique flavor to it.

Stop Motion Animation – Grades 1-6

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Storytime with Lowell - Grades 1-5

Do you have a favorite story or book? This class will allow campers to listen to and share their favorite books and stories with the option of acting them out.

Strike up the Band! – Grades 3-11

This class is the chance for musicians to work together to create the MSSA house band! We will explore a variety of music genres including improvisation, an opportunity to jam with other musicians. The band will perform at a Noontime Show and Festival Day!

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Water Nonsense – Grades 1-11

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Dance Company – Grades 8-11

This class is for those dancers (male & female) who want to take a deeper look into technique and performance for concert. These students will get a hands-on approach into choreography, costuming, lighting and learn what goes into the creation of a dance concert. Final performance will be in the evening of show week in addition to Noontime Show and Festival Day. This is an audition based class.

Dance for Actors - Grades 3-11

Even if you don't consider yourself a "dancer", there is a really strong chance that your movement and dancing skills will be called upon at some point during a show. This class is designed to improve your movement on stage and help you make your way through a musical number or a dreaded dance audition. Having fun and gaining confidence as a dancer will be the goals for this class.

Digital Photography – Grades 3-11

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Drumming – Grades 3-11

Explore the exciting world of percussion. Work on rhythms and technique as you enter the crazy syncopated world of Drumming!

From Script to Screen – Grades 6-11

This class will take students all the way through the process of writing, pre-production, and production of their own short films. By the end of the session, students in this class will have experience with screenwriting, producing, directing, and editing short narrative videos. All students will begin by learning the basic rules of screenwriting using the free screenwriting program CeltX. Pre-production will begin in once all scripts have been workshopped with the class. This is where planning, casting, storyboards, shot lists and location scouting will come into play. Once fully prepared, students will shoot their films, leaving the end of the session for post-production-- including editing, dialogue re-recording, special effects, and creating copies of their work to share with the world!

Games – Grades 3-11

Kan-jam, kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, soccer, bocce and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

Graphic Design - Grades 3-6

This class will introduce what graphic design is exactly and focus on its basic elements, how to generate ideas, developing strong designs, and typography.

Greasepaint Kids - Grades 3-5

Disney's Winnie the Pooh KIDS

Musical Production, Performance date: Monday, July 22, 2019 7:00 pm

Disney's Winnie the Pooh KIDS is a delightful show based on the beloved characters of A.A. Milne and the 2011 Disney animated feature film. Featuring favorite songs from the film, as well as new hits by the Academy Award-winning Robert and Kristen Lopez (**Frozen**), this honey-filled delight is as sweet as it is fun.

Welcome to the Hundred Acre Wood, where Winnie the Pooh is once again in search of honey. Along the way, he meets his pals, Tigger, Piglet, Rabbit and Owl, but soon discovers that Christopher Robin has been captured by the mysterious Backson! As they prepare for a rescue operation, the animals learn about teamwork, friendship and, of course... sharing snacks. Filled with all of their favorite characters, **Disney's Winnie the Pooh KIDS** is a favorite for children to perform. There is ample opportunity for adding a large ensemble and filling your stage with as many creatures of the Hundred Acre Wood as possible.

This class is only offered for campers attending both the two and three week sessions

Guitar – Grades 3-11

Grab your guitar and get started learning to play one of the most versatile instruments in the world! Emphasis will be on making music from the start, and students will have fun playing simple fun tunes as well as learning enough chords to play countless songs. Make music playing individually, with partners and small groups, and as a whole ensemble. Learn music from tablature (a diagram of where to put your fingers) and 'play-along' CDs, as well as listening to a variety of styles. Class is designed for those with no prior experience playing the guitar, and those who want to review the basics. We have a limited number of guitars for use at camp, but campers are encouraged to bring their own if they have one.

Illustration – Grades 6-11

A drawing class for students with some drawing experience. Possible themes may include (but not limited to) children's books, Poster Art, observation of animals at play. A variety of media will be used. Students will be encouraged to incorporate poetry, verse and / or text with a chosen piece of work.

Improv – Grades 8-11

You may have seen "Whose Line is it Anyway" on TV. Improv is fun, but it does take a lot of work, energy and concentration in order to create entertaining, interesting theatre for an audience. We'll work with short game-type forms as well longer forms of Improv. How do you create believable characters and make interesting scenes for you and the audience? Take this class and find out. We will put on an Improv show that will include both short (Dating Show, for example) and longer forms of Improvisation (Movie styles).

Intro to A cappella – Grades 6-8

This ensemble-based singing group will perform popular styles of a cappella music during the camp session. Learn to sing in multiple parts and work on your musicality. Previous singing experience is recommended but not required.

Performances: Noontime Shows and on Festival Day.

Jewelry Making – Grades 3-11

In this class we will start with basic earring, necklace, and bracelet techniques and move into more complex projects including wire jewelry, seed bead stitching and bead making. This class is geared towards new jewelry designers, but will

have projects for all levels!

Lighting for Theatre – Grades 6-11

Explore both the artistic and technical side of theatre electrics. This class will focus on the why behind lighting as well as the how. Students will work together on bringing to life the lighting effects for the final week productions, as well as for the Noontime shows. There may be some work at heights, and close toed shoes (toe and heel enclosed) are required.

Modern (Dance)- Grades 7-11

Modern Fusion: Technique class with an emphasis on blending modern dance technique with West African movement and rhythms. Students will learn whole body connectivity, balance, and weight shifting with upbeat, strong, and grounded movement.

Musical Theatre Scene - Grades 6-11

Take part in all aspect of musical theatre: the singing, the dancing and the acting – all within a scene! Scenes from different musicals will be chosen and performed with the dialogue, song and choreography. Performances: Noontime Show and Festival Day.

Sculpture – Grades 6-11

Explore the world of 3 dimensional art. What is negative space? Using a variety of materials including but not limited to clay, recycled goods and fabric we will be creating a world of sculpture.

Sewing for Costumes – Grades 3-11

Learn sewing techniques essential to costume design. Some work on costumes for 2019 MSSA show season. No experience necessary.

Period 2

Jr. Artists (campers entering Grades 1-2) will attend a theatre based performance class during this period. The Junior Arts show will be held on Festival Day, Saturday, July 27th at 10:30 am.

Act II Players – Grades 6-8

Disney's Frozen, Jr.

Musical Production, Performance Date: Tuesday, July 23rd at 7:30 pm

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Backstage Magic – Grades 3-8

Learn all the secrets about what really happens backstage and how the magic is made. Students will work on special effects, set dressings and props (properties - this means anything that is hand-held onstage) as class projects and for

the shows!

Broadway Dance – Grades 3-11

This class will take you thru the “how to” of Musical Theater with appropriate scenes and music. From the character to the song, you will sing classic Broadway show tunes and develop some beloved characters for your own Noontime show and Festival Day performances.

Digital Photography – Grades 3-11

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Drawing – Grades 7-11

Develop your drawing skills; learn new ways to express what you see before you by exploring various materials and techniques. Work from still life arrangements, the figure and landscapes. Mediums include graphite, charcoal, conte crayon and soft pastel.

Explorations in 2-3D – Grades 3-6

This Visual Arts class seeks, searches, and creates with exposure to a multitude of methods and materials. We will learn new skills with which to express ourselves.

Fabric Art - Grades 3-11

Work with a variety of textiles to create unique artistic pieces.

Games – Grades 3-11

Kan-jam, kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, bocce, soccer and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

Playwriting - Grades 7-11

This class will give you the tools to write your own play. Bring your own ideas or begin use the first days of the session to brainstorm. This course will introduce the traditional approach to theatre which is rooted in character and narrative structure, with emphasis on a play's arc through its beginning, turning point, and ending.

Proscenium Players – Grades 9-11

This show will perform Wednesday July 24th at 7:30pm.

Pullman Car Hiawatha by Thornton Wilder

In this one-act comedy, set in a Pullman car on a train traveling from New York to Chicago in December, 1930, conventional time is suspended, and the only true measures of existence are life and death. **Pullman Car Hiawatha** takes us on a metaphorical journey by train through the American landscape, a diverse band of travelers encapsulated in a Pullman car hurtle through time, space and a range of emotions.

The Happy Journey to Trenton and Camden by Thornton Wilder

A father, mother and two of their three surviving children drive from Newark, New Jersey to Camden to visit their married daughter, who has recently lost her baby in childbirth. Their journey is punctuated by talk, laughter, memories (some mundane, some happy, some painful), and appreciation of the Now – ham and eggs, flowers, family, sunsets and the joy of being alive. In this family drama, nothing much happens-and yet everything important happens.

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Rock/Jazz Band – Grades 3-11

This class is an exploration into the various Rock and Jazz styles and the artists who created and developed them. Songs of the 50s to the present and styles from Dixieland to Fusion will be incorporated. We will develop sight reading and improvisation skills. Knowledge of rhythms, notes, chords and key signatures is required.

Short Shorts: Commercials and Sketches – Grades 3-11

This class is for students who are interested in pitching their ideas and then jumping straight into production. The only rule: no content can run longer than 60 seconds. It's an ideal length of time for commercial content, sketches, or experimental works. Students will be expected to produce at least two 60 second pieces every week.

Silver Clay - Grades 7-11

Use ceramic techniques to create pendants, earrings, and rings out of Precious Metal Silver Clay. This exciting new material transforms into 99% pure silver after kiln firing. You will learn a variety of techniques for forming fine jewelry including stone setting. You will be making wearable mini sculptures in real silver! This is as close to magic as it gets.

Stage Make-Up – Grades 3-8

You will learn to create, design and apply make-up for the stage or just for fun, covering techniques from aging, glamour, fantasy, to the most outlandish special effects. Campers in this class have the opportunity to do make-up for evening stage productions during the final week of MSSA.

Story Into Play – Grades 3-8

Let's put on a play! This class gives you the opportunity by using simple staging, as well as basic props and costume pieces. Do you have a favorite story or book you would like to turn into a play?

Swimming - Grades 3-11

Swim lessons at the pool

Watercolor – Grades 6-11

This class will experiment with traditional and nontraditional techniques within the watercolor medium. Plein air painting (outdoor/ landscapes) will be included with this class. Open to all ages and experiences.

Period 3

Jr. Artists (campers entering Grades 1-2) will attend a visual arts class during this period.

Apprentices will meet with their mentors/other Apprentices during this period.

Acrylic Painting – Grades 7-11

Students will use acrylic paints to create paintings ranging from realism to abstraction. We will work from observation, sketches, and imagination, and use both traditional and experimental techniques to explore this medium to its fullest. In-depth instruction in painting techniques will be a foundation of this class. The work of all students will be professionally photographed for inclusion in their portfolios.

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Creative Writing – Grades 7-11

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Drawing – Grades 3-6

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Games – Grades 3-11

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Photo and Yearbook – Grades 3-11

An emphasis in this class is on creating the MSSA Yearbook - deciding on a theme, designing pages and taking photographs for the yearbook. Students will learn basics of composition, camera controls and how to organize, process, and print their photos with Photoshop. Students will take pictures around the camp exploring their own personal style and also providing photos for the Yearbook. This is a class for all skill levels. Cameras will be provided.

Photoshop - Grades 7-11

Learn to manipulate photographic images to creative desired product. This class includes some digital photography instruction.

Piano - Grades 3-11

Small group piano lessons for beginning and intermediate players.

Print Making – Grades 6-11

A variety of traditional and innovative printmaking techniques will be explored. Block printing, etching, and monoprints are planned.

Rockapella – Grades 9-11

This ensemble-based singing group will perform popular styles of a cappella music during the camp session. Past material has included The Doors, Billy Joel, Queen, Rolling Stones, the Beatles and Alanis Morissette. Previous singing experience is recommended but not required. Performances: Noontime Shows and on Festival Day.

Rubbish to Runway – Grades 3-11

Using recycled materials, create wearable fashion. Be ready to show off your creations on the MSSA runway!

Stage Combat – Grades 3-11

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Stage Management - Grades 6-11

Ever wonder what a Stage Manager does? This course examines the duties and procedures of one of the most important members of any show. Students learn the basic skills necessary to see a production through from preparatory work to performance, including blocking, tech, cue calling, and more.

Steel Drums – Grades 3-11

Learn to play upbeat festive music on steel drums. No prior experience necessary.

Stop Motion Animation – Grades 3-11

Do you love to draw, paint, build scenes, tell stories, and take pictures? Then this class is for you! Stop Motion Animation brings all of those skills together and lets you put any image in motion – from 2D projects to 3D using your own characters and landscapes. Students will use the MyCreate App and iPads to create their own stop-motion projects. Once complete, projects will be finished in Final Cut with sound effects, dialogue, music and titles. Never animated before? Welcome aboard!

Swimming – Grades 3-11

Swim lessons at MSSA’s outdoor pool

Video Yearvlogging– Grades 3-11

Be a part of the exciting world of video production and help bring the MSSA yearbook to life! Create a theme, gather video footage, help edit and select music and anything else that will create a memorable video yearbook of an unforgettable summer.

Period 5

ACT/TUNES Company – Grades 9-11

Children of Eden

*Musical Production, Performance on **Friday, July 26th at 7:30 pm***

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Adam, Eve, Noah and the "Father" who created them deal with the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children. The show ultimately delivers a bittersweet, but inspiring, message: that "the hardest part of love... is letting go."

A large cast is needed to take on the story of the Old Testament in this moving, foot-stomping musical. **Children of Eden** is a wonderful show for faith-based groups looking for a large-scaled pageant with sweeping music.

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This class rehearses during Periods 5 and 6. Please select this class for both periods.

Acting for the Camera – Grades 7-11

This class is intended for experienced actors who want to learn the subtle art of acting for the camera. Each week, students will be given material and a scene partner on Monday. Tuesday will be rehearsal day, along with peer feedback. By Wednesday, we will begin to shoot each scene and on Friday, watch on the big screen as the work is assembled, with feedback all along the way about choices on camera and behind the camera. Students will learn how to edit their own performances as well as the performances of their peers. By the end of the summer, each student will assemble a reel with

a number of different scenes in which they are featured, and can take home a DVD copy of their acting for the camera reel.

African Drumming – Grades 1-8

The goal of this fun hands-on music making class will be to perform rhythmically exciting music from around the world. Working as a group, we'll explore rhythms and melodies from Africa and other regions. Using all types of drums and percussion and any other instruments played by members of the group.

And... Scene - Grades 6-11

Text can be just words on a page, but assemble that text in a certain way, add in actors to interpret and convey it to others, and you have a scene. In this class, actors will take the written words of some well-known playwrights, analyze and discuss them, then they will formulate characters and rehearse scenes for possible presentation at noontime shows and Festival Day.

Creative Writing - Grades 1-6

Every great song, movie, or play has sprung from the head of a writer. A writer takes all of his or her confused thoughts, dreams, and observations and turns them into art. This class is for kids who have big ideas, but maybe not the biggest personalities to express those ideas. We will create stories, poems, songs and scripts.

Fractured Fairytales – Grades 1-6

Take a fairy tale and give it a new twist. We will transform favorite fairy tales into creative and hilarious presentations. You will work on acting, movement, dancing, drumming, and singing. Anything goes as we learn to work as an ensemble (a group working together!). Join us in this land of trolls, magic capes, and secret potions.

Games – Grades 1-11

Kan-jam, kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, bocce, soccer and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

Guitar – Grades 3-11

Grab your guitar and get started learning to play one of the most versatile instruments in the world! Emphasis will be on making music from the start, and students will have fun playing simple fun tunes as well as learning enough chords to play countless songs. Make music playing individually, with partners and small groups, and as a whole ensemble. Learn music from tablature (a diagram of where to put your fingers) and 'play-along' CDs, as well as listening to a variety of styles. Class is designed for those with no prior experience playing the guitar, and those who want to review the basics. (MSSA has a limited supply of guitars. Students are encouraged to supply their own guitar.

Hip Hop (dance) - Grades 1-6

Get ready to get your funk on and explore the latest and coolest hip-hop moves in this class!

Mixed Media – Grades 3-11

Fabric! Wood! Inks! Pastels! Found objects! All of these materials and more can be used to make art. We'll use 2-3 different materials in each piece of artwork made, with an abundance of imagination and creativity stirred into the mix.

Musical Composition - Grades 3-11

Learn how to compose music in rock, pop, house, chill, latin and world beat styles using O-Generator software. Learn how to notate or improve upon your notation skills. You'll have the opportunity to learn about songwriting elements, compose instrumental tracks using loops (or your instrument) and write and record your lyrics. Engage your creative skills on independent projects or collaborate with classmates.

Musical Theatre Scene – Grades 3-8

Take part in all aspect of musical theatre: the singing, the dancing and the acting – all within a scene! Scenes from

different musicals will be chosen and performed with the dialogue, song and choreography. Performances: Noontime Show and Festival Day

Puppets! – Grades 1-6

Create your very own puppets from a design that you create. Construction will include paper maché, painting, stuffing, sewing, and stringing your puppet. In addition, consider the prospect of writing a play with the other participants where the puppets would make a grand appearance for the campers.

Spotlight Players – Grades 3-11

Musical Production, Performance on Thursday, July 25th at 7:30 pm

Seussical, Jr.

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Swimming – Grades 1-11

Swim instruction at MSSA’s outdoor pool.

Tap (Dance) – Grades 6-11

Learn the basics of the only dance style “Made in America.” We’ll use classical, swing and modern music to accompany our learning of the basic steps, as well as, for routines. No experience required.

[Required: tap shoes, comfortable clothing]

Technical Theater Crew – Grades 6-11

Join the action behind the scenes. Students will learn the ins and outs of backstage running crews, lighting, sound, and set construction. Topics will include stage management, rigging, rope work, plotting scene changes, and backstage safety. Students will assist backstage during the final performance week as running crews for the performances, as well as daily with Noontime shows. This is the class for all those who want to learn the tricks of the theatre ninja. Sneakers or closed shoes (toe & heel enclosed) must be worn.

Wild Art! & Discovery - Grades 1-5

Explore the varied wildlife and habitats that exist at MSSA, and use what you find as subjects for photography and video artworks. Campers will use computers to learn about and digitally edit the nature footage that they capture.

Period 6

Acrylic Painting – Grades 3-8

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Acting and Directing - Grades 6-11

We will be directing scenes using the class as our actors and directors. By working on the same scene with multiple directors, we will learn that directing presents endless possibilities.

Cartooning- Grades 1-11

This class will cover how to make funny and engaging cartoon characters. Fundamentals of figure drawing, and creativity exercises that can help us create funny characters and scenarios will be covered. In addition to character creation, students can make their own single panel cartoons, comic strips, and/or comic books. The art of caricature can also be explored in this class, as the teacher has a professional background in this area.

Ceramics – Grades 3-7

Students will learn to create both functional pots and ceramic sculpture. All major hand building techniques will be taught. Projects will challenge the imagination, and stretch your ability to think creatively. All work will be kiln-fired and glazed. Prepare to learn, have fun, and get your hands dirty!

Dancing with Spencer (3-11)

Come explore different dance styles with your favorite dancing Junior Counselor, Spencer!

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Lego Maniacs – Grades 1-6

Ever wanted to build your own world? We will create models of real-life vehicles and landmarks as well as our own architectural wonders. We will also invent characters and stories for the people and things that live in our worlds.

News Flash! – Grades 5-11

Wassup around camp? It's up to you to uncover the latest news and report it in the camp newspaper. Write! Observe! Inform! Snoop! Entertain! Come be a reporter for Backstage Beat, sports, CIT surveys, exclusive interviews, opinion pieces, movie reviews, and much more. Work independently or team up to write an article with a friend. At the end of each week, your terrific newspaper is distributed at camp and uploaded to the MSSA web site for all to enjoy.

Sculptural Bookmaking - Grades 7-11

Explore the possibilities of bookmaking as an art form. Along with a variety of techniques we will use water color paper, painting, drawing and other media to create Pop-up, Accordion, Tunnel, and Radial books as beautiful and unique three dimensional works of art.

Songwriting - Grades 3-11

There are no “rules” in songwriting—but there are “tools” that are consistently found in successful songs. This class will explore what works and encourage students to use techniques that have proven successful—while adding their own unique flavor to it.

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This class rehearses during Periods 5 and 6. Please select this class for both periods.

Stop Motion Animation – Grades 1-6

Do you love to draw, paint, build scenes, tell stories, and take pictures? Then this class is for you! Stop Motion Animation brings all of those skills together and lets you put any image in motion – from 2D projects to 3D using your own characters and landscapes. Students will use the MyCreate App and iPads to create their own stop-motion projects. Once complete, projects will be finished in Final Cut with sound effects, dialogue, music and titles. Never animated before? Welcome aboard!

Storytime with Lowell - Grades 1-5

Do you have a favorite story or book? This class will allow campers to listen to and share their favorite books and stories with the option of acting them out.

Strike up the Band! – Grades 3-11

This class is the chance for musicians to work together to create the MSSA house band! We will explore a variety of music genres including improvisation, an opportunity to jam with other musicians. The band will perform at a Noontime

Show and Festival Day!

Technical Theater Crew – Grades 6-11

Join the action behind the scenes. Students will learn the ins and outs of backstage running crews, lighting, sound, and set construction. Topics will include stage management, rigging, rope work, plotting scene changes, and backstage safety. Students will assist backstage during the final performance week as running crews for the performances, as well as daily with Noontime shows. This is the class for all those who want to learn the tricks of the theatre ninja. Sneakers or closed shoes (toe & heel enclosed) must be worn.

Water Nonsense – Grades 1-11

Chill out and have some fun in the pool at the end of the day. Play water games, splash around and have a great time at the pool!