

Arts Education

2023



Hello Teachers!

No matter the grade level, there's something for you and your class at Arts Commons. Use our handy guide below to find your perfect program.



WHAT GRADE DO YOU TEACH?

Use these icons for our grade recommendations.

- 1 DIVISION 1** (Grades 1-3)
- 2 DIVISION 2** (Grades 4-6)
- 3 DIVISION 3** (Grades 7-9)
- 4 DIVISION 4** (Grades 10-12)



EXPLORE!

Flip through to see what experiences are available.



BOOK YOUR CLASS

Look for this arrow icon for the program website booking information.



Top and bottom (left): ConocoPhillips Hub for Inspired Learning program at Arts Commons © Kiani Evans. Bottom (right): A teacher and student create planets during Alberta Culture Days © Kiani Evans.

Arts Commons

Arts-Integrated Learning for You and Your Class

With five theatres, one concert hall, six galleries, scene and costume shops, and backstage areas, **Arts Commons is the artistic and civic heart of Calgary**, located in the downtown core. Arts Commons and its resident companies — Alberta Theatre Projects, Arts Commons Presents, Calgary Philharmonic, Downstage, One Yellow Rabbit and Theatre Calgary — are your one-stop shop for arts education needs, from live performances to hands-on workshops! With our network of professionals, curriculum connections, and boundless creativity, students leave Arts Commons with heightened curiosity, creative thinking skills, stronger senses of themselves and their communities, and increased cultural and emotional intelligence.

Visit us at Arts Commons, your ticket to the best in arts-based learning. Read on to learn what we can offer to you and your class today.



Arts Commons Education is where your curriculum comes to life using the physical and creative resources of Western Canada's largest performing arts centre. Through workshops, residencies, in-classroom artist visits, and live performances from Arts Commons Presents, Arts Commons Education has inspired future artists, politicians, scientists, decision-makers, and big thinkers of Calgary.

 artscommons.ca/education



CONOCOPHILLIPS HUB FOR INSPIRED LEARNING, A CAMPUS CALGARY SITE

Offering customized programs to meet the needs of each class, this award-winning program guides students as they create alongside professional teaching artists and explore their "Big Question."



ONE, TWO, AND FIVE DAY WONDER

Available in a variety of lengths and formats, this program connects students with Arts Commons' network of arts professionals for hands-on learning exercises the promote curriculum-connected creative discovery.



ARTS COMMONS PRESENTS STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Dedicated to student groups and classes, these live performances are the perfect way to introduce young Calgarians to the performing arts at Arts Commons, including our wildly popular National Geographic Live series!

“Working with experts provides me with an opportunity to add to my skill set and see other ways to approach learning.”

T. Greanya, Gr. 5 Teacher



A national leader in new play development, **Alberta Theatre Projects** presents contemporary live theatre in the Martha Cohen Theatre at Arts Commons. Our Youth Engagement Programming aims to deepen the theatre experience for young audiences and emerging artists.

 albertatheatreprojects.com/students-educators

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BACKSTAGE TOURS

Discover backstage secrets with an educational and interactive tour of the Martha Cohen Theatre at Arts Commons.

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CONVERSATIONS WITH ARTISTS

Capture your students' imaginations with an in-classroom conversation with an ATP artist or staff member about what goes into the making of live theatre production.

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JOB SHADOWING

One-day job shadowing is open to all high school and post-secondary students, emerging artists, and arts educators.

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STUDENT MATINEE SERIES

An exclusive education performance for students (subsidies available) which includes a 15–20-minute talkback with the artists and detailed study guide for teachers.

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STUDENT WRITERS GROUP

From October to May, students meet weekly with our mentor to cultivate their playwriting skills, culminating in a professionally dramaturged, directed, and performed play.

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THAT \$20 TICKET THING

Students and guests can see a show at an affordable rate and attend a post-show artist Q&A.

CALGARY PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

The **Calgary Philharmonic** is a pillar of Calgary's vibrant arts community and one of Canada's most celebrated live music ensembles. The Calgary Phil believes in the value of music and music education by offering a variety of programs designed to simulate and inspire students of any age.

 calgaryphil.com/education

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EDUCATION CONCERTS

These light-hearted one-hour morning programs inspire students with the wonder of live orchestral music. Designed for grades 1-8, we hold education concerts three times per year in November, February, and April. Check out the website for more info and how to register!

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CLINICS + SCHOOL VISITS

Bring the Calgary Phil to your classroom, where musicians provide demonstration classes, clinics, and ensemble performances at your school.

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OPEN REHEARSALS

A chance to experience a full working rehearsal for select concerts at the Jack Singer Concert Hall. Cash only, must register in advance — visit the website for more info!

Top (right): Professional Development Days with Alberta Theatre Projects. Bottom Left: Phil Kids Clinic + School Visit; (Middle): Phil Kids in the Jack Singer lobby; Bottom (right): ConocoPhillips Hub for Inspired Learning with Kevin Burt © Kiani Evans



“My students LOVED their experience at Arts Commons.”
K. Low, Gr. 3/4 Teacher



Downstage is devoted to producing theatre that creates meaningful conversations around current issues, encourages societal awareness, and inspires action. Through mentorship opportunities, workshops, and student presentations, Downstage fosters multi-faceted learning in our community.



4 **STUDENT MATINEES**

Access to shows at a reduced cost, including opportunities for post-show Q&As with artists.

4 **STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

Student Ambassadors have exclusive access to productions, workshops, volunteer opportunities, and more.

4 **VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS**

Free, monthly virtual workshops that are open to art makers and art lovers alike.



One Yellow Rabbit is an ensemble company of established theatre artists who produce and present vital works in Calgary and internationally that are created enrich our community and develop future artists. We believe that teaching and mentoring young and diverse artists is a vital way to ensure the strength of our community for generations to come.



4 **BEAUTIFULYOUNGARTISTS**

A flexible and responsive mentorship program for young professionals to gain direct experience and learn from with One Yellow Rabbit artists.

theatre:
CALGARY

Creating entertaining contemporary, classic, and diverse live programming, **Theatre Calgary** ignites our community with powerful, thought-provoking and impactful theatre. Bring your students to a Theatre Calgary production and get an immersive introduction and journey into the world of live theatre.



2 3 4 **STUDENT MATINEES**

Theatre Calgary offers a diverse range of productions for all levels of education. Our performances are often the first theatre experience for many students.

Top (left): *The Importance of Being Earnest* student matinee Q&A at Theatre Calgary; Top (right): Student workshop with puppets with Downstage. Bottom (left): ConocoPhillips Hub for Inspired Learning student artwork © Kiani Evans; Bottom (center): Student engagement at Arts Commons during Alberta Culture Days with Downstage © Sam Obadero; Bottom (right): A performance with beautifulyoungartists from One Yellow Rabbit.

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