

We want to support our students and our community in any way possible. Enjoy this teacher-curated list of free online resources and in-person events, from art exhibitions to crafts to online step-by-step tutorials, for kids who really love art! Keep checking back for updates. Scroll down for different ages.

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# For Everyone:

# YORBA LINDA: CHALK ART FESTIVAL

# August 23, 2025

Join us for the annual Chalk Art Festival featuring creative displays from professional chalk artists, a giant chalk mural to color, music, food trucks, games and more at the Yorba Linda Cultural Arts Center. All ages are invited to add to our giant chalk mural, enjoy live music, sweet treats from local favorite Blue Scoop Creamery, and incredible live art by professional chalk artists. Bring the whole family and watch the pavement come to life.

WEBSITE: <a href="https://www.yorbalindaca.gov/calendar.aspx?EID=3257">https://www.yorbalindaca.gov/calendar.aspx?EID=3257</a>

# ORANGE INTERNATIONAL STREET FAIR

#### August 29, 2025 – August 31, 2025

ince 1973, Labor Day weekend is more than a day off in Orange, it's time for the annual Orange International Street Fair. Thousands cultural explorers spend the 3-day weekend in the "Orange Circle" of Old Towne Orange enjoying food, music, and drink from around the world. This is a free outdoor fair for all ages to enjoy delicious treats while supporting local organizations.

WEBSITE: https://www.facebook.com/orangestreetfair

# 41ST ANNUAL MARITIME FESTIVAL

September 12, 2025 – September 14, 2025

Join us at the 41st Annual Maritime Festival at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point for a Celebration of Tall Ships. The festival will feature local vendors, food trucks, beer gardens, kids' activities, sailor reenactors, local marine life, tall ships, and more! The Maritime Festival has been a beloved community event for the past 41 years, and we are thrilled to continue celebrating Dana Point's rich maritime history.

WEBSITE: <a href="https://maritime-fest.org/">https://maritime-fest.org/</a>

# **FESTIVAL OF NATIONS AND PARADE**

#### September 20, 2025 – September 14, 2025

The festival will feature carnival rides, attractions and games, as well as cultural entertainment throughout the day. A variety of food trucks will also be available. The Festival of Nations spotlights the rich culture and heritage of Southern California, particularly the cultural diversity of La Palma

WEBSITE: https://www.lapalmaca.gov/553/Festival-of-Nations

# YORBA LINDA MOVIE IN THE PARK: INSIDE OUT 2

#### September 20, 2025

Yorba Linda Parks and Recreation invites all to our Summer Movie in the Park. Join us on select Saturdays to enjoy a family-friendly movie on our 20ft inflatable movie screen. No pre-registration required. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating and a picnic dinner or snacks.

September 20 – Inside Out 2 (Eastside Community Park) October 18 – Wicked (Hurless Barton Park)

WEBSITE: https://www.yorbalindaca.gov/404/Upcoming-Family-Fun-Special-Events

# THE MAGIC OF SESAME STREET

#### June 14, 2025 - September 27, 2025

The exhibition celebrates this rich legacy with a colorful selection of original paintings and drawings from Sesame Street Magazine, all part of The Hilbert Collection. This exhibition spotlights the artistry behind the magazine and the illustrators who captured the warmth, wit and visual magic of Sesame Street on every page.

WEBSITE: <a href="https://hilbertmuseum.org/the-magic-of-sesame-street/">https://hilbertmuseum.org/the-magic-of-sesame-street/</a>

# **FASCINATION OF ORCHIDS AND EXOTIC PLANTS**

September 26, 2025 – September 28, 2025

The Fascination of Orchids Festival of Orchids and Exotic Plants will take place at the Santa Ana Zoo. This event is a celebration of orchids and exotic plants, offering visitors the chance to see thousands of exotic orchids from various growers. The festival will feature free classes on orchid tips and techniques, and there will be a special gate for those with advance tickets, ensuring a hassle-free experience. The festival is a great opportunity for orchid enthusiasts to learn, shop, and enjoy the beauty of these captivating plants. Event is Free with Zoo admission. Discount coupon and Advance Tickets are available.

WEBSITE: https://fascinationoforchids.com/oc.html

# **JOURNEY THROUGH THE MAZE: 45 YEARS OF PAC-MAN**

# May 18, 2025 - September 28, 2025

MUZEO invites the community to experience Marvelocity: The Art of Alex Ross. In a world where comic art traditionally exists in a realm beyond reality, allowing for fantastical narratives and impossible feats, Alex Ross boldly bridges the divide between fantasy and realism.

WEBSITE: <a href="https://cityofirvine.org/great-park/great-park-arts">https://cityofirvine.org/great-park/great-park-arts</a>

# Ongoing OC Art Events:

# **HUNTINGTON BEACH SURF CITY NIGHTS**

**Every Tuesday, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM** 

The Surf City Nights Certified Farmers Market takes place every Tuesday on Main Street in downtown Huntington Beach from 5-9pm. Just steps from the beach, the market features local merchants offering fresh produce, flowers + local artisans with handcrafted collectibles. Take a stroll down Main Street and hear live music while watching the sun set over the Pacific Ocean.

WEBSITE: https://www.surfcityusa.com/events/community-events/surf-city-nights/

# SAN CLEMENTE VILLAGE ART FAIRE

First Sunday of Every Month, 9:00 AM

The Village Art Faire is a decades-old San Clemente tradition, born from a desire to put gifted artists and craftspeople in touch with their local community. It has grown to include artists from all over Southern California and attracts visitors from near and far.

Our artisans offer a beautiful selection of hand-crafted work which includes photography, fine art, jewelry, woodwork, botanicals, apothecary, leather, wearables, ceramics, home decor, fused/blown glass, metal work, and much more. Stroll and shop Avenida Del Mar where more than 60 vendors will have arts, crafts and other fabulous items.

WEBSITE: https://scdba.org/village-art-faire

#### DOWNTOWN FULLERTON ART WALK

First Friday of Every Month, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

This incredibly popular Art Walk brings hundreds of art enthusiasts to the streets of downtown Fullerton, where various venues host art exhibits, music acts, and performance art. Multiple venues offer free art activities and exhibition openings within walking distance of each other. You can find a map at any venue for a self-guided tour. Free refreshments are also provided throughout the evening at many of the stops.

WEBSITE: <a href="http://www.fullertonartwalk.com/">http://www.fullertonartwalk.com/</a>

# SANTA ANA ARTISTS VILLAGE ART WALK

First Saturday of Every Month, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The Downtown Santa Ana Art Walk takes place the first Saturday of every month and showcases more over 25 galleries, 40 vendors, and 40 bars and restaurants. The event features live performances, art activities for kids, Artmusement, a coloring wall at M. Lovewell, community engagement, and games at Good Beer Co.

WEBSITE: <a href="https://www.dtsaartwalk.org/">https://www.dtsaartwalk.org/</a>

# YORBA LINDA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER FAMILY TOURS

# Ongoing 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Families are invited to experience the new Yorba Linda Cultural Arts Center! Tours of the facility will include family-friendly art workshops for the entire family. Social distancing measures will be in place and face coverings must be worn. With limited space, pre-registration is required. Online pre-registration is required and is limited to five families per 30-minute time slot. Only one registration is required per family; maximum family size of five is allowed. For more information contact the Yorba Linda Cultural Arts Center at (657) 242-4660.

WEBSITE: https://www.activekids.com/yorba-linda-ca/classes/free-family-art-experience-tours-2021

# LAGUNA BEACH ART WALK

#### First Thursday of Every Month, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Held on the first Thursday of every month from 6 - 9pm. Visitors are invited to join Galleries throughout Laguna Beach for a festive year round event. Free trolley service commences from the Laguna Art Museum. Each trolley is accompanied by an Art Walk guide, who are there to inform and answer any questions you may have.

WEBSITE: https://www.firstthursdaysartwalk.org/

# For Kids:

#### **ART FOR KIDS HUB**

Step-by-Step Drawing for Kids! Many Art Steps kiddos love these tutorials!

WEBSITE: https://www.youtube.com/user/ArtforKidsHub

#### GONOODLE

Feeling some stress? This one is not exactly about art, but we thought you might like it: Children can enjoy some indoor activity and relax with meditation.

WEBSITE: <a href="https://www.gonoodle.com">https://www.gonoodle.com</a>

# NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART DOWNLOADABLE LESSONS

WEBSITE: https://www.nga.gov/education/teachers/lessons-activities.html

# TATE KIDS

Tate Museum offers free online art lessons, quizzes, games, and mini lectures for kids!

WEBSITE: https://www.tate.org.uk/kids

# For Teens:

# **KENNEDY CENTER ARTS EDUCATION**

The Kennedy Center's Art Education resources aim to both empower young artists and provide arts educators the resources they need to effectively bring the arts to their classroom. Included is everything from graduate level assistance to classroom lesson plans to summer intensives for young students.

WEBSITE: https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/

# NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

The National Endowment for the Arts supports exemplary arts projects in communities nationwide through grantmaking initiatives, partnerships, and events. They also award grants to nonprofit organizations, creative writers and translators, state arts agencies, and regional arts organizations.

WEBSITE: https://www.arts.gov/

# **SPARKETH ONLINE ART COURSES**

As seen on Shark Tank, Sparketh Online Art Courses offers a library of 1000+ bite-sized video art lessons taught by talented mentors and educators. There are classes on many different types of art. Everything from how t draw manga to how to create abstract paintings is covered.

WEBSITE: https://sparketh.com/

# **ART CAREER PROJECT**

The Art Career Project is a leading destination for artists to explore career paths, search programs, and find the resources they need to build careers with longevity and meaning.

WEBSITE: https://theartcareerproject.com/

# **BROOKLYN DIGITAL ART LIBRARY**

The Digital Library is the virtual extension of the Brooklyn Art Library and contains 25,019 complete scanned contributions to The Sketchbook Project and counting. Users curate collections of their favorite sketchbooks. You can search and share them with your friends! Find inspiration from others through this digital library!

WEBSITE: <a href="https://www.sketchbookproject.com/library">https://www.sketchbookproject.com/library</a>

#### **PIXAR IN A BOX**

Pixar in a Box is a behind-the-scenes look at how Pixar artists do their jobs. You will be able to animate bouncing balls, build a swarm of robots, and make virtual fireworks explode. The subjects you learn in school — math, science, computer science, and humanities — are used every day to create amazing movies at Pixar. This collaboration between Pixar Animation Studios and Khan Academy is sponsored by Disney.

WEBSITE: https://www.khanacademy.org/partner-content/pixar

# SCHOLASTIC LEARN AT HOME

A vast, wide-ranging collection of ways to interact and explore a wide variety of topics, for all ages!

WEBSITE: https://www.sdmart.org/exhibition/bouquereau-america/

# **CESAR SANTOS**

One of our favorite YouTubers who will surely provide both entertainment and big inspiration for tweens, teens and adults!

Video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ce7leNdACKk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ce7leNdACKk</a>

#### KHAN ACADEMY ART HISTORY LESSONS

One of our favorite YouTubers who will surely provide both entertainment and big inspiration for tweens, teens and adults!

WEBSITE: <a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-history">https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-history</a>

# For Older Elementary & Tweens:

# LITTLE BIG HISTORY OF PAINT

Cool concepts, for kids and teens

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCUav6IGs1s

# MOM JUNCTION

Fun Arts and Crafts for Teens

WEBSITE: https://www.momjunction.com/articles/cool-arts-and-crafts-ideas-for-teens 00377483/

# CARLA SONHEIM PRESENTS KIDS ART WEEK

Author of Drawing Lab for Mixed-Media Artists: 52 Creative Exercises to Make Drawing Fun! Presents free kids art lessons based on famous artists!

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=slYX1OUKuhI&list=PLroCMySQv0JOpI S8mPiBCHw7MZpt5BC4

# For the Youngest Children:

# STORY TIME WEDNESDAYS AT CASA ROMANTICA

#### Every Wednesday in July, 10:30 AM

Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens invites families to Story time Wednesdays. This event is free as a part of our Casa Kids programming. Donations will be accepted if you'd like to help rebuild Casa Romantica.

WEBSITE: <a href="https://www.casaromantica.org/events/storytime/">https://www.casaromantica.org/events/storytime/</a>

# MISS BRUSHES ART ACADEMY BY SESAME STUDIOS

By the makers of sesame street, join Miss Brushes art class as they learn about "what is art?", "how to make a self-portrait", and "how to make new colors". A cute animated series your little one will love!

Video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkon">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkon</a> sSMyfKbNmlcylFcMyIg16Rnf0JFt

# ARTS AND CRAFTS BY SESAME STUDIOS

Grab some paint, crayons, and your imagination because it's time to express your creativity with Sesame Studios!

Video: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkon\_sSMyfKbSjF\_OeDn4Ts-SOL-P-AaJ

More to come! Check back soon!

Know of a great art-related link that you can share? Call 714-524-2248, or email us! <a href="mailto:centraloffice@artstepsclasses.com">centraloffice@artstepsclasses.com</a>



Every Child is a Masterpiece