

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.

Last Updated: 5/20/2024

For Everyone:

GROOVE & GATHER: AANHPI DANCE FEST

May 24, 2025

Whether you're a fan of K-pop or hula, all ages, all abilities will enjoy Groove & Gather: Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) a free family dance festival on the Argryos Plaza at Segerstrom Center for the Arts. The free festival also offers inclusive, interactive workshops in a variety of styles led by expert instructors. Our AANHPI Dance Fest is designed for all ages and abilities—no dance experience is required for this fun afternoon filled with free entertainment and activities.

WEBSITE: https://www.scfta.org/events/2025/groove-and-gather-aanhpi-dance-fest

PATCHWORK SHOW TUSTIN

May 25, 2025

Free to attend family-friendly and pet-friendly. Show features local makers, a Patchwork Junior section showcasing young creatives, DIY craft activities and more. Join us in Old Town Tustin in the heart of Orange County for Patchwork Show Tustin. This unique spot is surrounded by historic buildings, shops and restaurants and our show features food trucks and local vendors.

WEBSITE: https://www.patchworkshow.com/

ORDINARY EXTRAORDINARY

November 21, 2024 - May 25, 2025

A paper bag that glitters in 24-karat gold. A giant Pink Pearl eraser. A landscape sculpted from sponges, scrubbers, scouring pads, and mopheads. Reframing the objects and environments of everyday life, OCMA's exhibition *Ordinary*

Extraordinary brings together a constellation of works that make the commonplace seem unfamiliar, uncanny, mysterious, and even magical.

WEBSITE: https://ocma.art/exhibitions/ordinary-extraordinary/

BECKMAN ARTS AND SCIENCE FAMILY FESTIVAL

May 31, 2025

Get ready for the Beckman Arts and Science Family Festival, a free afternoon of activities on the Argyros Plaza at Segerstrom Center for the Arts. The Festival will bring together local STEM and education-based organizations that will provide a variety of interactive activities. There will be interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, festival food, and a variety of engaging performances throughout the afternoon, so join us for this free event and unlock curiosity for science and the arts.

WEBSITE: https://www.scfta.org/events/2025/beckman-arts-and-science-family-festival?

BE YOU: FULLERTON PRIDE FEST - STRONGER TOGETHER

June 7, 2025

Pride Fest welcomes people of all ages, backgrounds and identities to come together and celebrate the LGBTQ+ Community The even is open to the public and ADMISSION IS FREE. Performance features, vendors, FREE photo booth, food trucks, and Beer Garden.

WEBSITE: https://www.fullertonmuseum.com/events/rsqeE1np79L0urJECbwU

YORBA LINDA: OUTSIDE THE BOX

May 8, 2025 - June 13, 2025

The Gallery at the Yorba Linda Cultural Arts Center is delighted to showcase its latest exhibit: Outside the Box. This exhibit invites you to explore a stunning collection of abstract works that explore different shapes, textures, and colors.

WEBSITE: https://www.yorbalindaca.gov/859/The-Gallery-at-the-Cultural-Arts-Center

BREA ART GALLERY: MADE IN CALIFORNIA

May 16, 2025 - August 17, 2025

The 40th Annual Made in California (MICA) is now on exhibit at the Brea Art Gallery. This annual juried exhibit showcases artwork from all over the state of California. This regional show features artwork from an extensive variety of mediums and explores creative movements happening in California.

WEBSITE: https://www.breaartgallery.com/currentexhibit

MARVELOCITY: THE ART OF ALEX ROSS

May 16, 2025 - August 17, 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: https://muzeo.org/exhibition/marvelocity-the-art-of-alex-ross/

THE SECRET ART OF DR. SEUSS

June 5, 2025 - August 3, 2025

Illustrator by day, surrealist by night, Dr. Seuss created a body of irrepressible work that redefines this American icon as an iconographic American artist. *The Secret Art* of *Dr. Seuss* often shows a side of the artist that most readers, familiar with him through his classic children's books, have never seen. These "Midnight Paintings," along with significant drawings and sculpture, were often created by Dr. Seuss at night for his own personal enjoyment and were rarely, if ever, exhibited during his lifetime.

WEBSITE: https://themuck.org/program/2025/dr-seuss

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MAZE: 45 YEARS OF PAC-MAN

May 18, 2025 - September 28, 2025

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WEBSITE: https://cityofirvine.org/great-park/great-park/great-park-arts

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: http://www.fullertonartwalk.com/

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: https://www.dtsaartwalk.org/

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/



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: https://www.gonoodle.com

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



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: https://www.sketchbookproject.com/library

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/bouguereau-america/

CESAR SANTOS

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

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ce7leNdACKk

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: https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/art-history

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: https://www.casaromantica.org/events/storytime/

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: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkon_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! centraloffice@artstepsclasses.com



Every Child is a Masterpiece