



ARTSTEPS

Online Resources & Outdoor Events

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:

57TH WATERCOLOR WEST INTERNATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION

August 23, 2025 – November 30, 2025

Founded in 1967 under the guidance of famed California watercolorist Milford Zornes, Watercolor West is dedicated to the tradition of transparent watercolor. The society's annual juried exhibition has become a benchmark for excellence in the medium, drawing entrants from across the nation and abroad. This year's juror, acclaimed artist Ratindra Das, has selected works that demonstrate the clarity, luminosity and technical mastery that are hallmarks of the style.

WEBSITE: <https://hilbertmuseum.org/57th-watercolor-west-international-juried-exhibition/>

CANDY CANELAND AND CRAFT FAIR

December 13, 2025

Get ready for an unforgettable holiday event. Entertainment, food, games, free raffles, and the thrills of our snow slide. Discover unique treasures at our Craft Faire featuring over 100 artisans, perfect for any last-minute gifts! Santa Claus will be in attendance this year to delight the children and spread holiday cheer!

WEBSITE: https://www.buenapark.com/city_departments/community_services/special_events/candy_caneland_craft_faire.php

YOSHITOMO NARA: I DON'T WANT TO GROW UP

May 28, 2025 – December 28, 2025

I Don't Want to Grow Up presents three new bronze sculptures on the museum's outdoor sculpture terrace: *Smiling*, *Slender Eyes*, and *Basket Package* (all 2024). Nara first created these large sculptures in clay as palm-size pieces before enlarging and casting the works in bronze. In their transformed state, the malleable nature of the clay's original

material remains evident, enticing us to retrace Nara's touch across the surface. Standing together like a group of friends, the sculptures emphasize the body as a site of both individual and collective life—a testament to how the imagination sets the body in motion. *I Don't Want to Grow Up* reminds us of what it feels like to move through the world, both embraced by and confronted with all the feelings of the human condition.

WEBSITE: <https://ocma.art/exhibitions/yoshitomo-nara-i-dont-want-to-grow-up/>

HABITAT: MAKING THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENT

September 24, 2025 – January 20, 2026

Now on view at UC Irvine Jack and Shanaz Langson Institute and Museum of California Art, **Habitat: Making the California Environment**. Habitat: Making the California Environment considers landscape painting from the late 19th and early 20th century as a time capsule of California's ecological world. The works in this exhibition reflect a moment of transformation—after European contact but before the state's environments were drastically reshaped by rapid urban development. These plein-air landscapes offer a view into California's environmental past while inviting reflection on present-day ecological concerns, such as invasive species and habitat loss.

WEBSITE: <https://imca.uci.edu/exhibition/habitat-making-the-california-environment/>

YO GABBA GABBA: THE SUPER ART FRIENDS SHOW

October 18, 2025 – December 12, 2025

Greetings art lovers. We are all going to the art show. Join us for an exhilarating celebration of a beloved cultural phenomenon, Yo Gabba Gabba!, that began its journey in Brea, 20 years ago. This unique exhibition will tap into our gallery's vibrant network of emerging local pop, surreal and low-brow artist, showcasing never-before-seen artworks that will take you on a nostalgic trip down memory lane. This exhibit is an opportunity to toast the artistry that was sparked right here in our community of Brea and allow visitors to immerse themselves in the fun.

WEBSITE: <https://www.breaartgallery.com/yo-gabba-gabba-the-super-art-friends-show>

THE MAGIC OF SESAME STREET

June 14, 2025 – January 25, 2026

Since its television debut in 1969, Sesame Street has enchanted generations of children and families with its lively blend of education, humor, music and heart. Created by Joan Ganz Cooney and the Children's Television Workshop (now Sesame Workshop), the groundbreaking PBS show brought to life an unforgettable cast of Muppets and human characters who taught letters, numbers, kindness and curiosity—changing the face of children's television forever.

WEBSITE: <https://hilbertmuseum.org/the-magic-of-sesame-street/>

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/>

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: <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>

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 to 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/bouquereau-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=sIYX1OUKuhl&list=PLroCMysQv0JOpl_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_sSMYfKbNmlcyIFcMyIlg16Rnf0JFt

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