

George Caleb Bingham Academy of the Arts



Imagine...

Creating An American Sampler
theme through creative writing,
music, theatre, or visual art with
students from almost 20 area
high schools for five weeks this
summer.

June 1 - July 2, 2015

Immerse Yourself For Five Weeks In the Arts

Plan to spend part of your summer in your favorite fine arts area, where you will study and concentrate with an American theme.

George Caleb Academy of the Arts could be the program for you.

Begun in 1997 by the Independence Schol District, it is for talented students who may select one of four areas: Creative Writing, Music, Theatre, or Visual Art.

GCB Academy is open to all students, grades 9-12, from area public and private schools and home school settings.

Besides a college-type learning experience from some of the top instructors in the area, students will work with

professional artists, musicians and writers.

This summer, students will see *Hairspray* at the New Theatre Restaurant and some will see Mozart's *The Abduction from the Seraglio* at the Des Moines Opera.

Section field trips will also visit The Jazz Museum, the Negro Leagues Baseball and Museum, along with other locations, performances and museums throughout the area.

Students are accepted after an application review. Attendance is important during the five weeks of the program, June 1-July 2. High school credit is given, and college credit is available.

Select a subject:

Creative Writing

Develop your own portfolio, meet with professional writers, prepare for college writing, develop electronic writing skills, produce a literary magazine with fellow students, receive individual critiques and explore various genres. Instructors: James Heiman and Zac Gall, with Ruth Ann Hafner, magazine adviser, and award-winning author Sergio Troncoso.

Music

Vocal and instrumental students will join together in a multi-faceted curriculum of American music, supplemented by seeing performances. All will join together in instrumental, choral and dance, creating a spectacular show at the end of the program. Coordinator: Sariah Pinick.

Theatre

Actors will study auditioning, improvisation, characterization, movement, make-up, technical and acting techniques. Students will attend performances and create their own, based on American playwrights. Instructor: Kittie Harden, and consultant Clay Morgan and others.

Visual Art

Emphasis on oil painting, water color, drawing and new techniques as well as refining personal style. Guest artists, figure drawing and sketching will enhance the experience. Students will develop easel skill usage and on-site drawing and painting. Instructors: Terri Cook and Jim Gubar.

The Where's, The Why's, The How's!

Classes for the five weeks will meet four hours each weekday morning.

Music students will meet at Music/Arts Institute, 1010 S. Pearl, Independence, while Creative Writing, Theatre and Visual Art students will be at MCC-Blue River on East 78 Highway, Independence.

Students must provide their own transportation to classes, but the program will provide field trip transportation.

Although classes meet in the morning, a few afternoon and/or evening field trips, music events, performances and other experiences will enhance the learning process.

All students will receive one semester of high school credit, and eligible students, upon meeting the criteria, can earn three hours of transferable college credit from MCC-Blue River, upon paying a \$25 processing fee.

Attendance is critical during the five-week program. Students must attend classes daily.

What does the program cost?

Nothing. Not a dime. It is free, unless qualified students wish to apply for optional dual college credit, and that involves a \$25 processing fee.

Otherwise, all field trips, high school credit, books, music, art supplies, play scripts and similar items are included at no charge.

Incidental costs, such as snacks, some meals on field trips or extra supplies or items students want for themselves, are up to the student to purchase.

Special events for everyone

Academy students will perform in a Showcase of the Arts in the evening of July 1. All sections will be represented with musical and theatre presentations, stage design and writing components.

Creative writing and art students will display finished works before the showcase begins.

A graduation ceremony will precede the show. Some students will receive awards as well. Artwork and the creative writing magazine will be for sale that evening.

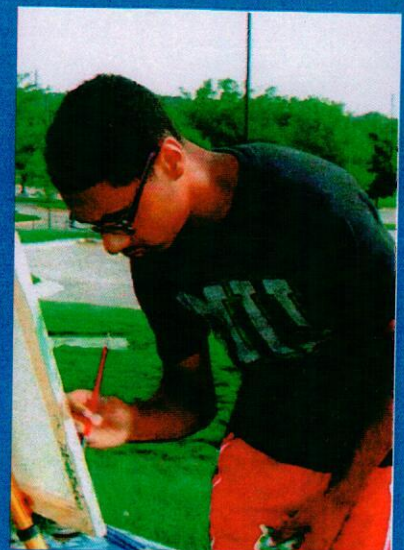
A brunch for students the morning of July 2, will close the program.

Who Attends?

Add your school for 2015! In 2014, students attended from Archbishop O'Hare, Blue Springs, Blue Springs Freshman Center, Blue Springs South, Fort Osage, Grain Valley, Grandview Christian, Lee's Summit North, Lee's Summit, Lutheran High School, Notre Dame de Sion, Plaza Heights Christian, Raytown, St. Pius X, St. Teresa's Academy, St. Vincent dePaul, Summit Christian Academy, Truman, Van Horn and William Chrisman, plus students in home school settings.

The Arts Come Alive

Students not only hone their creativity in the classroom but also in special performances. These photos show creative writing, music and visual art students at work. Cover photo shows a theatrical performance.



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Request application

1. To receive an application, fill out the form at the bottom of this page and send it by **March 13** to director **Molly Clemons, George Caleb Bingham Academy of the Arts, 1010 South Pearl, Independence, MO 64050**. Students who have completed 9th through 12th grades may apply. Talented students who have completed 8th grade will also be considered. (You may also scan and email this form to: molly_clemons@idschools.org, or fax it to 816-836-4998.)
2. We will then send you an application form to complete. You must return the application form, medical form, your high school transcript and publicity release form to director Molly Clemons at 1010 South Pearl by **March 27**.
3. After we receive your application, we will set up auditions with Music and Theatre students. We will also set a date for Visual Art students to show four pieces of their art. Creative Writing students must send three pieces of their original writing with their applications.
4. Late applications under special circumstances may only be approved by director Molly Clemons.

**Yes, I am interested in attending the
George Caleb Bingham Academy of the Arts
June 1 - July 2, 2015**

Please Print in Ink

Name _____ Age _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
School _____
Present Year/Grade in School _____
E-mail address _____

Apply for only one of the following areas. Please check the one in which you are interested:

Creative Writing Theatre
 Music Visual Art

- Deadline to return this request for application is **March 13, 2015**.
- We will mail you the application form, which must be completed by **March 27**.
- You will receive information about audition or portfolio review appointments by approximately **May 4**.

(If you have questions or need more time, please call director Molly Clemons at 729-7097 or 836-0585. You may also e-mail her: molly_clemons@idschools.org)

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