

ARTS SMARTS 2025 Camps

The Ware Center, 42 N. Prince St., Lancaster Week 1 – June 16 to 20, 2025 Week 2 – June 23 to 27, 2025

DANCE Grades K-2

Hip Hop Happy (Week 1 AM)

• Since its very start, Hip Hop dance has made a huge impact on our world. In this camp, we will work on basic Hip Hop steps, styling, and technique. Throughout the week, we will have fun moving through this energetic genre and rehearsing a poppin' Hip Hop routine to present at the Friday showcase!

Ha-Ha-Cha-Cha-Cha (Week 1 PM)

• This camp will focus on that Latin dance favorite – the cha-cha – its steps, styling, and technique. Turn, dip, slide, and have a ballroom ball while developing a fabuloso chacha routine for the closing day presentation!

All That Jazz (Week 2 AM)

• Centered around improvisation and creativity, Jazz dance is showy fun. Here campers will play with its four basic elements – form, style, rhythm, and energy - as they prepare to perform their own original Jazz routine on Friday.

A Lotta Bachata (Week 2 PM)

• Birthed in the Dominican Republic, but now wildly popular all around the world, campers here will have a blast with Bachata Dance. Learning its steps, styling, and technique, they will dance their way to a week's end rousing performance.

DANCE Grades 3-5

Pop, Lock & Rock! (Week 1 AM)

• Campers will explore the world of hip-hop through different styles and learn choreographed dance, as well as discover ways to make this dance form all the more fun and exciting! At the end of the week, campers will present their won routine dance.

Shake, Sparkle, & Shine (Week 1 PM)

• In this camp, we will dive into and unlock our campers cheery sides through the interesting style of pom dance. We will learn different forms when dancing in groups, and as a team create a choreographed routine to put together a show-stopping performance by the end of the week.

Gravity & Grace (Week 2 AM)

• Here campers will discover ways of making the slower side of contemporary dance captivatingly fun by exploring different styles and devising an original story and dance to perform at week's end.

Pointe Perfection (Week 2 PM)

• Campers will prance their way into the wonderful world of Ballet by learning about its many periods, while they create their own story told as an elegant and fun choreographed dance for an end of the week performance.

MUSIC Grades K-2

Mark Your Music (Week One AM)

• What does music look like? This summer, campers will learn how to draw melodies and express the way that music makes them feel - through art!

Drumming Mayhem (Week One PM)

• Calling all percussionists! Every afternoon, campers will have the opportunity to experience the many joys of drumming. From making our own percussion instruments to learning how to hold and use drum sticks, the wonders of the drum will come to life!

Nice Moves (Week Two AM)

• Looking for a way to release your energy? Let's move to the music! campers will get to move to various sounds and musical works through games and dance!

Jazz and Jingles (Week Two PM)

• Let's get jazzy! Campers will learn about some of the most important qualities of jazz music through song and play while also learning to write their own Jingle using a blues scale. Come experience all the fun that jazz music has to offer!

MUSIC Grades 3-5

Tuneful Voices (Week One AM)

• Love to sing? Or just want to give it a try? Campers will raise their voices in song this week, as they practice singing, but also playing musical games, every day!

Let's Read! (Week One PM)

• Did you know that you can READ music? In this camp, we'll have fun finding out not only what songs sound like, but what they *look* like, too!

Music & Motion (Week Two AM)

• Moving is not just for the playground and gym. In this camp, we'll put the beat in our feet through exciting kinesthetics!

Global Grooves (Week Two PM)

• Here's an opportunity for campers to travel our vast and diverse world, as they explore the cultures of various countries through their distinctive and delightful musical traditions!

THEATRE Grades K-2

Under the Big Top: A Circus Spectacular! (Week 1 AM)

• Step right up and join the circus! Through theater games, crafts, and performance, campers here will immerse themselves in the wacky wonderful world of circus clowns, acrobats, animal trainers, and more!

A Midsummer Night's Dream - A Play Within a Play! (Week 1 PM)

All the world's a stage, and all the campers merely players! Here, we offer a basic introduction to the works of William Shakespeare designed specifically for our youngest campers using his humorous story of love, fairies, mistaken identity and magic – A Midsummer Night's Dream - as its basis. Campers will perform a short, silly, modernized version of a scene from this classic comedy.

Asteroids, Astronauts, Aliens, Oh My! (Week 2 AM)

• 3...2...1..BLAST OFF! Here camper-astronauts will journey into outer space, riding in rocket ships, exploring planets, and encountering friendly aliens! They'll travel lightyears away each morning yet be back on earth to tell their stories before lunchtime.

Exploring Plays: Beauty and the Beast! (Week 2 PM)

• In this camp, we will explore the classic fairy tale *Beauty and the Beast.* Campers will learn lines, blocking, choreography, make props and costumes, and perform their own original version of this timeless magical story.

THEATRE Grades 3-5

Sappy Soaps (Week 1 AM)

• In this camp, *All My Children* meets *Young and the Restless* in the *Days of Our Lives*. Campers will work together to create their own overly dramatic serial to present onstage.

Breaking Newz (Week 1 PM)

• There's no business like news business! Campers, here, will build their own news station with anchors, sportscasters, weather reporters, etc., and at the end of the week present a live onstage "brevity-broadcast."

The 5-Minute Musical That Could (Week 2 AM)

• Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance! But Gotta Make It Snappy! Here, with both narrative and movement, campers will create and perform their own original *mini*-musical.

Make My Stage (Week 2 PM)

• This is an opportunity for campers to explore theatrical design and create different theatre staging forms including theatre-in-the-round, proscenium, and thrust stages.

VISUAL ARTS Grades K-2

Color Curious (Week 1 AM)

• In this camp, we will explore and play with color – color mixing, analogous colors, complimentary colors, the whole rainbow! An art show of the camper's works will end this colorful week.

Printmaking (Week 1 PM)

• Welcome campers to printmaking week, hands-on projects in everything from stamps to monoprints, with a closing showcase of original print creations.

Artists Inspire (Week 2 AM)

• This week campers will learn about such artists as Keith Haring, Ed Emberley, Henri Matisse and more, and use their artwork to inspire their own that will be exhibited on Friday.

Fabric and Textiles (Week 2 PM)

• Here campers will create arts that looks and even feels good! They will make string painting, create their own batiks, do weaving, and more – all to be displayed in a final day art exhibit.

VISUAL ARTS Grades 3-5

Experiment Like An Artist (Week One AM)

• Here young artists will try out different art forms like collage and abstract expressionism. They'll learn to take creative risks and turn everyday materials into amazing artworks through hands-on activities and teamwork

Art Explorers (Week One PM)

• Explore the world of art from sculpting with everyday objects to creating expressive paintings, each day offering hands-on activities to spark creativity and imagination in a fun and supportive environment.

Seeing How Artists See (Seeing Like an Artist) (Week TWO AM)

• Campers here embark on a week-long journey of artistic perception, where they explore observation and expression in art through engaging activities and creative challenges, culminating in a deeper understanding of artistic vision and emotive storytelling.

Art Stories (Week Two PM)

• Join our Story Illustrations Art Camp for a week of creative exploration! Campers will craft characters, set scenes, and illustrate narratives through hands-on activities, workshops, and a final showcase of their imaginative creations.