



Middletown Commission on the Arts - KIDS ARTS 2016

MIDDLETOWN COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

Through KIDS ARTS 2016 the Commission continues to demonstrate the City's commitment to the next generation of creators and audiences and to local artists and organizations. KIDS ARTS is your tax dollars at work. KIDS ARTS provides the funding and cooperative administrative support to enable our wonderful artists and arts/culture organizations to share their creative programs and talents with the youth of our City. Beyond KIDS ARTS, City tax dollars provide additional arts support and arts activities including stimulus incentive programs, a public art collection, weekly summer concerts and special events.

Middletown Commission on the Arts - 860.638.4510 - Rm. B11, Municipal Bldg., 245 deKoven Drive

NORTH END ARTS RISING (NEAR), INC.

NEAR, Inc. is the non-profit arts organization that runs THE BUTTONWOOD TREE PERFORMING ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER.

They support the creative activities of artists and potential artists; creating a space for artistic, cultural, creative and educational experiences in Middletown. Program activities include: visual art exhibits, music performances, poetry readings, theater, workshops and classes. These cultural, community events, art gallery and a used bookstore are held at The Buttonwood Tree, 605 Main Street, Middletown. www.buttonwood.org

The Buttonwood Tree 860.347.4957

ODDFELLOWS PLAYHOUSE

Oddfellows Playhouse is a non-profit theater and performing arts program for young people. Playhouse programs are designed to give young people the chance to develop their creative abilities and to learn about commitment, cooperation and responsibility in a non-competitive environment. The Playhouse actively seeks the participation of children from all backgrounds and works to promote multicultural understanding. The Playhouse is located at 128 Washington Street in Middletown. Additional funding for the Children's Circus is provided by the Middlesex United Way.

Oddfellows Playhouse 860.347.6143

BEFORE/AFTER CARE OPTIONS AND CARE4KIDS

The City Recreation Division offers Before Care and After Care programs for children enrolled in City Summer Camps including Kids Arts 2016. Registration is required and spaces fill fast, it's a 1st come, 1st served offering.

Details/registration forms are in the Recreation & Community Services Winter/Spring Brochure.

Contact the Recreation Division at 860.638.4500 to learn more.

The City Arts Office participates in the State of CT Care4Kids program as a provider of daycare.

KIDS ARTS - BUSSING POLICY/INFORMATION - PLEASE NOTE: Mid-Day Bus Service Is Not Offered

Pick-up and drop-off locations may be chosen from the following sites: [these are the only choices available](#)

- Corner of Green St. & deKoven Drive
- Traverse Square (Church Street)
- Corner of Pine & Church Streets
- Wilcox Apts./Forge Square (Pameacha Avenue)
- Maplewood Terrace (at Walnut Street)
- Bielefield School (Maynard Road)
- Farm Hill School (Ridge Road)
- Woodbury Circle (Summer Hill Road)
- Wesley School (Wesleyan Hills Road)
- Lawrence School
- Snow School (Wadsworth Street)
- Plaza Drive (lower parking lot)
- Corner of Rose Circle & Newfield Street
- Keigwin School (Spruce Street)
- Macdonough School
- Moody School (Country Club Road)
- Corner of Town Colony & Westlake Drives
- Highlands Circle (at blacktop)
- Corner of Sawmill and Atkins
- Corner of Brechlin and Atkins

Details regarding times of pick-up and drop-off will be available after registration. Final locations will be determined by your choices. If a location is not requested it will be dropped from the route. On your registration form, enter the location nearest you.



The programs and services of the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts are provided through City tax dollars and contributions from local businesses and private donations. KIDS ARTS 2016 is contingent upon the Common Council's approval of the Commission's 2016-2017 budget request.



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The programs listed below are sponsored by the Middletown Commission on the Arts and run by NEAR (North End Arts Rising), Inc. and Oddfellows Playhouse. **Programs do not meet July 4, 2016.**

FEE STRUCTURE (Full Payment Must Accompany Registration)

- *Households receiving Temporary Aid to Families (TAF), or qualifying for free school lunches under State of CT guidelines:** no cost
- *Households receiving reduced price school lunches or food stamps:** \$50/household, for 1/2 day (Creative Arts Workshops) \$25
- *Reduced Rate for families whose weekly income exceeds, by up to \$192.30, the standards for reduced price school meals (see chart):** \$100 first child; \$50 ea. add'l child; for 1/2 day (Creative Arts Workshops) \$50/\$25
- Standard Rate:** \$250 first child; \$150 second child; \$100 ea. add'l. child; for 1/2 day (Creative Arts Workshops) \$125/\$75/\$50
- Non-Resident Rate:** \$500 per child (Registrations not processed prior to 4/1)

REDUCED PRICE: WEEKLY GROSS INCOME CHART

Household Sz.	Fee Structure Category	
	Reduced Rate #2	Reduced Rate #3
2	\$567	\$759.30
3	\$715	\$907.30
4	\$863	\$1055.30
5	\$1011	\$1203.30
6	\$1159	\$1351.30
7	\$1307	\$1499.30
8	\$1455	\$1647.30
ea. add'l.	+\$148	+\$340.30

*Verification required with submission of application. Verify with one of the following documents: copy of your "Free or Reduced Price Meal form" from child's school or a Cash Budget Sheet from CT Dept. of Social Services if you are receiving TAF. For those applying for the Reduced Rate (#3 above) the required verification is a copy of your latest IRS 1040EZ, 1040A or 1040 form.

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS of NEAR, Inc.

Days/Dates: Monday - Friday, June 27 - July 27
Place: Spencer School
Enrollment: LIMITED TO 15 IN EACH CLASS
Times: 9 - 11:30 am and 12:30 - 3 pm

➔ ➔ **Mid-day bus service is NOT offered** ◀ ◀
 ➔ ➔ **for 1/2 day enrollees!** ◀ ◀

Project FUN!

In 5 weeks, students will work closely with professional artists and teachers to create original performance pieces through music, drama, visual arts, poetry, dance and creative play.

Music & Movement! *a.m. ages 10-14, p.m. ages 6-9*
 As wild tigers or space travelers, firefighters or princesses, children make sense of their reality, their worlds, and themselves through play. This music and movement program is led by Kate Hubbard- an acclaimed creative dramatic artist, with music written by award-winning composer Kenneth Lundquist, Jr. Ignite your child's creative spark through a profound exploratory arts experience through music, dancing intuitively, and creating new song lyrics. This unparalleled experience will create a lasting adventure of personal artistry for each student.

Visual Art! *a.m. ages 6-9; p.m. ages 10-14*
 These dynamic visual art sessions will center on the creation of unique pieces of artwork utilizing painting, poetry, and other media. Renowned artist Che La'Mora will utilize her specialized "I am" curriculum which guides students to explore and discover who they are creatively, awakening their imaginative sense of self.

Teachers and students present a final performance on Wednesday, July 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Spencer School.

NOTE: The Kids Arts programs are open to everyone and they **require a full five (5) week commitment of time and energy.** Skills are gained and refined from Day One. Consistency is the only way to build towards a performance. **Maximum absences: 3 days. Please don't enroll if your child will be missing more than 3 days, particularly during the final 2 weeks!**

Registration is on a 1st come, 1st served basis. Families should provide lunches for their children. Students eligible for Free/Reduced Lunches can receive lunch through CRT on-site.

28th Annual CHILDREN'S CIRCUS ! NEW FULL-DAY Program only! Ages: entering Grade 3 through age 15

Days/Dates: Mon - Fri, June 27 - July 29
Performance: Friday, July 29, 5 p.m.
(raindate: Sat., July 30, 5 p.m.)

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Place: Spencer School

Circus Director: Jason Leinwand
Enrollment Limit: 125 PARTICIPANTS TOTAL

Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater presents the 28th Annual Children's Circus of Middletown. This 5-week, interdisciplinary, **FULL-DAY program**, culminates in a spectacular outdoor circus performance before a crowd of over 1,000 spectators!

- Week one: **FUNDAMENTALS**-Children work with every circus teaching artist and discover all disciplines in the circus! (clowning, unicycling, stilting, visual arts, acrobatics, & juggling)
- Weeks 2 & 3: **SPECIALIZATIONS**-Children choose two areas of specialization from the above disciplines, train daily in these areas and perform at the end of each week.
- Weeks 4 & 5: Each participant will be cast into a featured role in a circus act. Children will create and rehearse their acts in preparation for the dress rehearsal and the final performance.
- **NEW ELECTIVE PERIODS:** Throughout the program children will be able to select their own activities from an on-going rotation of Staff-led Electives. Electives range from an afternoon of paper maché to specialty juggling workshops.



WHAT'S NEW? Our new FULL-DAY programming affords greater opportunities for kids to try new skills, work with guest artists, create original performance pieces, build community and play! This program is a unique blend of traditional summer camp with the excitement of an immersive, arts-based environment. It is both rewarding and fun for everyone!

The ADVANCED CIRCUS PROGRAM (ACP) is open to select kids with 3 or more years of experience in the circus. Do you want to be considered? Check the box under program choices on page KA4 and we'll send you an ACP application. Please note, the ACP is a more rigorous program that focuses on team building, strength training and a more challenging approach to circus training.

Check the following program(s) in which you would like to enroll your child:

Fee Structure-Standard**
(circle one)

PROGRAM	TIME	DATES	AGE	1st/2nd/3rd child
<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art!	9:00 - 11:30 am	June 27 - July 27	6 - 9 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Music & Movement!	9:00 - 11:30 am	June 27 - July 27	10 - 14 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art!	12:30 - 3:00 pm	June 27 - July 27	10 - 14 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Music & Movement!	12:30 - 3:00 pm	June 27 - July 27	6 - 9 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Circus*	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	June 27 - July 29	gr. 3 ¹ - 15 yrs.	\$250 / \$150 / \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> ACP Application*	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	June 27 - July 29	12 - 15 yrs.	\$250 / \$150 / \$100

*Circus program is full-day only. ¹starting Grade 3

**see fee structure on pg. KA2

◆ GETTING TO/FROM ABOVE LISTED PROGRAM(S) ◆ NO MID-DAY BUS SERVICE THIS YEAR! ◆

Will your child take the bus? Yes No

Pick-up/Drop-off location: _____
Choose from the available listed sites on page KA1.

Will your child walk to/from the program? Yes No **REMINDER: Kids Arts 2016 is at Spencer School**

Walking alone or with someone? Alone With (name): _____

Will your child be dropped off/picked up by car? Yes No

If Yes, who will drop off/pick up your child? (Name): _____

◆ FEE INFORMATION ◆

See page KA2 for fee structure.
(non-residents \$500.00 per child -
applications processed on/after 4/1)

◆ DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES ◆

Parent/legal guardian signature below signifies acknowledgement
of policy based on "three strike" rules and the Middletown Public
Schools Parent & Student Handbook.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED, AFTER READING THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS

MEDICAL RELEASE/PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM/FIELD TRIP PERMISSION: I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the KIDS ARTS program(s). I understand and agree that these programs can be physically demanding but I feel my child has the physical ability needed to participate. In the event of an emergency and the parent/guardian/third contact person cannot be reached, I hereby give permission for my child to be transported to the Middlesex Hospital or any nearby medical facility. It is hereby understood and agreed that I shall assume full financial responsibility for any costs over and above that which is not covered by my health insurance. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Middletown; NEAR, Inc.; Oddfellows Playhouse; and its employees from any injuries or damages caused by or resulting from participation in this program. A photostatic copy of this waiver form with my signature shall be considered as valid as the original. Additionally, the KIDS ARTS programs have my permission to take my child on any field trips that are planned for these programs.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY: I agree to accept the disciplinary procedures and policies of the KIDS ARTS programs and abide by the decision(s) of their administrators.

BUSSING POLICY/INFORMATION: I have read and acknowledge the KIDS ARTS bussing policy/information on page KA1 and give permission for my child to ride the bus.

EXTENDED ABSENCE POLICY: I understand that my child is making a 5 week commitment to the KIDS ARTS programs and attendance each week is necessary to the success of the programs.

My child is scheduled to miss three or more days during the program weeks of KIDS ARTS: No Yes: Dates: _____
I understand that by checking "Yes", my child will be waitlisted and may not be admitted to the program(s).

ADDITIONAL POLICIES: I also give permission for my child's photograph or video image to be used for program and/or organization promotional purposes. I understand no refunds will be given after June 1, 2016 or for circumstances beyond the control of KIDS ARTS (e.g., weather, equipment failure, etc.).

SIGNATURE (required) _____ **Date** _____
Parent/Legal Guardian

This program is part of KIDS ARTS 2016 with funding and administrative support provided through the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts. Each presenter is responsible for all aspects of their program, and matters concerning this program may be directed to:
Oddfellows Playhouse at 860-347-6143 or NEAR, Inc. at 860-347-4957.