

Arts for Learning San Diego

An Affiliate of Young Audiences Arts for Learning

Since 1963, Arts for Learning San Diego has been dedicated to advocating and providing arts education through an extraordinary range of high-quality school and community programs.

2018-19 Program Impact:
65,961 Students Inspired
1,390 School Programs Implemented
179 Teaching Artists Employed
2,541 Educators Supported
26 School Districts Served



Arts for Learning San Diego Believes the Arts ...

Are a reflection of the human spirit; having the unique ability to express the deepest parts of human creativity, achievement, and communication

Inspire self-confidence, build critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and have a positive impact on student's ability to learn, think, and function effectively as adults

Allow students to develop self-discipline and important social, cognitive, affective, and psychomotor skills

Expose young people to many cultures and viewpoints, fostering ethnic pride and intercultural understanding



Arts for Learning San Diego envisions a world where all students, families and communities imagine, create, and thrive through the arts.

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Arts for Learning San Diego adheres to the following core beliefs and guiding principles:

At Arts for Learning San Diego, we believe that the arts and artists are essential community resources that deserve sustained advocacy and long-term investment.

We train and commission artists of all disciplines to engage directly with diverse communities through vibrant partnerships at the individual, family, school, and community level.

We ignite the collective imagination of San Diego and inspiring generations of change makers.

Arts for Learning San Diego offers programs that inspire young people to achieve their full potential through the arts.

Arts Discovery- In-school and community programs that combine live performances with interactive arts-based workshops designed to engage families, encourage literacy, and spark creativity in participants of all ages.

In-School Arts Immersion- Through long-term Residencies, Arts Intervention programs, and STEAM initiatives, our in-school programs help students learn academic curriculum in new and memorable ways.

Professional Learning- Our programs increase educators' capacity to infuse their daily teaching practice with creativity and innovation through a series of hands-on, informative professional development sessions.

Community Arts and Literacy Connection- Each year we provide over 72 free community programs, encouraging civic engagement and promoting a connected community, while providing arts-based literacy programs.

