

## Stage, Studio and More! Spend the Summer at the Arts Center

Get your kids thinking outside the box this summer. Enroll them in one of the Arts Center's creative camps and classes.

This year's schedule includes everything from shag lessons to theater training to instruction in the Japanese art of fish printing. Taught by professional actors and artists, the camps and workshops are designed to be both entertaining and educational.

"We want kids to have fun while learning a new skill or craft," said Director of Education Alana Adams. "More importantly, we want to provide them with a setting to exercise their imagination and express themselves artistically, whether it's on stage or in the art studio."

In celebration of the *Response to Nature* exhibit, Madeline Nelson, of May River Orchids, will lead a discussion on orchid culture July 8. Artist P.A. Kessler will discuss her art and sign books at a gallery walk beginning at 3:30 p.m. The event is free, but reservations



should be made in advance at 843-686-3945, ext. 233 or at JRichy@artshhi.com.

In the Performing Arts Camp, running June 21-25 and July 19-23, children will work on a variety of theater skills, including acting, dancing and singing. Each session will feature different dramatic arts and instructors, among them two actors from the Arts Center's production of *The Who's Tommy*. The camp takes place from 10 a.m. to noon for kids 5 to 7 years old and from 1 to 3 p.m. for kids 8 to 12 years of age.

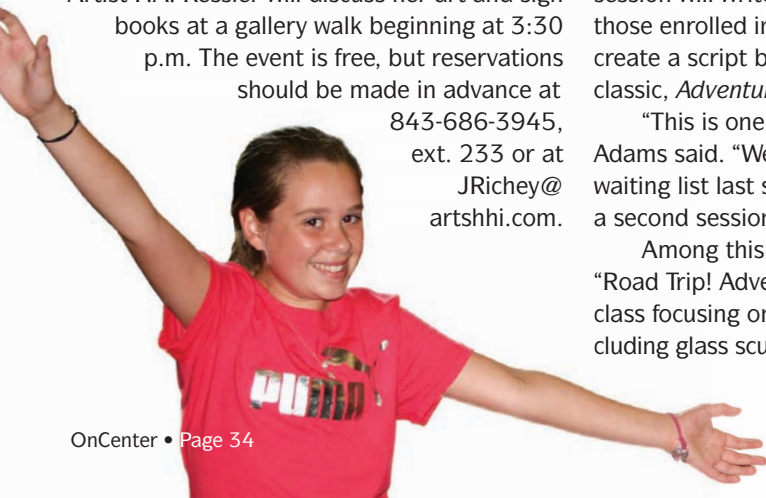
Back by popular demand, Cincinnati actor Jay Apking will lead Theatre Camp, offering students 9 to 14 the opportunity to produce and perform in a mini production that will be presented the last day of class. In addition to writing their own script, they'll create costumes, set pieces and props.

Students participating in the July 12-16 session will write an original one-act play; those enrolled in the July 26-30 camp will create a script based on the Lewis Carroll classic, *Adventures in Wonderland*.

"This is one of our most popular camps," Adams said. "We had so many kids on the waiting list last summer, we decided to add a second session to this year's schedule."

Among this year's all-new camps are "Road Trip! Adventures in American Art," a class focusing on artists from the U.S.A, including glass sculptor Dale Chihuly, and "Out

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of This World Art Camp,” featuring cosmos-inspired projects.

In the visual arts, the offerings include a ceramics camp where students will work on four projects using a variety of hand-building techniques, and “Mixed Up Masterpieces,” a perennial favorite Adams described as an eclectic art class. Inspiration for this year’s projects will come from such artists as Christo and Jeanne-Claude, known for their environmental works, and Wayne Thiebaud, who creates food-related pop art.

Classes have been scheduled so students can participate in both performing and visual arts programs for a full day of camp. Cost is \$100 per session or \$175 for a combination of visual and performing arts camps taken in the same week. Families receive a 20 percent discount on tuition for each additional child participating in the camps.

A number of community workshops for adults and children also will be offered during the summer months. The lineup includes Gyotaku fish printing, beginner and intermediate shag dancing, a puppet-making class and mixed-medium art.

Preregistration is required for all classes, workshops and camps. To sign up, call the Education Office at 843-686-3945, ext. 233 or e-mail [JRichey@artshhi.com](mailto:JRichey@artshhi.com).

