



Middletown Commission on the Arts - KIDS ARTS 2010

MIDDLETOWN COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

Through KIDS ARTS 2010 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 - 860.343.6620 x201 - 100 Riverview Center-Suite 140

NORTH END ARTS RISING (NEAR), INC.

NEAR, Inc. is a non-profit corporation that supports the creative activities and endeavors of artists and potential artists; creating a space for artistic, cultural, creative, and educational experience in Middletown. Program activities include: visual arts exhibits, music performances, poetry readings, storytelling, theater, workshops and classes. In addition to our summer arts programs for children NEAR offer arts events in its facility, **The Buttonwood Tree Performing Arts & Cultural Center**, 605 Main Street, Middletown in a season that runs year-round.

NEAR, Inc. 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

KIDS ARTS - BUSSING INFORMATION

Pick-up and drop-off for all sessions may be chosen from the following sites: these are the only choices available

- Macdonough School (Pease Avenue)
- Corner of Green St. & deKoven Drive
- Traverse Square
- Corner of Pine & Church Sts.
- Forge Square (Pameacha Avenue)
- Maplewood Terrace
- Bielefield School (Maynard Road)
- Farm Hill School (Ridge Road)
- Woodbury Circle
- Wesley School (Wesleyan Hills Road)
- Lawrence School
- Snow School (Wadsworth Street)
- Plaza Drive
- Rose Circle (at the start of the circle)
- Keigwin School (Spruce Street)
- Moody School (Country Club Lane)
- Corner of Town Colony & Westlake
- Corner of Highlands Circle & Westlake
- 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. Enter the location nearest you on your registration form.

**Summer Arts Programs also offered by GREEN STREET ARTS CENTER
contact GSAC for details and to sign up - 860.685.7871**



The programs and services of the City of Middletown Commission on the Arts are provided through City tax dollars, grants from the CT Commission on Culture & Tourism and contributions from local businesses and private donations. KIDS ARTS 2010 is contingent upon the Common Council's approval of the Commission's 2010-2011 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 5, 2010.*

FEE STRUCTURE (Full Payment Must Accompany Registration)

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

REDUCED PRICE WEEKLY GROSS INCOME CHART

Household Sz.	Fee Structure Category	
	Reduced Rate #2	Reduced Rate #3
2	\$519	\$711.30
3	\$652	\$844.30
4	\$785	\$977.30
5	\$918	\$1110.30
6	\$1051	\$1243.30
7	\$1184	\$1376.30
8	\$1317	\$1509.30
ea. add'l.	+\$134	+\$326.30

*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, July 6 - Aug. 4
Place: Macdonough School
Enrollment: LIMITED TO 15 IN EACH CLASS

ART TECH

Times: 10-14 yrs: 9 - 11:30 am
 6-9 yrs: 12:30 - 3 pm

Using foundational design principles we focus on the creativity of artistic expression and the scientific principles of the real world. Connecting art, science and fun - tomorrow's dreams can be realized if we inspire our kids to creatively rise beyond the unknown. Projects include recycled rocketry, object deconstruction/reconstruction, fossil casting and a mural. Peer-cooperation, creativity and attention to detail are encouraged.



TROUBADOUR & MORE

Times: 6-9 yrs: 9 - 11:30 am
 10-14 yrs: 12:30 - 3 pm

The troubadour legacy is one that has transferred factual and emotional knowledge through generations using the power of song. In this class, students will actively investigate their personal life events and those of their contemporaries in order to communicate and define an experience they consider valuable. Portions of this class will focus on creating a newspaper from the ground up, and the other will focus on music. We aim to empower children as they learn through experience. We will guide them to investigate and report, interview, draw, write songs, sing and create instruments. This class gives foundational strength to aspiring writers, lyricists, musicians and creative minds.

CHILDREN'S CIRCUS - 22nd Year! (ages 8 - 14)

Days/Dates: Mon thru Fri, July 6 - Aug. 6
Performance: Friday, Aug. 6, 5 p.m.
 (raindate: Saturday, Aug. 7, noon)
Time: 9 - 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 - 3 p.m.
Place: Macdonough School



Oddfellows Playhouse Youth Theater presents the 22nd Children's Circus of Middletown. This 5-week, half-day program, which has become a national model, culminates in a spectacular outdoor circus performance before a crowd of over 1,000.

- Week one: training in acrobatics, dance, juggling, unicycling, stilt walking, clowning and visual arts.
- Weeks two & three: choose two areas of specialization from the above disciplines, train daily in these areas and perform at the end of each week.
- Weeks four & five: each participant will be cast into a featured role in a circus act. Create and rehearse acts in preparation for dress rehearsals and performance.

Limited space is available in the Full-Day Advanced Circus Program for returning circus performers ages 12-15. For more information on this aspect of the program call the Playhouse at 860.347.6143

LIMIT: 90 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION

NOTE: The Kids Arts programs are open to everyone. They do **require a full five (5) week commitment of time and energy.** Skills are gained and refined from Day One. Relationships are based on consistent attendance. Rehearsals, specialization sharing and preparations for the final extravaganza depend on your child being there consistently or they just won't work. **Maximum absences: 3 days. Please do not sign up if your child will be missing more than 3 days.**

Registration for all programs is on a 1st come, 1st served basis. There is limited availability for full-day programming (full-day Circus not allowed). As a requirement for the full-day option, parents/guardians should provide lunches for their child(ren).

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

FEE STRUCTURE
(circle one)**

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>1st/2nd/3rd child</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Troubadour & More	9:00 - 11:30 am	July 6 - Aug 4	6 - 9 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Art Tech	9:00 - 11:30 am	July 6 - Aug 4	10 - 14 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Circus*	9:00 - 11:30 am	July 6 - Aug 6	8 - 14 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Troubadour & More	12:30 - 3:00 pm	July 6 - Aug 4	10 - 14 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Art Tech	12:30 - 3:00 pm	July 6 - Aug 4	6 - 9 years	\$125 / \$75 / \$50
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*Full-day Circus program is not permitted, choose a.m. or p.m. only.

**see fee structure on pg. KA2 for more info.

BUS TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM ABOVE LISTED PROGRAM(S)

Please check one: Yes, my child will take the bus No, my child will not take the bus.

Choose one (1) location from the available listed sites on page KA1.

Pick-up/Drop-off location: _____

FEE INFORMATION

See page KA2 for fee structure.
(non-residents \$250.00 - residents served first)

◆ DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES ◆

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

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: I have read and acknowledge the KIDS ARTS bussing 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, 2010 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 2010 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.