



Cultural Arts Council
of Douglasville/Douglas County

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Classes in the Arts, for all Ages, Starting in the New Year

Douglasville, Georgia – It's the time of year when New Year's resolutions for personal improvements abound. This could be the year to return to that guitar you loved playing in college, to try a drawing class, to learn new dance moves or investigate an era of art history. The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County can help.

Starting as early as January 6th, the Arts Council's Winter/Spring session will begin and it will feature programs geared to children, programs for adults and some for all ages. It will feature a new dance program, an art history lecture, classical drawing, illustration and storyboard, piano, guitar, cello, violin and mountain dulcimer classes. Some sessions are as short as four weeks, some are ongoing and the lecture is a single event, so not having enough time shouldn't be an obstacle.

The Arts Council's teachers are practicing artists and experienced teachers who delight in seeing students develop in their artistic skills and confidence. "The teachers at the Arts Council are dedicated and imaginative and their arts passion infuses how they teach," said Davina Grace Hill, Executive Director of the Arts Council. "They are role models who inspire their students and develop skills, at the same time."

Those interested in taking classes should go to <http://www.artsdouglas.org/artsEducation/artsEducation.htm> to review starting dates, times and prices. Since the Arts Council is closed for the holidays until Jan 5th, people should register now by faxing a registration form to 770-949-5946 and paying online at the Arts Council's website through Paypal. First thing Monday morning on January 5th the Arts Council will confirm receipt of your registration and payment.

Arts classes are a personal enrichment, an exploration and a personal growth opportunity. Every now and then they can even change the world: It was an Art of Calligraphy class that Steve Jobs dropped in on that forever changed how computer texts look and Google CEO, Larry Page, credits his study of music as a factor in his demand for rapid response from his search engine. Both these technology leaders understood the power that creativity and beauty play in daily life. Taking an arts class can be the first step to increasing their role in your life.

The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/ Douglas County, located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions, more information, or to make your reservations, visit www.artsdouglas.org or contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770-949-2787.

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(What follows are two items -- teachers' bios and the class schedule, if running a sidebar might be an option)

Winter/Spring 2015 Arts Council Teachers:

Eleanor Bennett has a degree in Violin Performance from Georgia State, Teaching Certification from Michigan State University, and a Masters in Music Education from Georgia State. A registered Suzuki Method teacher and a member of the Cobb Symphony Orchestra, she has performed with the Atlanta Community Orchestra, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra.

Joe Falligan was trained as a medical illustrator and he is dedicated to working with young people and teaching them to enjoy and learn from their own creativity in the visual arts, especially comic book art. Falligan works as a cartoon illustrator.

Neil Pollock has played professionally and he has toured extensively throughout the United States and Europe performing solo concerts. Pollock teaches beginning, intermediate, and advanced piano, organ, and guitar for children and adults. He also offers Master classes for those wishing to go beyond the regular lesson plan.

Tom Stavran is a dulcimer player who has played in area churches as well as at the Sheep to Shawl weekend at the Atlanta Historical Society. He focuses on traditional folk songs as well as gospel hymns.

Dr. Lisa Street has taught Art History at the University of West Georgia, Oglethorpe University, and Emory University, among others, for more than 25 years. She views art movements holistically, noting how architecture, music, dance and social movements are all interconnected with the visual arts. A member of the ABWA, Lisa has authored children's books and is an antiques dealer.

Keith Wilson moved to Atlanta to pursue a fine arts degree at the Atlanta College of Art. After earning degrees in Landscape design and Fine Arts, he completed dozens of commissioned art projects. Wilson currently works as a Deputy Sheriff for the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and he operates Lamdan Designs, an artistic services company that creates custom art products.

Joi Jamison, a native of Virginia, is a professional dancer and choreographer with a dance resume that began in 1999 – choreographing talent shows, cheer cams, pageants, workshops, and award shows. Since 2008, she has taught youth and adult dance classes at various dance studios throughout Metro Atlanta and has worked closely with the CAC on various enrichment programs.

Winter/Spring Class Schedule

ART CLASSES

Illustration & Storyboard Art – An Introduction

Joseph Falligan, Instructor

Teens & adults

Tuesdays, 6 – 8 pm

Session 1: January 6 – February 24

Session 2: March 10 – April 28

Design for Comics, Graphic Novels, Medical Illustrations & more! Learn to draw, ink or color comic books or graphic novels, films or animated features from a script and create visual representations of a story. Learn to draw for medical textbooks, advertisements, and exhibits, using traditional and computer-generated images. **(Material list provided)**

\$95 for an 8 class session

\$60 for 4 classes in a session

Classical Drawing Lessons

Keith Wilson, Instructor

For ages 7 -14

Thursdays or Saturdays 10:30am – 12pm

A minimum of 5 students required for each class, please register early.

Session 1: *Thursdays, January 15 – February 19*

Saturdays, January 17 – February 21

Session 2: *Thursdays, April 9 – May 21*

Saturdays, April 11 – May 23

NOTE: There will be no classes on April 23rd & April 25th

This course will introduce drawing fundamentals and advanced drawing techniques using a selection of graphite and charcoal pencils with supporting tools. Students will utilize personal photo references, stock photo references and life displays. Explore art techniques of the “Classical Art Masters” that will require problem solving abilities, patience, focus, listening and comprehension skills. During the six week sessions, a few artistically based careers will be profiled giving exposure to lucrative future possibilities within the art world.

\$85 for 6 classes (includes materials) Registration deadline: one week prior to the start of a session.

A Decade of Deco: The Arts of New York City in the 1920's

Lisa Street, Lecturer

Adults only

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1:30-2:30pm

A minimum of 5 participants required for the lecture, please register early

1920's New York City was the epicenter for a transformation in the arts world. Architecture changed with the Art Deco style, the Harlem Renaissance flourished, noted poet Vachel Lindsay helped an up-and-coming poet, Langston Hughes, gain prominence, artists like Marcel Duchamp changed how we view art and artists like Georgia O'Keefe and Alfred Stieglitz challenged conventions and other artists. It was a whirlwind, heady time in New York and in the arts scene. Join us for a lively lecture and discussion about this pivotal time and place.

\$15 per person. Registration deadline: one week prior to the start of a session.

MUSIC CLASSES

Private Piano or Guitar Lessons

Neil Pollock, Instructor

Ages 8 through adult

Fridays, first class begins Jan. 9th

Time-slot is arranged with instructor; please call the Arts Council for more information.

Private piano and guitar lessons include technique, music reading, ear training, music theory, practice & performance. Lessons are offered to beginners and others who are continuing their piano and guitar training. All technique levels are welcome.

\$100 monthly ongoing classes; 4 weekly 30-minute lessons

\$150 monthly ongoing classes; 4 weekly 45-minute lessons

Violin or Cello Lessons

Eleanor Bennett, Instructor

All ages welcomed

Mondays, 1-5pm; first class starts Jan. 12

Wednesdays, 1 – 8 pm; first class begins Jan. 7

Thursdays, 1 – 8 pm; first class begins Jan. 8

Time-slot is arranged with instructor; please call the Arts Council for more information.

Private lessons will include technique, music reading, music theory, practice and performance.

Students perform twice a year in recitals at the CAC and at various events in the community. Students are also encouraged to participate in one of the many youth orchestras in Atlanta and the surrounding community

\$100 monthly ongoing classes; 30-minute lessons

\$150 monthly ongoing classes; 45-minute lessons

\$160 monthly ongoing classes; 60-minute lessons

Appalachian Mountain Dulcimer Group Lessons

Tom Stavran, Instructor

All ages welcomed

Saturdays, 10 am; Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 14, April 18

Learn the basics of the mountain dulcimer, tunings, proper finger techniques, and strumming traditional folk songs.

\$5 per lesson

DANCE CLASSES

Let's Move Mondays with Ms. Joi

Joi Jamison, Instructor

Ages 5 -12 years old; open to male & female students

Mondays, 6 – 7:30 pm

Session 1: January 12 – March 30

Session 2: April 13 – July 6

NOTE: There will be no class on April 6th & May 25th

During the weekly dance education classes, various style of dance will be taught including: Jazz, Modern, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Salsa/ Caribbean, African, Folk, Ballroom/ Line, Creative Expression. Each week, students will learn basic fundamentals of various dance forms and why dance is essential for today's youth. Each class begins with an interactive warm-up, followed by the learned dance discipline of the week, a cool down period and ends with a Q&A session. At the end of the (3) month session a *final performance* will take place showcasing what the students have learned.

\$65 for 4 classes

The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts, broadening the spectrum of quality exhibits and performances available to the community, and fostering individual interactions with the arts through a wide range of satellite groups. The programs and activities of the Cultural Arts Council are supported in part by the City of Douglasville and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.