



2020 Meeshka Freedom Art Summer Program

The Dane Gallery at the Indian Orchard Mills - 34 Front Street, Indian Orchard MA 01151
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Introduction:

Meeshka's Freedom Art Summer Program (MFASP) is designed for kids ages 7-15, who have a passion for visual arts. No experience required. Much of the artwork we do will have variations for different experience levels. We will focus on teaching students through a variety of techniques using a multitude of materials that will either build on what they already know or be a great way to help them discover what they have a passion for. The areas we will mostly work in are drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking. There will also be opportunities for students to meet other artists from the Indian Orchard Mills, tour their studio space, and get demonstrations of the work they do.

This program strives to give students the freedom to explore their creative interests and work outside the box being less concerned with process v. product and more in touch with finding that happy medium where they can have fun, learn new things and create work they really love. Students are encouraged to come with their own ideas of work they would like to do while being ready to try new things they may not have done before.

In this program, there is also an emphasis on being part of the group, sharing and learning from each other. They sit at one very large table and work together getting to know one another. They will partake in daily critiques of their own work and the work of others. This is a great way to build community and an appreciation for visual art while also learning what words help to have an effective critique. At the end of the week, each participant will write down the names of everyone in the group and give a word or two for what they think shined most about that person and/or their artwork. Then they are given a person's name and they will design a certificate writing down all the words their peers gave them. This helps students show appreciation for each other and them a special token from the group to take home.

Every Thursday, the last day of the weekly program, will be our Mini Art Show. Students will spend that day finishing up their artwork and hanging it to present to their peers. All family and friends are invited to join us at 1pm that day! This is a great opportunity for these young artists to talk about their body of work in front of an audience.

All participants will receive an apron, portfolio and sketchbook their first week in the program that they can keep for additional weeks and take home when the program ends. Each week will be filled with new projects as well as some recurring ones. Signing your child up for multiple weeks is a great idea because not only will they have new experiences every week, they will be able to hone in on skills they've learned from a previous week and you will also save money with our discount for signing them up for more than 1 week!

About the Instructor:

Michelle Pescetta is an artist at the Indian Orchard Mills (IOM), a mother of a 12-year-old daughter and an alumnus of Westfield State University's (WSU) Art Department. Currently she works full-time, for 10 months, as the Administrative Assistant for the WSU Art & Theatre Department. Having the summers off and being a resident artist at IOM, has given her the opportunity to start an art summer program, which has always been her dream, to work with young people, inspire their creativity and be inspired.

During college, Michelle spent a semester abroad in Florence, Italy at the Lorenzo di Medici Art School and has also taught art and graphic design to high school kids that attended the M.E.O.P. program, which was a math, science and art enrichment program held on Saturdays held at WSU. She has also taught, Photoshop at STCC's College for Kids Summer Program for approximately 4 years.

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General Information:

- Students must bring their own lunch, snacks and beverages (we do not have a fridge to keep food cold so use ice packs)
- Water & light snacks provided, but students should still bring their own snacks and a reusable water bottle.
- There is NO air conditioning in the building but we will have open windows and fans.
- Thursday is Pizza day each week (no lunches required) if your child has allergies please inform me ahead of time.
- Thursday is also our mini art show. Parents, family and friends are invited at 1pm to attend.
- Students should always wear clothing and footwear they can get stained and messy in.
- All art supplies, aprons, sketch pad and portfolios are included in weekly rate.
- Cell phones are allowed but will be silent and placed in basket during creative time. Students can use their phones during free time. If you want to get in touch with your child you can always contact Michelle directly 413-563-7405.
- Bathing suit/change of clothes, towel and sunscreen for especially hot days when we will take a break and go to Myrtle Street park across from us on Main street where the kids can get wet at the spray park.

Students will be asked to follow these “Artist at Work” guidelines:

Attitude is everything...stay positive!

Respect each other, each other's art, and each other's ideas.

Try, your best, because effort matters!

It's okay to fail. Fail stands for: First Attempt in Learning.

Spic & span is how we like our studio space.

Take care of your tools and don't waste materials.

A little goes along way.

Think...because you have great ideas!

Walk away from your art & BREATHE when you need a break.

Open your mind to new ideas.

Remember there are no stupid questions or ideas.

Kindness overcomes all obstacles!

General Daily Schedule **Subject to change **Bathrooms breaks anytime throughout the day*

9:00 - 9:15 ~ Drop offs and free time (apron designs, sketchbook)

9:15 – 9:45 ~ Morning Check In & What's the plan for the day?

9:45 – 11:15 ~ Art time

11:15 – 11:30 ~ Clean up and free time

11:30 – 12:30 ~ Lunch outside & Spray Park (weather permitting)

12:45 – 2:00 ~ Art time

2:00 – 2:30 ~ Clean up and pick ups

2020 Meeshka Freedom Art Summer Program Registration Form

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Child 1: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Child 2: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____

How did you hear about us? (circle all that apply) Facebook Instagram Parent Referral (name): _____

Other: _____

SELECT WEEKS

Please check the box for each session you are registering for. ***Please note weeks are Mon. – Thur. (No Fridays)**

Week 1: June 29 th – July 2 nd	<input type="checkbox"/>	Week 4: July 20 th – July 23 rd	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2: July 6 th – July 9 th	<input type="checkbox"/>	Week 5: July 27 th – July 30 th	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 3: July 13 th – July 16 th	<input type="checkbox"/>	Week 6: August 3 rd – August 6 th	<input type="checkbox"/>

PAYMENT CALCULATION

<i>*1st week costs more to cover portfolio, sketch pad, & apron given to each student.</i>		Subtotal	+ LATE REG FEE after 5/31/20	Subtotal	Returning Students take \$25 off	Subtotal
1st week <i>*Not date specific</i>	1 child: \$250 x 1 wk	= \$250	+ \$20		- \$25	
	Siblings (2): \$450 x 1 wk	= \$450	+ \$20		- \$25	
Additional weeks	1 child: \$200 x ____ (#wks)	=	+ \$20 x ____ (#wks)		- \$25	
	Siblings(2): \$360 x ____ (#wks)	=	+ \$20 x ____ (#wks)		- \$25	
*6 Week Bundle	1 child: \$1100 (save \$150)	=	+ \$20 x ____ (#wks)		- \$25	
	Siblings (2): \$2100 (save \$160)	=	+ \$20 x ____ (#wks)		- \$25	
TOTAL BALANCE						

A non-refundable deposit of **\$50.00 PER WEEK** is due with this application. The deposit is deducted from your total balance. Balances must be paid in full by **May 31, 2020 unless on a payment plan contract. *Late registration is an additional fee of \$20 per week, if spots are open.**

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Accepted forms of payment (circle one): CASH – VENMO – PAYPAL

I would like to pay... (check box)		Amount	Balance Forward
<input type="checkbox"/>	Balance in full (Total balance from above)	\$50 x (# wks) =	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deposits Now & Payment in full by 5/31/20	=	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deposit Now & *Payment Plan Contract	\$50 x (# wks) =	

**Payment plans are available please contact Michelle directly for more information.*

I have read, understand and agree to the terms of this application.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____