

# Enrollment Details

West Michigan Center for Arts & Technology will hold an enrollment session for our fall 2009 after-school courses on Wednesday, September 2 from 1:00 – 3:00pm and 4:30 – 6:30pm. Here you will be introduced to WMCAT's youth arts staff and facilities. You are required to attend this session to be eligible for admission. If you are not able to attend this registration, please contact Leanne Rhoads at 454-7004.

In order to participate, you must complete all required forms and waivers. These will be available at enrollment or prior by downloading from our website.

By the first day of call, all forms and waivers should be complete and submitted to Leanne Rhoads.

Spaces fill quickly so come early! Courses are free and admission is first come. Waitlists will be maintained.

## What's New This Year?

This year students have the opportunity to choose between two days of class offerings. You may only choose one class per week and you may attend a Friday workshop. You must sign up for workshops in advance. If enough students' do not sign up the class will be cancelled. Buses will be available at your school two days a week. You are responsible for getting to the Friday workshops. Bus tickets to get home will be provided for those who do not receive bus tickets from school.

## Mark Your Calendar

September 2, 2009: WMCAT registration

September 14, 2009: First day of WMCAT after-school programming

December 17, 2009: Youth Arts Winter Show

# Design Arts

## **It's in the bag**

Wednesday's & Thursday's

Instructor: Mr. John

Come and learn how to express yourself and say who you are by showing it on a tote bag or T-shirt! Here's your chance to do it in a 14 week course learning basic sewing methods, fabric dyeing, screen printing and pattern making. Along with a little bit of fundamentals of colour and paper-making!

## **Illustrious Illustrator**

Monday's & Tuesday's

Instructor: Mr. Herschell Turner

Just what the doctor ordered. Explore how to integrate mind, body and spirit to create masterful illustrations of family members, sport stars or icons of all kinds. Your work will explode in pastels, paint, charcoal and all mediums of the art world.

## **Print Power**

Tuesday's

Instructor: Ms. Alynn

Transform even simple images into bold, dramatic, graphic prints in this class with well-known printmaker Alynn Guerra. Printmaking allows you to make multiple copies of your designs onto paper, fabric, or other materials. It is another way to put images on t-shirts, for example. You will learn lots of techniques and explore many creative possibilities in this fun and exciting art form.

# Digital Arts

## **Comic Book Calamity (9<sup>th</sup> grade students only)**

Wednesday's & Thursday's

Instructor: Mr. George

In this intro class students will make a one page story about something in their lives that is important to them. Using Photoshop and the imaginations of the students the class room will be transformed into a comic book studio. students will learn the language of comic books and some of its basic story telling method's to create a jam comic of pages made by students. The cover will be done by Mr. George.

### **Package It Up!**

Monday's & Tuesday's

Instructor: Mr. George

Have you ever wanted to make your own toy? In Package It Up! you will not only get to make a toy in your own image, the student will design a package and logo for their toy as well. This class is a great combo of painting drawing and digital arts to keep the student on their toes. Students will gain a better understanding of logo design painting, basic drawing and color hormone to come up with a sleek and fresh design. So get ready to enter the world of toy making!

### **Behind the Scenes**

Monday's & Tuesday's

Instructor: Mr. Carl

Have you ever wanted to be a part of a movie-making team? In this class you will be just that, whether it be in front of the camera or behind the scenes, everyone will have a part in producing a short movie with the digital video making equipment available at WMCAT. You will learn the magic of green-screen shooting, where you can place a live actor in front of a background that you shoot at a different place and time. Learn about directing, lighting, and recording with WMCAT's high quality camera. If the magic of movies makes your excitement meter peak, this is the class for you!

# Photography

### **Photo Pen Pal Explosion! (9<sup>th</sup> grade students only)**

Monday's & Tuesday's

Instructor: Ms. Meagan

In Photo Pen Pal Explosion students will have the opportunity to share their creativity and community with a pen pal in another city. Starting with Pinhole cameras, manipulating negatives, and having a blast with a camera in the city we will be learning the basics about black and white photography. A rad-mix of assignments will encourage students to see the city in which they live in new ways and then share that vision with others.

### **Let's Book It!**

Wednesday's & Thursday's

Instructor: Mr. Dennis

Have you ever wanted to be published? See your photos in a book? In this class, that is exactly what we will be doing – creating a book in which everyone in the class will be represented. At the end of class, each student will have their own copy of the book to take with them. You will utilize WMCAT's digital SLR cameras to capture images, and learn some new techniques for getting the photos you want. You will also learn some new tools in Adobe Photoshop to fine-tune and manipulate the digital image. Photos from this class

may be printed for display in the student art exhibit at the end of the semester.

So get ready to start a new chapter in your life, and have some fun in the process!

# Workshops

## **Canvas Floor Creations**

Friday (6 weeks) Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23

Instructor: Jody Grantz

Using your own design create a rug by applying acrylic paint onto canvas. These rugs are super durable for your room, bathroom or as gifts. If there is time you can create more than one rug, make a place matt or come up with another great project using this application.

## **Whale of a Good Time!**

Friday, Sept 18

What a whale of an idea: build a life-size whale out of clay in our fine arts space! That's what one of our ArtPrize entrants will be doing on Friday, Sept. 18. Artist Shay Church and a crew of assistants will be here to construct this massive sculpture and you can help. This artwork should make a splash in the news as well since Maranda from WOOD TV8 will be here to document the happening, as well as a film crew from Western Michigan University.

## **Urban Art Safari! Art Prize Field Trips**

Friday, Sept. 25, Friday, Oct. 2, Friday, Oct. 9

Instructor: Mr. George

Spend an afternoon cruising downtown and checking out ArtPrize entries! Your host, Mr. George will lead you on a magical mystery tour of artistic wonders within a short walking distance of WMCAT. Observe stunning talent and unexplainable creative phenomenon. You will also be able to register to vote in the ArtPrize competition (if you are 16 years or older). This contest has the largest cash prize for art in the world and it will be right here in Grand Rapids. Help decide who gets the \$250,000 first prize!

## **Art Prize Workshops**

Friday, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 9

Instructor: Tony Hendrick (art prize artist)

If you desire to express and explore your unique creative power ...then please join us for an **Oil Painting Workshop** designed to free your unique artistic genius. You will be introduced to oils and launched into a relationship of joy and discovery with painting. The 3-day experience is designed to build confidence and sustain a passion to grow and express the true YOU! You will work together as a group and paint. Diversity of talent is the strength of the class. Every and all visual rendering ability from beginner to advanced is welcome

**Perfect Portraits** (first preference will be given to seniors)

Friday (3 weeks) Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 13

Instructor: Mr. Andrew

Do you enjoy taking pictures of people? Do you need a senior portrait done? Do you find you have folders full of photos of friends, family, and yourself (or would like to?) This three-session Friday workshop may be just the ticket for satisfying your creative needs. Learn studio and natural lighting techniques that will enhance any personal portrait. If you are a senior and don't yet have a plan for getting a senior picture, this could be a good solution. In it, you will use WMCAT's professional level digital cameras. Who knows, you may learn enough to start you down the path of being a professional photographer! If nothing else, you should end up with some fresh fotos that are sure to impress your friends...

**Art Career Exploration**

Friday, Oct. 16

Instructor: WMCAT staff & friends

Want to find out what kind of career options you might have in art-related fields? Come to this Friday workshop and get the straight scoop. Chances are, there are scores of opportunities that you were not aware of. Come and explore the possibilities - you just might discover a career!