



ORANGE COUNTY'S
Pacific Symphony
CARL ST. CLAIR | MUSIC DIRECTOR
arts-X-press

In Celebration of Cole Carsan St.Clair

A transformational experience...

arts-X-press is a summer arts immersion program where middle schoolers come together to explore the arts, be themselves and make lasting friendships. Attending arts-X-press is a rare privilege—just 150 students from throughout Southern California are selected each summer. **You have been nominated to apply for the chance to be part of this diverse community of artists and creative thinkers!**

During this five-day, residential program, students sleep overnight in the dorms and eat meals in the campus cafeteria at Concordia University Irvine. Our professional staff and enthusiastic counselors live on campus with the students, leading them in arts workshops in state-of-the-art arts spaces and in attending professional performances with a chance to check out what happens behind-the-scenes. Unlike many arts programs out there, at arts-X-press, everyone gets the opportunity to play music, sing, make art, act, dance and write throughout the course of the program – all in a supportive, non-competitive environment that values each student's individuality.

“This program is perfect for kids who want to express their talent and to connect with people who have passion for art. When I came to arts-X-press, I felt safe and connected to people...I felt like I belonged here.”

Cost: Financial aid is available to all students, based on need, and we are committed to making it possible for all accepted students to attend. The full tuition for arts-X-press is \$775, which covers all costs for the program including room, board and performance tickets. Applications for financial aid will be sent with acceptance letters. **NO** accepted student will ever be turned away from arts-X-press for financial reasons.

How to apply: Applicants must currently be in 6th or 7th grade. No previous arts training is necessary. You can go online to www.PacificSymphony.org/artsexpress and apply there, or download and fill out the application and return it to your teacher or the Symphony office by the deadline.

For more information on arts-X-press, visit our website at www.pacificsymphony.org/arts-x-press where you can apply, view a video about the program, read our blog, and find answers to frequently asked questions.

Don't miss out on the magic of arts-X-press! Apply now!



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Application Instructions

1. Fill out BOTH pages of the application completely. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
2. Provide **contact information** for ONE parent or guardian who we can call during business hours if we have questions about the application.
3. **Provide an e-mail address** if you have one. This will significantly improve our ability to communicate with you. We promise we won't use it to send you junk mail!
4. Please circle the three **art forms** you are most interested in. During arts-X-press, students will get a chance to experience all five of these art forms, but preferences are taken into consideration for primary workshop placement.
5. Indicate your availability for all the arts-X-press sessions you are available for. Remember, **the greater your availability, the more likely it is that we will be able to find a spot for you.** If your availability changes later on, we can almost always arrange a session change.
6. Please **keep the front info page** from this application so you can refer to it later.

Financial Aid

All students are eligible for financial aid. Financial aid applications will be sent with welcome letters to accepted students.

Students enrolled in a Title 1 School automatically qualify for a reduced tuition to \$475

This tuition reduction will be automatically credited to students who qualify with no additional paperwork necessary. Families can also apply for additional financial aid to reduce their cost further.

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2019 Application

Please complete both pages of this form, including the **essay** and return your completed application to the Symphony office. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

CONTACT INFORMATION (please print)

Student's Name: _____ Gender: M F

Grade Student is in right now: 6 7 (applicants must currently be in 6th or 7th grade)

School Name: _____ School District: _____

Nominator (required): _____ Nominator's email _____

(All applicants must be nominated by a classroom or after-school program teacher, private lesson instructor, coach, etc.)

If you were **not** nominated by a teacher, please provide the name of a teacher who can serve as a reference.

Reference name: _____ Reference email: _____

Primary Parent/ Guardian Contact (who should arts-X-press staff call if we have questions about your application?)

Primary Parents/Guardians Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____ Apt. #: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

The best way to contact me during the day is: home phone work phone cell phone e-mail

I prefer to receive my paperwork and phone communication in: English Spanish Vietnamese Chinese

Emergency Contact (someone we can call other than a parent/primary guardian in case of emergency)

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____ Phone: _____

AVAILABILITY AND INTEREST

I am available for the following sessions of arts-X-press 2019 (check all that apply):

Session #1 (July 6-10, 2019) Session #2, (July 13-17, 2019) Session #3, (July 20-24, 2019)

Please circle **THREE** art forms you have the most interest in participating in during arts-X-press:

visual art theater dance vocal music instrumental music

If you selected instrumental music:

What instrument does your child play? _____ # of years: _____

Does your child know how to read music? yes no Will your child be able to bring their instrument? yes no

Please indicate if you have participated in any of the following Pacific Symphony programs before:

Family Musical Mornings: yes no Class Act: yes no Strings for Generations: yes no

Santiago Strings: yes no Santa Ana Strings: yes no

Do you have a sibling who has attended arts-X-press? yes no Name: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

DEMOGRAPHICS (please circle those that apply)

White or Caucasian

Black or African American

Hispanic or Latino

Chinese

Korean

Vietnamese

Asian Indian

Other Asian

American Indian or Alaska

Native

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Decline to respond

Other (please specify) _____

ARTS INFORMATION

Does your child sing with a group? yes no Where? _____ # of years: _____

Does your child study dance? yes no What type? _____ Where? _____ # of years: _____

Is your child involved in theater? yes no Where? _____ # of years: _____

Has your child had art lessons? yes no Where? _____ # of years: _____

STUDENT ESSAY

Using the space provided below, please write **in your own words**: Why are the arts important to you? Why would you like to attend arts-X-press?

Student and Parent Agreement for Participation in arts-X-press

Both the student and parent must sign this agreement for the application to be considered.

I understand attending arts-X-press is a special privilege. I understand that if accepted, I am expected to attend the entire program. I accept responsibility for completing all paperwork, attending all orientation meetings, and I understand the importance of this commitment. If for any reason, at any time, I cannot fulfill my obligations to arts-X-press I will notify Pacific Symphony IMMEDIATELY so another deserving student can have this opportunity.

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____