



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

In Celebration of Cole Carsan St.Clair

Creative. Empowering. Leadership.

Imagine a program that puts creative risk-taking at the forefront. One that cultivates magic, inspires outside-the-box thinking and celebrates the uniqueness of everyone in its community. arts-X-press is a place where you'll spend your days surrounded by people who inspire and challenge you, who embrace you for you and who make you laugh. It's a place where you'll transform the lives of students and be transformed.

Here's what you can expect as an arts-X-press counselor ...

Leadership development

At arts-X-press, we are committed not only to developing our students, but also to developing the leadership potential of our counselors. Our professional arts faculty will serve as mentors to you both in the classroom and in the dorms and our administration will provide you with feedback and real-world leadership training that translates into life after arts-X-press.

Mentorship

Not only will you receive mentoring, but you'll also give it. At arts-X-press, our counselors are on the front lines; given real responsibility to guide and mentor our students from the classrooms to our excursions to the dorms. Many of our arts-X-press alumni credit their counselors with giving them the confidence they needed to find their voice – a pivotal moment in many of our middle schoolers' lives. As a mentor, you just may find yourself transformed too.

Community Service

All of our counselors volunteer their time to give back to our community through arts-X-press. More than 70% of our arts-X-press students are on financial aid and our counselors are passionate about being able to provide arts opportunities for students no matter their background. arts-X-press counselors receive 100 community service hours. Additionally, all meals, excursion tickets and living arrangements are paid for.

New friends

One of the best parts of arts-X-press is our community. As an arts-X-press counselor, you'll join our dynamic community of creative, energetic, passionate people who want to make the world a better place. You'll leave arts-X-press with new lifelong friends and mentors who will continue to be invested in you even after arts-X-press has ended.

A Day in the Life...

Our counselors are at the heart of arts-X-press. You'll be with students all day and night for the duration of one four night, five day arts-X-press session, fully participating in the program and living overnight on the campus of Concordia University Irvine.

Program Components:

- **Arts Workshops:** daily hands-on workshops that encourage students to take risks, immerse themselves in the creative process and expand their understanding of an art form
- **Excursions:** professional performances by local arts organizations, which take learning into the real world, exposing students to professional artists and unique behind-the-scenes experiences
- **Group Activities:** a variety of group activities that are designed to develop social bonds between middle schoolers of diverse backgrounds, promote respect and appreciation for others and explore each student's creativity
- **Parent Presentation:** the culmination of our students' time at arts-X-press, this special event welcomes families to campus to see the impressive work that's been produced over the course of the week

"I felt that my greatest accomplishment this summer was the confidence that being a counselor gave me. I was so incredibly proud of the person arts-x-press has allowed me to become. Going into the week I was so nervous about working with the kids and pushing myself to be an inspiring counselor, but found such pride in myself through the great friendships I formed with the other counselors and campers, and the risks that I pushed myself to take."

arts-X-press Counselors are...

- Between the ages of 16 and 20 as of July 1.
- Available to live on campus for at least one of the arts-X-press sessions in July and available to attend the mandatory counselor training.
- Passionate about the role that the arts and creativity can play in young lives.
- Excited about taking creative and social risks and being a role model for students.
- Responsible, energetic and hard-working.
- Leaders in their schools and communities.
- Open to feedback and personal growth.
- Diverse in their backgrounds, personalities and passions.
- Fun to be around and find the humor and magic in life!



Cultivate your leadership with arts-X-press! [Apply now!](#)

Questions?

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