

BALTIMORE SCHOOL
for the **ARTS**

2015/2016
**Audition
Schedule**

Twigs
TO WORK IN GAINING SKILLS

**FREE
ARTS
Classes**



VISUAL ARTS

If you like to draw, paint, or work with your hands, we offer lessons with professional artists to develop skills in drawing, painting and sculpture. 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grade classes will be held once a week for two hours. 8th grade classes will meet twice a week for two hours each.

Visual Arts Auditions

Saturday, April 25, 2015

*Students entering grades 4-8 in Sept., 2015 can audition.

9:30 a.m. Students with last names beginning with A-F

10:30 a.m. Students with last names beginning with G-L

1:00 p.m. Students with last names beginning with M-R

2:00 p.m. Students with last names beginning with S-Z

Applicants should choose 8 to 10 examples of their artwork that they particularly like. This could include drawings, paintings, collages, ceramics, prints, weavings, metal or wood working projects or anything else made by hand in school, private lessons or at home. Applicants should be prepared to discuss their artwork. They will also complete a drawing exercise during the audition. Materials for this drawing will be provided. The audition may last for up to two hours.

Stage PRODUCTION & DESIGN

Learn a large variety of stage design and production skills through puppetry art and literary theatre. Make puppets, scenery, props, costumes, and rehearse and perform your stories. The stage production program is for fifth through eighth graders.

Stage Production Auditions

SATURDAY, April 25, 2015

*Students entering grades 5-8 in Sept., 2015 can audition.

10:00 a.m. Students with last names beginning with A-L

1:00 p.m. Students with last names beginning with M-Z

Previous experience is not required. Each applicant should bring examples of his/her artwork (drawings, paintings, sculpture, collage, etc.). Applicants should be prepared to discuss their artwork. Any experience working on performances, i.e., plays, concerts, dance shows, may be included in the discussion.

DANCE

Develop your talents in dance. Our staff of professional dancers will train you in the basics of ballet. Classes will be held 1-4 times a week depending upon class level. In the fall, TWIGS students may audition for the school's annual production of *The Nutcracker*.

Dance Auditions

Friday, April 24, 2015

*Students entering grades 6-8 in Sept., 2015 can audition.

3:00 p.m. Students entering grade 6

4:00 p.m. Students entering grade 7 & 8

Saturday, April 25, 2015

*Students entering grades 2-5 in Sept., 2015 can audition.

9:00 a.m. Students entering grade 2 with last names beginning with A-L

10:30 a.m. Students entering grade 2 with last names beginning with M-Z

1:00 p.m. All Students entering grade 3

2:30 p.m. All Students entering grade 4

4:00 p.m. All Students entering grade 5

Each applicant will participate in a brief dance movement class as part of the audition. For the audition, wear a leotard, spandex shorts, or gym shorts with a close-fitting tee shirt. Legs should be bare with socks on the feet—no skirts, leg warmers, costumes or jeans. Ballet slippers or socks are required. No pointe shoes. Loose-fitting clothing or jewelry should not be worn. Hair should be securely pinned back. The audition will last about two hours.

THEATRE

Explore your imagination in acting classes. Express your feelings in theatre games, poetry and scenes from plays. Classes include improvisation, play-making, and scene study. The 8th grade classes include monologue rehearsal to develop audition material. Classes will be held once a week for one and 1/2 hours.

Theatre Auditions

SATURDAY, April 25, 2015

*Students entering grades 5-8 in Sept., 2015 can audition.

10:00 a.m. Students with last names beginning with A-L

1:00 p.m. Students with last names beginning with M-Z

Each applicant must be prepared to perform a memorized monologue (one character's speech from a play) no more than two minutes in length or poem approximately one minute long.

MUSIC Instrumental

Improve on the instrument you now play. On Saturdays you will participate in Band or Orchestra, have a private or group lesson on your instrument and take a musicianship class. We offer lessons in all orchestra and band instruments, i.e., string, woodwind, brass, percussion, as well as piano, guitar, and harp.

Use the Madison Street entrance for instrumental auditions.

Instrumental Music Auditions

*Students entering grades 5-8 in Sept., 2015 can audition on the following instruments.

Monday, April 20, 4:45 p.m.

Viola, Cello, Bass

Tuesday, April 21, 4:45 p.m.

Percussion, Guitar

Wednesday, April 22, 4:45 p.m.

Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon

Thursday, April 23, 4:45 p.m.

French Horn, Trombone, Tuba, Trumpet

*Students entering grades 2-8 in Sept., 2015 can audition on the following instruments.

Monday, April 20, 4:45 p.m.

Violin, Harp

Thursday, April 23, 4:45 p.m.

Piano

Bring your instrument and music. (We provide a piano for piano auditions and a snare drum for percussion auditions.) Be prepared to play one or two selections and one or two scales on your instrument.

MUSIC Vocal

Learn to sing and care for your voice. You will participate in a choral music program to work on components of singing including breath support, posture, note reading and sound production. Some 8th graders may also be asked to participate in additional music workshops.

Vocal Music Auditions

Saturday, April 25, 2015

*Students entering grade 7 & 8 in Sept., 2015 can audition.

9:00 a.m. Students with last names beginning with A-L

10:00 a.m. Students with last names beginning with M-Z

Be prepared to sing *America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)*. Accompaniment will be provided.



2015/2016 Audition Schedule



TWIGS is a program of free after-school and Saturday classes in music, dance, visual arts, stage production, and theatre for 2nd through 8th graders* who are Baltimore City residents and who qualify by audition. Classes will be held at the Baltimore School for the Arts, 712 Cathedral Street, from fall 2015 through spring 2016.

*See class descriptions for age requirements.

Audition Instructions:

Auditions are required for acceptance into the TWIGS program. Any interested student who meets the grade level requirement* in September 2015 and who lives in Baltimore City may audition. The Baltimore School for the Arts is located at 712 Cathedral Street (corner of Cathedral and Madison Streets).

We will need your name, address, and parents' e-mail and day and evening telephone numbers. Parents are not permitted to observe auditions. They are invited to wait in the designated area until the audition is completed. You will be notified of the results of the audition by letter in approximately eight weeks.

Please do not call the school for audition

Please Note: Latecomers will be seen at the discretion of each department.

results. Students may audition for two departments. If accepted by both, they must choose one. Auditions are required for all classes. Auditions will be held Monday, April 20 through Saturday, April 25. Carefully check the schedule under each department description for the day and time. For more information, call 443-642-5167.



Where the Arts Change Kids' Lives

The Baltimore School for the Arts strives to be the leading pre-professional arts high school in the country.

BSA provides talented students from all sectors of the community with a personally supportive and intellectually challenging environment where rigorous training in a specific arts discipline combines with a college preparatory academic education.

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“TWIGS was a chance for me to be with other kids I was not in school with, to be with different teachers who were serious about art.”
—Dorian Dean, Visual Arts Student

