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TWIGS is a program of free after-school and Saturday classes in music, dance, visual arts, stage production, and theatre for 2nd – 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 2017 through Spring 2018.

*See class descriptions for age requirements.

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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 one-half hours.

Theatre Auditions

SATURDAY, April 22, 2017

Students entering grades 5-8 in September 2017 can audition.

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

1 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.

STAGE PRODUCTION

Learn a 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 5th-8th graders.

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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 21, 2017

Students entering grades 6-8 in September 2017 can audition.

3 p.m. Students entering grade 6

4 p.m. Students entering grades 7 & 8

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Students entering grades 2-5 in September 2017 can audition.

9 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 p.m. Students entering grade 3

2:30 p.m. Students entering grade 4

4 p.m. 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 and footless tights or spandex shorts/ gym shorts with a close fitting t-shirt. 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 process typically lasts about two hours.



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. 8th graders will participate in an additional vocal music workshop.

Vocal Music Auditions

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Students entering grades 6-8 in September 2017 can audition

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

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

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



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MUSIC Instrumental

Improve on the instrument you now play. On Saturdays you will participate in Band, Orchestra, or a group class; have a private 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 September 2017 can audition for the following instruments.

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

4:45 p.m.

Flute, Oboe, Bassoon,
Clarinet, Saxophone

Thursday, April 20, 2017

4:45 p.m.

Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone,
Tuba, Cello, Bass

Monday, April 24, 2017

4:45 p.m.

Viola

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

4:45 p.m.

Percussion, Guitar

Students entering grades 2–8 in September 2017 can audition on the following instruments.

Monday, April 24, 2017

4:45 p.m.

Violin, Harp

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

4:45 p.m.

Piano

Bring your instrument. We provide a piano and a harp for these auditions and a snare drum for percussion auditions. Bring sheet music and be prepared to play one or two selections and one or two scales on your instrument.

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 through 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 22, 2017

Students entering grades 4-8 in September 2017 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 p.m. Students with last names beginning with M-R
- 2 p.m. Students with last names beginning with S-Z

Applicants should choose 8 – 10 examples of their artwork they particularly like. This could include drawings, paintings, collages, ceramics, prints, weavings, metal, or woodworking projects or anything else made by hand in school 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 up to two hours.



NEW
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VISUAL STORYTELLING

A movie is only as good as its story. Learn the principles of storytelling; how to find a story; and how to develop characters for film. You will complete a series of assignments that can be used for the high school audition for our newly established Film and Visual Storytelling Program. Writing exercises are essential to this class. Classes will on meet Saturdays from October to January.

Visual Storytelling Audition Saturday, April 22, 2017

Students entering 8th grade in September 2017 can audition.

- 9 a.m. Students with the last names beginning with A-L
- 1 p.m. Students with the last names beginning with M-Z

Each applicant must write a story based on a photograph they will receive as part of their application online. It is important that applicants bring the story to the audition. At the audition, applicants should be prepared to write an additional story, talk about their favorite film, book, graphic novel, fable, or fairy tale.



AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS:

Pre-registration is recommended

Auditions are required for acceptance into the TWIGS program. Any interested student who meets the grade-level requirement* in September 2017 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). Use the Cathedral Street entrance.

Registration is recommended but not required. To register go to: www.bsfa.org/TWIGSApplication. 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 results. Students may audition for two departments but may only participate in one.

Auditions are required for all classes. Auditions will be held Wednesday, April 19 through Tuesday, April 25. Carefully check the schedule under each department description for the day and time.

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