

TWIGS Auditions: MAY 4-9, 2020

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TWIGS offers free after-school and Saturday classes in music, dance, visual arts, stage design & production, acting, and Film & Visual Storytelling 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 2020 through Spring 2021.

*See class descriptions for age requirements.

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THEATRE

Acting

GRADES 5-8

Explore your imagination in acting classes and work with an ensemble in creative ways. Classes include improvisation, theatre games, and scene study. The 8th grade classes also include monologue rehearsal to develop audition material. Classes will be held once a week for one and one-half hours.

Acting Auditions

SATURDAY, May 9, 2020

Students entering grades 5-8 in September 2020 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 a poem approximately one-minute long.

THEATRE

Stage Design & Production

GRADES 5-8

Learn a variety of stage design and production skills through puppetry art and literary theatre. Create puppets, scenery, props, costumes, and rehearse and perform your stories. Classes will be held once a week for one and one-half hours.

Stage Design & Production Auditions

SATURDAY, May 9, 2020

Students entering grades 5-8 in September 2020 can audition.

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

1 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.



Twigs

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DANCE

GRADES 2-8

Develop your talents in dance. Professional dance educators will train you in the basics of ballet. Classes will be held 1-4 times a week depending upon class level. In the spring, TWIGS dancers participate in an annual production.

Dance Auditions

Monday, May 4, 2020

Students entering grade 6 in September 2020 can audition.

4:30 p.m. Students entering grade 6

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Students entering grades 7 and 8 in September 2020 can audition.

4:30 p.m. Students entering grades 7 and 8

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Students entering grade 5 in September 2020 can audition.

4:30 p.m. Students entering grade 5

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Students entering grades 2-4 in September 2020 can audition.

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

11 a.m. Students entering grade 2 with last names beginning with M-Z

1 p.m. Students entering grade 3 with last names beginning with A-L

2:30 p.m. Students entering grade 3 with last names beginning with M-Z

4 p.m. Students entering grade 4

Applicants will participate in a brief dance movement class as part of the audition. For the audition, wear a leotard, convertible tights and ballet slippers. Spandex shorts/gym shorts with a close fitting t-shirt may be worn. No skirts, leg warmers, costumes, or jeans. Feet may be bare. Loose-fitting clothing or jewelry should not be worn. Hair should be pulled away from the face and neck and securely pinned back. The audition process typically lasts about two hours.



MUSIC Vocal

GRADES 6-8

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.

Vocal Music Auditions

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Students entering grades 6–8 in September 2020 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.

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.

MUSIC Instrumental

GRADES 2-8

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.

Instrumental Music Auditions

Students entering grades 2-4 in September 2020 can audition for the following instruments:

Monday, May 4, 2020

4:45 p.m. Violin, Harp

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

4:45 p.m. Piano: Students with last names A-L only

Thursday, May 7, 2020

4:45 p.m. Piano: Students with last names M-Z only

Students entering grades 5-8 in September 2020 can audition for the following instruments:

Monday, May 4, 2020

4:45 p.m. Violin, Viola, Harp

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

4:45 p.m. Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Tuba, Baritone, Euphonium, Percussion

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

4:45 p.m. Guitar, Cello

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

4:45 p.m. Piano: Students with last names A-L only

Thursday, May 7, 2020

4:45 p.m. Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone, Bass

Thursday, May 7, 2020

4:45 p.m. Piano: Students with last names M-Z only

VISUAL ARTS

GRADES 4-8

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-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

Monday, May 4, 2020

Students entering grade 4 in September 2020 can audition.

4:45 p.m. Students entering grade 4 with the last names A-L

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Students entering grade 4 in September 2020 can audition.

4:45 p.m. Students entering grade 4 with the last names M-Z

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Students entering grade 5 in September 2020 can audition.

4:45 p.m. Students entering grade 5 with the last names A-L

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Students entering grade 5 in September 2020 can audition.

4:45 p.m. Students entering grade 5 with the last names M-Z

Students entering grades 4 and 5 should come prepared to complete an art activity in a classroom environment. Materials will be provided.

*Please note all 4th and 5th grade visual arts classes are one-year programs. Students entering grades 4, 5, and 6 must audition each year to participate.



Saturday, May 9, 2020

Students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 in September 2020 can audition.

9:30 a.m. Students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 with the last names A-L

1:30 p.m. Students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 with the last names M-Z

Students entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades should choose 12 examples of their artwork they particularly like. This could include drawings, paintings, ceramics, prints, weavings, metal, woodworking, 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 will be provided. The audition may last up to two hours.

FILM & VISUAL STORYTELLING

GRADE 7 AND 8

Visual Storytelling Audition

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Film and Visual Storytelling Adobe Suite
for Filmmakers

9 a.m. Students entering grades 7 and 8
in September 2020 can audition.

This course is structured around three important Adobe Creative Suite software programs for filmmakers: Photoshop, Premiere Pro, and After Effects. Students will learn the skills necessary to create film posters and short videos with basic visual effects and title sequences. Shots and basic camera work will be explored. Classes will meet once a week after school.

During the audition, students will create a collage and be asked to take a picture of a still life. Materials will be supplied. Students should be prepared to discuss the work created.

11 a.m. Students entering grade 8 in
September 2020 can audition.

Film and Visual Storytelling Audition Prep
(8th graders can apply to both courses)

This 8-week course is designed to prepare students for the Film and Visual Storytelling high school audition. We will explore the principles of storytelling, how to develop a character, storyboards, and still image compositions. Writing exercises are essential to this class. Classes will meet once a week from October to December.

Each applicant must write a story based on a photograph they will receive as part of their application online. The applicant must bring the story to the audition. At the audition, applicants should be prepared to create an additional story and discuss their work.

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 2020 and who lives in Baltimore City may audition. Classes are held at the Baltimore School for the Arts, 712 Cathedral Street (corner of Cathedral and Madison Streets).

Auditions are required for all classes. Auditions will be held Monday, May 4 through Saturday, May 9, 2020. Carefully check the schedule under each department description for the day and time.

Students may audition for up to two departments BUT, if accepted, **MAY ONLY PARTICIPATE IN ONE.** Parents are not permitted to observe auditions. They are not required to stay in the building, but are invited to wait in the designated area until the student's audition is completed. Families will be notified of the results of the audition by email in approximately six to eight weeks.

**TO REGISTER: go to
www.bsfa.org/TWIGSApplication**

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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

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