

“Imagination encircles the world.” Albert Einstein

Breakwater Creative Arts

Class descriptions and teacher bios - summer 2010

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Seven year olds will travel as a group with their counselors to sports, drama, clay, art, music/movement and will not need to select classes. The seven year -old schedule is the same for both sessions and is listed on the last page. They will have five one hour class periods and choice time. Seven year olds will be offered a wide range of choices daily during festival period (choice time) and will participate fully in our noon - time show.

SESSION 1 - June 28th – July 16

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Teacher: Zach Lipman

Lego robotics 1 (8-10 year olds)

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Teacher – Karen Wallingford

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Teacher: Louise Trout

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Teacher: Erin Leon

Blue Plate Special: First Session Musical - In this original BCA musical, meet the quirky staff and customers of the Blue Plate Diner! Hear the jukebox come to life as campers sing and dance their way through a fun and fast paced classic 'whodunnit'! The Blue Plate's world famous Mac and Cheese recipe has been stolen! Can it be found in time to save the diner?? Drop another quarter in the jukebox for the answer and a heaping plate full of down home humor! The musical is performed on the last night of the session and requires very regular attendance!

Teachers: Keith Anctil and Denise Calkins (8-14)

Stagecraft/Tech theatre (AGES 9-14)

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Teacher: Kelly Steinhagen

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Teacher: Erica Paul

Period three: (festival period and choice time) 1:05 – 2:05

We will offer a wide range of different activities every day: improv, puppetry, pop chorus, outdoor adventures, tennis, origami, whacky science, newspaper, chess, board games, art, drama, playground time and more. Special week - long workshops are listed below.

Special workshops:

Mosaics (week one) 11-14 with Nancy Carroll

We will make a mosaic inspired by a famous artist, for example Van Goghs' Starry Night, clay tiles in a bluish swirl and clay stars glazed yellow intermixed. Each child can come to class with an artist they are inspired by or I will have books for inspiration. Then we can get to work with clay, glazes and grout to make fabulous mosaics to hang on the wall. The second project mosaic we will mosaic a 3 dimensional item this year.

The Bard is Alive (week two) 10 –14 with Keith Anctil

Join Keith for an exploration of Shakespeare. Work on a scene or monologue and discover exploding words, big ideas, and strong feelings. Let loose to an iambic beat, and find out why Shakespeare is still the world's number one playwright!

Danceography (all ages - week three) with Susan Nelson

This workshop will introduce some of the principles and elements of dance movement in preparation for completing student choreographed dance studies. Dance combinations in the center and dance patterns across the room will emphasize modern dance technique and improvisation. Music and drums will energize the class while focusing on expression and form.

Playwriting (Week three) 8-14 with Courtney Cook

Do you hear voices in your head but you know you're not crazy? Bring characters and drama to life and learn to write a play, a scene, a monologue!

Period four: 2:10 - 3:40

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Teacher: Zack Lipman

Collage and Bookmaking – (Ages 9-14)

Both collage and bookmaking are crafts that date back hundreds of years and each utilizes the same basic material: paper. In an environment that encourages exploration, students will experiment with designing and creating new images into assemblages using a variety of found materials and learn how to construct beautiful and functional hand-sewn and folded books using traditional bookbinding methods. Emphasis will be placed on the heart of the creative process: that is, the student's response to the provided materials.

Teacher: Kate Kaminski

Drawing/Painting/printmaking II (10-14)

In this painting class, we will explore both drawing media and painting media to create large scale work from life. Studying still life as well as landscape and self portrait helps student artists develop stronger skills and methods of mark making. Artists from history will be taught and images of their work will be discussed. We will also explore printmaking by making various images on textiles, such as t-shirts, pillow covers, canvas bags and curtains. We will practice different printmaking techniques: linoleum cutting, silkscreen, stencil cutting and cardboard etchings.

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Gimme Shelter: Second Session Musical (8-14)

Welcome to the Gimme Shelter, the kindest animal shelter ever! Come on in and meet the resident dogs and cats and hamsters and bunnies and mice and guinea pigs and. . . a penguin?? In this original BCA musical, actors will get in touch with their WILD sides as they become the hysterical singing and dancing residents of the Gimme Shelter. What happens at night when the shelter staff leaves? You'll want to adopt them all when you see! The musical will be performed on the final night of the session. Regular attendance is required

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Get inside the process of songwriting by creating a full repertoire of anything-goes songs.

We'll brainstorm ideas, hash out lyrics and melodies, and sing, perform, and record our new music. We'll sing our songs together, laugh a LOT, and share songs with the camp. Maybe we'll even write a new hit camp song *everyone* will sing. You never know! Plan on leaving with a CD full of brand new songs. (ages 8-14)

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The Inspired Writer – (Ages 9-14)

From poetry to autobiography, fiction to playwriting, students in this workshop will write in several genres from a variety of prompts designed to elicit original self-expression and to help them discover their inspiration and voice. In addition, students will be encouraged to nurture and support each others' expression so that even the most hesitant child might discover the joy of writing, a fascination with language, and the confidence of authorship. Students will also perform/read their work, if desired, and an anthology of collected works will be published as a keepsake.

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Seven year old schedule:

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Teacher: Erin Leon

Period two – 10:10 – 11:05 Drama

We'll use games as way to explore setting, character, and story. We might spend the day as animals, princesses or super heroes. We will become a strong group as we learn to be dramatic together! We will create short plays and crazy stories.

Teachers: Tiki Fuhro and Courtney Cook

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12:00 lunch and noontime show!

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Period five – 2:10 – 3:00 Clay

A clay class specially designed for 7 year olds. Students will learn and explore using a variety of different hand-building techniques such as slabs, coils, and pinch pots. Projects will incorporate different finishing skills though textures and glazes and each student will contribute to a class project to show off on Festival Eve!

Teacher: Betsy Warren

Period 6 – 3:00 – 3:45 Music and down time

We will use this time differently. We will have music, movement and sometimes just a chance to play on the play ground or sit under a tree and read a book!

BCA teacher and staff bios:

Tiki Fuhro (BCA Program Director and 7's drama teacher) teaches drama at Waynflete School and spent several summers doing zany drama classes with all ages at Waynflete Summer Arts. She helped build "*LIFE LINES* Community Arts Program" in Brooklyn, New York where she taught drama, directed many plays, and supervised a teen drama troupe for ten years. She is a graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. Tiki is married to Kevin O'Leary and parent of Brian, 17 and Lillian, 14. She is thrilled to be launching her fifth summer at BCA!

Keith D. Anctil- (Drama) Keith has been a Portland based teacher, actor, writer, builder and designer for the last ten years. His acting work has taken him to stages from Boothbay to Broadway. Keith performs with The Theater Project, Mad Horse Theater Co., The Stage at Spring Point, The Escapists and Naked Shakespeare, where he is currently touring schools as Hamlet. He currently directs the Cheverus High School drama program, the Breakwater School drama program, is a staff teacher at The Theater Project and ACORN Studios and is the founder/artistic director of the Wescott Theater Company in Westbrook. This is Keith's fifth year at BCA and he couldn't be happier to come back and play!

Denise Calkins (music) This is my eighth season at BCA, with two previous years at Waynflete summer camp. I have a piano studio of 32 private students; I have been the accompanist for several choirs and choruses over the years, and am very involved in local community theatre as a music director. Just in case that doesn't keep me busy enough – I have a church job on Sundays!

Nancy Carroll (mosaics) is an active potter, educator, and owner of Bean Tree Pottery in Westbrook, ME. She has worked as a visiting artist in many schools. Recently working at Hall School in Portland, Pond Cove in Cape Elizabeth and Lunt School in Falmouth. Also teaching classes to children and adults at Bean Tree Pottery through out the school year. When not teaching she can be found making and selling her pottery and mosaics at Bean Tree Pottery. www.beantreepottery.com.

Mike Dank (rock band) Mike Dank is an English rock band formed in Hertford in 1968. Along with Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath, he is considered to be among the pioneers of heavy metal and modern hard rock, although he has tried not to categorize himself as any one genre. He was once listed by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's loudest band, and has sold over 100 million albums worldwide. No, Wait, That's DEEP PURPLE. Mike is just a kid from Cleveland Ohio who since the late 70's has played original music. He started teaching in 1988. Currently he teaches at The Waynflete School and The Drum Shop.

Frank Donovan

BA from UConn, BS from ECSU and MA from The Graduate Institute
 Enrichment & Aftercare Teacher - Breakwater School, Portland, ME
 Wellness Teacher - Casco Bay High School, Portland, ME
 Maine Professional Educator Certificate in Physical Education & Health
 Certified in CPR & First Aid
 Certified Low Ropes Instructor (High Five)

A former ropes course instructor and current teacher, Frank Donovan moved to Maine after several years of teaching health and physical education in Connecticut. A former colleague lauds Mr. Donovan's teaching style as "positive, encouraging and motivating."

Annie Erkkinen enjoys teaching many styles of dance, including tap, jazz, modern, hip hop and musical theater dance to dancers of all ages and abilities. Annie teaches most of her dance classes at Casco Bay Movers in Portland, but she also teaches a daily curricular dance class at Scarborough High School, coaches the Yarmouth High School Dance Team and has worked on various musicals at local high schools, most recently "The Wizard of Oz" at Freeport High School and "Godspell" at Cheverus High School. While Annie is primarily a teacher and choreographer, she still makes time to hone her own dance skills, taking local and not-so-local classes at places like Dance New Amsterdam and Broadway Dance Center in New York City when time permits, and dancing with local companies Sonar Dance, Collective Motion, and Rhythm and Sole Tap Company throughout the year. Annie is excited to return to Northwestern University, her alma mater, for a dance intensive at the start of this summer with her favorite professor, Billy Siegenfeld of the Jump Rhythm Jazz Project.

Kate Kaminski (film) is a writer-filmmaker whose films and videos have been shown in festivals all over the world. An adjunct faculty member at University of Southern Maine, she teaches film studies and video production. Kate's motto is: Go ahead, swim upstream. It's better exercise.

Erin Leon (visual art) Erin Leon will be joining BCA for her third summer! Erin is an artist, curator and mother of three. She will be instructing classes in Printmaking, Painting, Drawing and Sculpture. Erin tries to fuse classical methods of teaching, while keeping current in the latest art processes and innovations.

Zach Lipman (sports) is a certified physical education teacher and a certified personal trainer with the American Council on exercise. Zach has always had a passion and enthusiasm for sport and fitness. Zach is originally from Lincolnville. He earned his bachelors degree at the university of Miami and his Masters degree at the Citadel in Charleston. Zach was also an instructor at the Citadel before moving back home in December. Zach has worked with people of all ages and fitness levels. Currently Zach teaches at Reiche and East End Schools in Portland. He is excited to be back at breakwater creative arts camp

Susan Charles Nelson, (guest artist, dance)

BA, MFA Dance. Susan is a dance educator and choreographer. She studied classical ballet, character dance, jazz and with numerous pioneers in the field of modern contemporary dance. Susan has performed in ballet and modern dance companies from North Carolina to New York. She established her own dance company and taught children and adult dance classes at numerous colleges and universities, in statewide communities, artist-in-residence and state funded outreach programs. Most recently, Susan has committed her energies to the integration of dance movement with classroom studies as an enhanced form of student learning and exposure to the arts. For over 30 years, she has been the Director of Dance for the Waynflete School where she has taught creative movement (EC-K1), modern dance, choreography, performing arts (Grades 6-12) and an after school dance program (Grades 2-5).

Hans Indigo Spencer (song asylum) Called a "master composer" by the Boston Globe for his jazz orchestra's debut jazz CD, "First Storybook", Hans Indigo Spencer's career stretches over twenty years of supporting stories for theater directors, filmmakers, animators, and choreographers. His work runs the gamut from his foray into film music to his work composing for the acclaimed Jazz Composers Alliance Orchestra as well as classical artists. Last year, Hans composed music for Portland Stage's "Iron Kisses" and played music for the last few performances of "A Christmas Carol". He regularly performs at Improv Boston theater, providing live underscoring for improvising actors and his broadcast credits include a recent series on Cartoon Network and "Word Girl", airing on PBS. Through his years in Boston, he also developed an audience for his twelve-piece band, the Indigo Invention Group, which incorporated imaginative stories into big-band jazz. His work with the chamber music group, Chameleon Ensemble, has synthesized his approach to teaching large groups and collaborating with classical performers. All the while, he worked as a freelance saxophonist, playing with the top musicians in Boston.

He was educated in classical composition at Oberlin Conservatory and earned a Master's Degree in Jazz Studies from the New England Conservatory. He taught general and choral music in the Cambridge Public Schools while teaching courses in arts integration at Lesley University. He now lives and teaches privately here in Portland.

Kelly Steinhagen (tech theatre) is a freshman at U - Maine Farmington, she is studying teaching and theatre. She is joining us for her fourth summer!

Louise Trout (ceramics) is a working ceramics artist and owner of Sawyer Street Studios in South Portland, ME. Louise takes full advantage of all that clay has to offer by working in a variety of ways; from functional pottery to tile installations and ceramic sculpture. You can see her work around town at Scratch Bakery and Bar Lola restaurant and sells her work in over a dozen galleries around the country. Louise graduated from USM (B.F.A.) and has additional coursework from MASS ART and MECA. She currently teaches pottery to adults and children at Sawyer Street Studios.

Karen Wallingford (Lego robotics) is a former K-5 teacher who currently tutors children in hands on math, science and writing. **Karen loves the brain work involved in Lego robotics and especially enjoys helping children with analyzing and thinking out problems. Her current hobbies include learning to play the fiddle and practicing accordion with fiddle-icious.**

Betsy Warren- (clay for 7's) Betsy Warren is a sophomore at Skidmore College where she is studying Elementary Education. This is her first summer teaching at BCA but has been a CIT for the past two years. She was also a camper at BCA when it first started! She is very excited to be teaching her own class this year and for another great summer.

