

## Youth Arts Academy

Created in June 2010, the Pleasant Valley School District Youth Arts Academy is dedicated to providing 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Ventura County with positive, creative and educational experiences in the arts. The fall session, taught by qualified instructors and supported by PVSD, SOKM and CICA focuses on visual and performing arts.

### General Information

- Classes are open to 1st—8th Grade students in Ventura County. See class descriptions for details. PVSD students have course priority.
- Classes are after school one or two days a week.
- Classes begin the week of October 4th and end the week of May 23.
- PVSD has a limited number of instruments available for loan based on financial need.
- Our program only exists due to the generosity of families and individuals who donate. Below are the amounts that are needed in order for the program to be self-sustaining.

\* **\$330** Beginning & Intermediate Strings, Beginning & Intermediate Guitar, Beginning Ukulele, The Off Beats

\* **\$250** String Orchestra

\* **\$200** PVSD Chorus, Art, Digital Music

You may donate using NeonPay during registration, by making a check payable to SOKM (Save Our Kids' Music) P.O. Box 2244, Camarillo CA 93011 or securely online using a PayPal account or credit card at [www.sokm.net](http://www.sokm.net).

**IMPORTANT:** Students NOT enrolled in PVSD will need to have a release of liability form on file prior to beginning class.

## YOUTH ARTS ACADEMY REGISTRATION

**Online Registration  
Starts September 22nd  
at 8am  
at [www.sokm.net](http://www.sokm.net)**

Registration Forms and Brochures available  
at

[www.sokm.net](http://www.sokm.net)  
[www.pleasantvalleysd.org](http://www.pleasantvalleysd.org)

For YAA questions, please call  
Music Program Voicemail  
(805) 389-2100 ext. 1119 or  
Email Betty Weyek at  
[bweyek@pleasantvalleysd.org](mailto:bweyek@pleasantvalleysd.org)

For PVSD Chorus questions  
please contact  
Joan Rust, Board Member - CICA at  
(805) 484-6601 or [joan@rusts.net](mailto:joan@rusts.net)

**CLASSES BEGIN  
THE WEEK OF  
OCTOBER 4TH**



**2021-2022  
Youth  
Arts  
Academy**



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[www.pleasantvalleysd.org](http://www.pleasantvalleysd.org)

**Classes held at PVSEA  
700 Temple Avenue**

**Strings — Grades 4-8**

Beginning Strings—Room C3

Wednesday & Friday 4:30-5:30p.m.

No prior music experience needed! Instruction is available for violin, viola, cello or bass. Students will need an instrument and “String Basics” Book 1 (method book).

Intermediate Strings - Room C3

Monday & Thursday 4:30-5:30p.m.

This is for students with at least one year of instruction on violin, viola, cello or bass. Students will use “String Basics” Book 1 and work on different styles of music from a variety of composers.

String Orchestra - Room C3

Tuesday 4:30-6:00p.m..

Students with at least two years experience on a string instrument may audition to join the Orchestra. This class focuses on Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern periods of music. Students must be able to read music proficiently.

**Guitar - Grades 5-8**

Beginning Guitar - Room D2

Monday & Wednesday 4:30-5:30p.m.

The history of rock music is filled with artists who made musical fireworks through their guitars. You can too! Learn the basics and discover your inner rock star.

Intermediate Guitar - Room D2

Tuesday & Thursday 4:30-5:30p.m.

This class is for students with at least one year of instruction on guitar and can read music. Students will learn how to play solos, duets, and ensembles in a variety of styles of music.

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**Ukulele—Grades 4-8**

Beginning Ukulele - Room B6

Monday & Wednesday 4:30-5:30p.m.

No experience required. Learn how to play the basics on a versatile instrument that has been used in many different ensembles from Rock, Jazz, Country, and of course Hawaiian.

\*Only 20 seats available

**Digital Music - Grades 6-8**

Digital Music— Room B6

Friday 4:30-5:30p.m.

No experience required, but you will need your Chromebook. Learn how to create your own digital music, use a mixer and other hardware.

\*Only 25 seats available



**Class held at Las Colinas Middle School  
5750 Fieldcrest**

**The Off Beats Grades 5-8**

Monday & Wednesday 3:30-4:30 p.m. Room D7

Students with experience on a band instrument may audition to join The Off Beats. This class focuses on jazz, pop and rock literature. Emphasis is placed on many performances and independent practice -- it is very important that all band members be at EVERY performance. Students who are proficient on piano, bass, or rhythm guitar and can read music proficiently are invited to audition as well.

**Class held at PVSEA Early Education Center  
550 Temple Avenue**

**PVSD Chorus — Grades 1-8**

Thursday 3:30-4:30p.m. - MPR

The purpose of PVSD Chorus is to provide high quality choral training and performance opportunities for students in grades 1-8. Students will grow musically through basic music theory, rhythm recognition and function, expression and movement, and especially singing which includes voice technique and the value of performance itself. The program will use a double hybrid format to allow students to participate either in person on the PVSEA EEC campus, or virtually from their own homes. Please note that due to the unique times, rehearsal/performance formats, times and dates are subject to change.

\*Only 60 seats available

**Class held at Dos Caminos  
3635 Appian Way**

**Art — Grades 4-8**

Thursday 3:30-4:30 p.m. - MPR

Students will receive an introduction to various painting techniques while working with tempera and watercolor paints. In drawing, students will be introduced to various techniques of shading to create expressive works of art on a two-dimensional surface.