



Reed Fine Arts Program

A program for young artists at The Learning Centers at Fairplex
Dedicated to art enrichment and the study of creative learning

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The future is in the hands of our youth – a future that requires creativity, imagination, critical thinking and a greater awareness of the world in which we live. My late husband and I have long believed that involvement in the arts is vital to the development of these skills, and that expression through the arts is equally invaluable to personal growth and the development of self-esteem. It is our sincere hope that by providing access to a variety of art programs, many young people will embrace these opportunities, and challenges, and confirm our belief in their capacity to make meaningful contributions to family, community and society.

– Ruth and Joseph C. Reed, M.D.

The Reed Fine Arts program

The Reed Fine Arts Program at the Millard Sheets Art Center at Fairplex provides advanced art courses in drawing and painting on a no-cost, scholarship basis to students who demonstrate a willingness to commit to an entire year of study. The mission of the Reed Fine Arts Program is to support the ambition and passion of young artists to explore and unlock their creativity. Through a combination of weekly instruction, open studio, guided practice, and extracurricular responsibilities, our students will develop the skills needed to become the artists they dream to be.

Our students work within the Millard Sheets Art Center at Fairplex, a WPA building (Works Progress Administration) erected in 1936. The art center values the joy the arts bring to our lives and in the past has exhibited works by artists Henri Matisse, Auguste Rodin and Vincent Van Gogh and will continue in this tradition by nurturing the talent and beauty created by emerging artists.

The Reed Fine Arts Program of the Millard Sheets Art Center is dedicated to improving the creative endeavors of our young artists and we hope you will join us on this incredible journey.





Program Overview

Students meet once a week, beginning with a five-week summer session and continuing with semester programs in fall and spring. The course concludes with an art exhibition and presentation of certificate of completion. Students who have successfully completed the Reed Fine Arts Program will have participated in more than 130 hours of classroom instruction and open studio time, explored museums in and around Southern California, hung their artwork on the same walls that showcased Monet and Degas, learned from professionals in the art world, and discovered new career pathways in the arts.

Course Overview

Summer Session - 5 weeks

- » Drawing and painting techniques
- » Observational drawing
- » Figure studies
- » Theme development
- » Utilizes graphite, charcoal, conte crayon, acrylic paint, water mixable oils

Fall Session - 12 weeks

- » Color theory
- » Drawing and painting on location
- » Figure studies
- » Utilizes graphite, charcoal, watercolor, acrylic paint, canvas, graphite pencil, mixed media

Spring Session - 12 weeks

- » Advanced drawing and painting techniques
- » Drawing and painting on location
- » Advanced figure studies
- » Portraiture
- » Portfolio construction
- » Utilizes acrylic paint, canvas, graphite pencil, mixed media

Enrollment Requirements

The Reed Fine Arts Program offers 20 students the opportunity to join the program as a participant, working together as they advance through each stage of the curriculum. Our students participate at no cost and are provided all of the supplies necessary to accomplish the program goals. As such, it is necessary to select those students that best demonstrate the qualities and skills it will require to commit and successfully complete the year-long program. Students are asked to submit an application and supporting materials, as stated below, to be considered for one of the 20 positions. Students may also be asked to participate in an interview if further consideration is required.

Each student that applies to the Reed Fine Arts Program must submit the following:

- » Student application
- » Teacher recommendation
- » Statement of purpose
- » 2 representational drawings of artwork

Admission

To learn about the admission process, please visit the website at tcfairplex.org/millardsheets/reedfinearts where you can download the student application and find the information necessary to complete the admission process.

