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**The Mary C. O’Keefe Cultural Arts Center**  
“Connecting Community & Creatives  
Through Arts-Based Education & Experiences”



## SPRING 2024 CLASS ROSTER

To register for classes, visit [themaryc.art](http://themaryc.art)  
Or, visit us in person to pay via cash or check.

MARCH AND APRIL 2024			
CLASS	DATES / TIME	AGE	CLASS FEE
<b>ART</b>			
MC Kids Art Instructor: Danea Brown	Mondays: 4-5 pm	Grades K-3	\$125/Month
MC Junior Artists Instructor: Danea Brown	Mondays: 5-6 pm	Grades 4 - 6	\$125/Month
Public Jewelry and Lapidary Class Instructor: The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society	Every Third Wednesday of the Month: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	18 +	\$35
<b>DANCE</b>			
Irish Dancing Beginner, Novice, Advanced Instructor: Julie Black	Wednesdays: 4:30 – 7:30 pm	3 - 18	Beginner \$50/Month Novice \$50/Month Advanced \$65/Month
<b>FITNESS</b>			
Belly Dance for Beginners + Intermediates Instructor: Joany Gauvreau of Feminicity	Mondays: 6 - 8 PM	18 +	\$80/6 Week Series
<b>MUSIC</b>			
Beginner Guitar Course Instructor: Katherine MacMahon	Mondays: 6-6:50 pm	6 +	\$45.00/Month

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Individual Guitar/Ukulele Lessons Instructor Katherine MacMahon	Mondays or Tuesdays Time TBD by Instructor	4 +	\$60/Month
Music in Motion for Preschoolers Instructor Katherine MacMahon	Mondays: 4-4:45	3-5	\$45/6 - Week Series \$37.45 - Material Fee
Intro to Classical Guitar	March 16th: 5-7 PM	16+	Free
The History of Guitar Through Music	May 17th: 5-7 PM	16+	Free
<b>SPECIAL TOPICS</b>			
Astrology Meetings Instructor: Ceejay Lewis Gulf Coast Astrological Society	Wednesdays: 7 - 9 PM	Any	\$5/Series
Developing the Creative Writer Workshops Instructor: Laura Keriazakos	Thursdays: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM & Saturdays: 1:00 - 2:30 PM/3:00 - 4:30 PM	16 +	\$35/Series

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*\*Class fee is non-refundable unless class is canceled by the Instructor or by The Mary C.*

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*Online pricing includes a 5% card processing fee.*

*\*If class fee does not include material fee, then the material fee will be paid to instructor on first day of class.*

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## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

### ART

#### MC KID ARTISTS

Instructor: Danea Israel-Brown

Date: Mondays

Time: 4 – 5 pm

Ages: K – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders

Spots Available: 10

In this project-based group art class, instructor Danea Israel-Brown teaches kids to explore their creativity to complete one awesome project per class using a variety of mediums to make drawings, paintings, and sculptures. Participants build skills while learning techniques and increase their knowledge of the basic elements of art, design, and balance. Enter through the door at the end of the West side of the building. Doors will be unlocked 5 mins before the class starts. \*Prices may decrease during holiday months

Class Fee: \$125

#### MC JUNIOR ARTISTS

Instructor: Danea Israel-Brown

Date: Mondays

Time: 5 – 6 pm

Ages: 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders

Spots Available: 10

In this project-based group art class for pre-teens. Instructor Danea Israel-Brown teaches young artists to explore their creativity to focus on in-depth art projects using a variety of mediums to make drawings, paintings, and sculptures. Participants build skills while learning techniques and increase their knowledge of the elements of art, design, and balance. Enter through the door at the end of the West side of the building. Doors will be unlocked 5 mins before the class starts. \*Prices may decrease during holiday months.

Class Fee: \$125

#### PUBLIC JEWELRY AND LAPIDARY CLASS

Instructor: Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society Members

Date: Every Third Wednesday of the Month (Or on Special Request)

Time: 11 am - 3 pm

Ages: 18+

Class Fee: \$35

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Wire wrapping, chainmaille, gemstone cutting, beading, metal etching, silversmithing, precious metal clay jewelry, hand tied pearls, and gemstone identification.

### DANCE

#### IRISH DANCE WITH MACCROSSAN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

##### Beginner, Novice, Advanced

Instructor: Julie Black – Founder, Owner, Choreographer, and Teacher

Date: Wednesdays

Time: 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Ages: 3 - 18

Spots Available: 20

Become a part of the rich cultural tradition of Ireland with Macrossan School of Irish Dance at The Mary C. Led by the accomplished international dance soloist, Julie Black, this class offers a unique opportunity to learn and master traditional Irish dance styles, including jigs, reels, and Ceili dances. With a history dating back to its inception in 2001 on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and in Mobile, Alabama, the school embodies a passion for preserving the captivating beauty of Irish dance. Students not only refine their skills but also have the chance to showcase their talent through performances at various community events, competitions, festivals, and more.

Join us in celebrating the spirit of Irish dance, connecting with the community, and embracing the joy of this timeless art form. Don't forget your shorts, t-shirt, socks, and dancing shoes, and if you're in need of dancing shoes, our instructor will guide you on where to acquire them.

Class Fee: Beginner: \$50.00 - Novice: \$50.00 - Advanced: \$65.00

#### BELLY DANCE FOR BEGINNERS AND INTERMEDIATES

Instructor: Joany Gauvreau of Feminicity

Date: Mondays from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (STARTING MARCH 4TH)

Beginners: 6-7 PM, Intermediates: 7-8 PM

Ages: 18+

Spots Available: 75

Beginner Belly Dance is a graceful and empowering journey into the world of Middle Eastern dance, designed for those new to the art form. In this class, you'll learn the fundamental movements and rhythms that make belly dance a captivating experience. From gentle hip drops to elegant arm movements, each session guides you through the basics, ensuring a supportive and enjoyable environment. Embrace the joy of dance, enhance your flexibility, body awareness, and connect with the anxiety traditions that celebrate the beauty and strength of the human body.

Class Fee: \$80/6 Week Program

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## MUSIC

### MUSIC IN MOTION FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Instructor: Katherine McMahon

Date: Mondays (March 4, 11, 18, April 1, 8)

Time: 4 – 4:45 PM

Ages: 3-5

Spots Available: 12

Preschool students will learn to play a variety of rhythm instruments emphasizing the steady beat and playing simpler rhythmic patterns. Instruments introduced will include the triangles, the maracas, bells, drums, indian gathering drums, and tubes. Students will also learn as a group to play a variety of simple and familiar melodies with these pitched and non-pitched instruments.

Class Fee: \$45

Material fee: \$38 (Parents have the option to purchase additional materials)

### BEGINNER GUITAR COURSE

Instructor: Katherine MacMahon

Date: Monday (March 4, 11, 18, April 1, 8)

Time: 6 – 6:50 PM

Ages: 6+

Spots Available: 12

Students will learn the left and right hand guitar techniques. Identifying string names, notes, and scales on the fretboard along with reading music notation and tablature. Students will choose to learn the flat picking or classical technique of playing. A variety of major and minor chords in addition to various strumming patterns will be introduced. Students will learn to play simple and familiar melodies on the guitar.

\*Special Requirements: Students must provide a ukulele or guitar.

Instructor can provide information on where to buy one. Students must also purchase the guitar method book from the instructor.

Class Fee: \$45/month

### INDIVIDUAL BEGINNER GUITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS

Instructor: Katherine MacMahon

Date: Mondays or Tuesdays

Time: TBD by Instructor, depending on student scheduling needs.

Ages: 5 and up

Spots Available: 12

Individual lessons are open to beginners through advanced. A variety of styles and techniques will be taught. Students will learn how to identify string names, notes, and scales on the fretboard. Reading music notation and tablature will also be taught. A variety of major

and minor chords along with various strumming patterns will be introduced.

\*Special Requirements: Students must provide a ukulele or guitar.

Instructor can provide information on where to buy one. Students will purchase a method book from the instructor.

Class Fee: \$60/month

### Intro to the Classical Guitar

Instructor: David Bryan

Date: March 16th

Time: 5-7 PM

Ages: 16+

Spots Available: 20

This one night class taught by WCU professor David Bryan is open to anyone interested in learning how to get started on classical guitar playing. Healthy technique, tone production, a simple piece, and an overview of the classical guitar will be covered. *Students must bring their own guitar.*

Class Fee: Free

### The History of the Guitar Through Music

Instructor: David Bryan

Date: May 17th

Time: 5-7 PM

Ages: 16+

Spots Available: 20

A one night lecture on the history of the guitar including information on the composers, photos, and descriptions of the guitar and its changes from 1500 to today as well as live performances of pieces written in each time period.

Class Fee: Free

## SPECIAL TOPICS

### ASTROLOGY MEETINGS WITH THE GULF COAST ASTROLOGICAL SOCIETY

Instructor: Ceejay Lewis

Date: Wednesdays

Time: 7 – 9 PM

Ages: All

Spots Available: 20

Weekly meetings where members review the upcoming week's astrological events, as well as study the charts of notable figures and events.

Class Fee: \$5/Series

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#### **DEVELOPING THE CREATIVE WRITER WORKSHOPS**

Instructor: Laura Keriazakos

Date: Weekly, Thursdays from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM and Saturdays  
from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM and 3:00 - 4:30 PM (STARTING MARCH 7TH)

Ages: 16+

Spots Available: 12

Do you have a great story idea but don't know where to start? Are you Sumo wrestling with your latest manuscript? SWAG Workshops are here to help. NINE workshops will target the needs of the developing creative writer in these key areas: Creative Nonfiction (essays and memoirs), Fiction, Screenwriting, Plot, Revision, Characterization, Poetry, Publication, and a new class, Passionate Observation. Each 90 minute class will be taught by industry professional Laura Keriazakos. These workshops will be entertaining, inventive, and highly inspirational.

Class Fee: \$35