

Did you know...?

- **Arts improve academic performance.** Research indicates that a high percentage of students with an education rich in the arts have higher GPAs and standardized test scores, and lower drop-out rates—benefits reaped by students regardless of socio-economic status. Students with 4 years of arts or music in high school average 100 points better on their SAT scores than students with just one-half year of arts or music.
- **Arts spark creativity and innovation.** The Conference Board, a global independent business membership and research association working in the public interest, reports that creativity is among the top 5 applied skills sought by business leaders—with 72 percent saying creativity is of high importance when hiring. The biggest creativity indicator? A college art degree. Their *Ready to Innovate* report concludes, “The arts—music, creative writing, drawing, dance—provide skills sought by employers of the 3rd millennium.”
- www.AmericansfortheArts.org

**It's no secret that Sarasota County is known for its rich arts culture.
There are so many venues in which to enjoy the
visual arts, theatre, music, and dance.
So make plans this weekend with your children
to enjoy the arts in Sarasota!**

- **Asolo Repertory Theatre** — stages up to fifteen productions of plays, operas, and ballets that run for short periods of time every season
- **Florida Studio Theatre** — features contemporary theatre as well as improvisation performances
(offers weekly classes to students ages 5 and up in theatre, dance, and music, and summer camp to students ages 5-17)
- **North Port Performing Arts Center** — features both high school and guest events in the performing arts
- **Players Theatre** — presents volunteer driven community theatrical experiences
(fall and spring voice, dance, and acting classes offered for ages 3-adult)

- **Ringling Museum of Art** — maintains 31 galleries of art exhibitions from around the world, including the Circus Museum and Ca' d'Zan
(offers a summer circus camp)
- **Sarasota Ballet** — presents full-length classical ballets and brand new world-premieres
(provides year-round professional ballet instruction for students of all ages)
- **Sarasota Orchestra** — performs more than 100 classical, pops and family concerts each year featuring an 80-member orchestra
(holds auditions for students in grades 3-12 for a 30-week Youth Orchestra; offers summer camps for strings and band)
- **Sarasota Opera** — produces professional operas and hosts symphonies, ballets, the film festival, music concerts, comedy shows, etc.
(accepts students ages 8 and up into the Youth Opera)
- **Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall** — entertains audiences with a variety of music, dance, theater and comedy in this 1,736 seat hall
- **Venice Performing Arts Center** — opening in October, will support and present diverse performing and visual arts programs for students and residents
- **Venice Symphony** — performs classical, pops, and festival concerts from November through April
(offers a summer camp for students in grades 3-12)
- **Venice Theatre** — offers theatre and performances featuring local talent
(offers fall and spring acting classes and summer camps for students in K-8)

Please visit each venue's website for more information.

You may also visit the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County website at <https://www.sarasotaarts.org/> for an organized list of all arts events, including those that are free of charge and to subscribe to their weekly e-letter!

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