

Community School of the Arts



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The Community School of the Arts programs have delivered over 40 years of music, visual art, and performance instruction. The Community School of the Arts programs are now housed in the recently renovated Lenard Hall building located at 450 S. Eagleville Road. Through the generosity of principal donors John and Jean Lenard, and others including the Jeffrey P. Ossen Family Foundation, the Lenard Hall facility was made possible. Participants can be reassured that Mansfield Parks and Recreation is committed to continuing to provide high quality instruction, offering students of all ages and ability levels professional, affordable instruction in the performing and visual arts. **Come learn, grow, and create with us!**

Lenard Hall Facility Hours: Facility hours reflect scheduled programs and classes

Please call before planning your next visit or check our website for updates: 860-429-3015 ext. 6250

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Individual Instrumental and Voice Lessons

Please visit the Lenard Hall Reception desk or www.mansfieldct.gov/csa for a list of instructors. Register online or in person with activity numbers below. Once registered, you will be contacted within two weeks to discuss your lesson appointments, once scheduled you will receive lesson schedule via email. Students meet with an instructor once per week for 30, 45, or 60 minutes. Depending upon the instrument, age requirements may apply. Lessons are offered in-person throughout the week, depending on instructor availability. **Please note there will be a once per season \$10 non-resident charge for those participating in lessons that do not live in Storrs/Mansfield.** Spring season lessons will be held April 21 - June 22, with make-up lessons occurring June 23 - June 29. *Fees below represent an estimated 9-class season; however, final fee is adjusted for the number of lessons, additional fees will apply if there are additional lessons available in the season. **Register with activity numbers below! If you would like multiple instrument or voice lessons, please use activity codes ending in A1, B1, or C1 below.**

Dates: April 20 - June 21 (9 classes) *no lessons on 5/25
Make Up Lessons: June 22 - June 28

Activity #: 430700-A (30 mins)
430700-B (45 mins)
430700-C (60 mins)

Additional Instrument or Voice Lesson Activity Codes: 430700-A1 (30 mins) 430700-B1 (45 mins) 430700-C1 (60mins)
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LESSON LENGTH	30 MINUTES	45 MINUTES	60 MINUTES
*Approximate Full session (10 lessons)	\$388	\$531	\$700

Not sure you're ready for the full season? Give us a try with Mini LESSONS!

Register to request 2 thirty minute mini lessons on your instrument of choice. Times subject to instructor availability. Two mini lessons can be scheduled for the same instrument only once per season.

Mini Lessons: 430700-D (2-30 minute Lessons) - \$45



Electronic Music Production - FREE 30 Minute DEMO! (Ages 10+)

Want to learn to make beats? You've come to the right place! Schedule a FREE one-on-one demo lesson focusing on producing instrumental soundtracks! Learn to create drum patterns and compose melodies for genres including Pop, Rock, Hip Hop, EDM, and more. The best part is no experience or equipment is required; though it is very helpful if students have access to a computer (iPads and iPhones are also great alternatives if a computer is not available.) Electronic production is the primary topic but lessons can be customized to include other related skills, such as recording live instruments and vocals. Small group lessons can also be arranged.

If you enjoyed your demo, register for individual lessons to get started!

Instructor: Walker Suib has been practicing Electronic Music Production (his favorite activity) for the last decade. He makes beats for singers and rappers, but also enjoys sound design, sound engineering, and songwriting.

Location: Lenard Hall

Demo Fee: **FREE!** - Email Walker Suib at SuibWJ@mansfieldct.org to schedule your free 30-minute demo.

Fee: Free 30-minute demo lesson. Can register for 30, 45, or 60-minute individual lessons (see Individual Instrumental and Voice Lesson rates).

Blues/Funk Ensemble (Ages 17+)

This ensemble explores the raw power of the blues and the groove-driven energy of funk. Students will develop skills in rhythm, improvisation, and ensemble playing while learning classic songs and contemporary interpretations. Together we will focus on locking in tight grooves, expressive solos, and dynamic interaction, creating music that is both soulful and electrifying. Students should bring electric/acoustic guitar, bass, drumsticks, horns, or percussions. Registration includes end of term showcase. We are seeking musicians on drums, guitar, bass, keyboards, vocals, and other instruments to participate in the ensemble. Applicants should have prior playing experience, as this class is not intended for complete beginners. Auditions will be held during the first class.

Instructor: Steven Ohm. I dedicated myself to sharing the joy of music through both teaching and performing. Playing guitar has brought me countless hours of happiness, and it is my mission to pass that same inspiration on to my students. After graduating from Berklee College of Music, I have taught at the collegiate level as well as in private and community settings around the Boston Metro area and Willimantic, giving me the opportunity to guide students of all ages and skill levels, from complete beginners to advanced players exploring new styles. Fluent in rock, blues, jazz, and folk, I help students build strong foundations while exploring diverse styles. My lessons are structured yet creative, cater to each student's needs, and focus on technique, expression, and the joy of making music.

Location: Lenard Hall

Date: Wed., April 8-June 24 (10 classes)
*no class 5/6 and 6/3

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Fees: \$100 for residents, \$110 for non-residents

Activity #: 430304-A

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Theatre

Little Actors (Grades K-4)

Students will engage in age appropriate theater games and activities that will help them develop their imagination, creative expression, and confidence. In this fun-filled class setting, every student will have fun and feel successful!

Lead Instructor: Miss Kelly Production Staff

Location: Lenard Hall Recital Room

Dates: Thurs., April 2-June 11 (10 classes) *no class 4/16

Time: 5:15-6 p.m.

Fee: \$110 for residents, \$120 for non-residents

Activity #: 430610-A

NEW! Theater Composition Class (Grades 5-8)

Do you love to write creatively? Learn to turn those short stories into a play! We will work with students to develop short skits that they write and perform. There will be a short performance on the final class to highlight our work!

Lead Instructor: Miss Kelly Production Staff

Location: Lenard Hall Recital Room

Dates: Thurs., April 2-June 11 (10 classes) *no class 4/16

Time: 6-7 p.m.

Fee: \$110 for residents, \$120 for non-residents

Activity #: 430612-A



Visual Arts

NEW! Art and Resilience (Adults)

Creating art is a great way to release pent up emotions and thoughts. We are going to put the weight of those thoughts on canvas (or paper) and build resilience against the forces that challenge us. It's important that everyone takes the time to work in creative outlets to help us move through difficult times. Participants will work with a preferred medium, and are welcome to bring their own materials. It does not matter if you are a master with the brush or a novice with color, the important part is that your heart is in it. Join us for a community resilience boost and leave with a piece of art from the heart! Participants sign up for one or more nights.

Instructor: Allison Pillari

Location: Lenard Hall

Dates: Event A - April 24 (Activity #: 430092-A)
Event B - May 22 (Activity #: 430092-B)
Event C - June 5 (Activity #: 430092-C)

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Fee: \$25 for residents, \$35 for non-residents

Materials Fee: \$5 due at time of registration per event, fee waivers do not apply to materials fee

ART MENTORSHIP - PRIVATE & (NEW!) SEMI PRIVATE ART LESSONS (Ages 6-Adult)

This type of mentorship provides aspiring artists with the rare opportunity to receive tailored guidance, feedback, and support from someone who has undergone rigorous training in traditional techniques and principles. Artists can expect to receive individualized instruction aimed at honing their technical skills and developing their artistic voice. During the first lesson, the instructor will establish a clear understanding of the student's current skill level, discuss specific techniques they wish to learn, and set achievable artistic goals. This foundational discussion will tailor the art lessons to meet

the student's individual needs and aspirations. Private or semi-private lessons (participation max: 2 individuals) are available for children (6 years old and above) and adults. Allison is available for one hour lessons Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Students meet with the instructor once per week for 60 minutes. Register online or in person with activity numbers below and list preferred lesson time during registration. Once registered, you will be contacted within two weeks to discuss your lesson appointments, once scheduled you will receive lesson schedule via email. **Art materials will be provided for the first lesson; students are required to bring their own materials to the following lessons. Instructor will review a materials list with the students at the first lesson.**

Instructor: Allison Pillari brings a unique perspective to art making and what it means to "Create". She provides access to art for both identified artists and especially, those who previously did not consider themselves creative.

Location: Lenard Hall

Dates: April 21-June 18 (10 lessons)

Make Up Lessons: June 23-25

Fee: Private Lessons: \$530 for residents,
\$540 for non-residents
Semi-Private Lessons: \$795 for residents,
\$895 for non-residents

Day	Dates	Time	Private Activity Number	Semi-Private Activity Number
Tuesdays	April 21-June 16	4:30-7:30 p.m.	430801-B	430801-B1
Wenesdays	April 22-June 17	6-8 p.m.	430801-C	430801-C1
Thursdays	April 23-June 18	6-8 p.m.	430801-D	430801-D1

Not sure you're ready for the full season? Give us a try with Mini LESSONS!

Register to request 2 sixty minute mini art mentorship lessons with Allison. Times subject to instructor availability. Two Mini lessons can be scheduled only once per season.

Mini Lessons: 430801-F (2-60 minute Lessons) - \$90

Open Studio Space for Artists (Ages 14+)

Artists of all mediums are welcome to enjoy the open studio space at the Community School of the Arts Lenard Hall. Bring your own materials, and come create and collaborate with your peers. Please leave yourself enough time to clean up! All skill levels welcome. No instruction provided. Dates and times subject to change or cancellation due to holidays and facility scheduling needs, fees will not be prorated or refunded. Attendance requires monthly registration. Additional details below.

Location: Lenard Hall

Dates & Times: Tues., April 7-28, 4-6 p.m. (430000-A)

Tues., May 5-26, 4-6 p.m. (430000-B)

Tues., June 2-30, 4-6 p.m. (430000-C)

Fees: \$13 for residents, \$23 for non-residents per session