Theatre for an Inclusive World
About ArtStream

ArtStream offers performance opportunities that encourage collaboration and engage people with intellectual and developmental disabilities – including autism – in lifelong learning opportunities. Classes, workshops, and performances are available throughout the DMV. Through ArtStream’s classes, performances, social skills workshops, and other programming, participants gain skills and confidence to engage with the world. We welcome everyone to work together, learn from each other, and be valued for their creative contributions.

Take a Performing Class

ArtStream offers performing arts classes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) — including autism. You do not need to have any acting experience to take a class.

Learn about our current classes or register for an upcoming class today.

Classes: www.art-stream.org/take-a-class

“There is a role for everybody at ArtStream, whether their verbal communication skills are very limited or they can do a monologue from Shakespeare. Everyone has something to offer. Everyone has something to gain.”

—Parent of an ArtStreamer

Join Our Monthly Super Social Saturdays

Practice being your best self in a group event setting. Show your skills, be silly, express yourself, practice positive social experiences, and dance!
"I found another friend because of my first ArtStream class... Ricky and I had the same ideas. That’s when we found out that we clicked. ArtStream has given me more confidence and made me more positive at work.”

—ArtStream actor since 2017
Perform with ArtStream

Auditions for the Inclusive Theatre Companies occur in the fall for shows the following spring. Cabaret Companies hold auditions in the fall and winter.

Inclusive Theatre Companies

Actors develop and perform an original musical. The company votes on a theme, creates original characters, and improvises scenes. Scenes are then scripted to become an original one-act musical. Each performance presents two of these musicals in a double bill before a live audience.

Cabaret Companies

Actors agree on a theme for ensemble music and dance performances, and then each actor works with the choreographer and music director to develop solo and small group music, dance, or drama performances.

Requirements to Perform

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Participated in at least 8 weeks of ArtStream classes in the past two years.

Reserve your spot

on the audition list by calling ArtStream at (301) 565-4567.

When there is space in the company, we will invite you to join us for an audition.
Attend a Show
2019-2020 PERFORMANCES

Fall 2019

Virginia Cabaret – Fall Company
- Mon, Nov 4, 2019
- 7:30 pm
- Signature Theatre

Winter 2020

Maryland Cabaret – Winter Company
- Mon, Jan 27, 2020
- 7:30 pm
- AMP by Strathmore

Spring 2020

Arlington Inclusive Theatre Companies
- March 19-21 and 26-28, 2020
- Thurs & Fri: 7:30 pm
- Sat: 2:30 pm
- Nannie J Lee Memorial Recreation Center

Gaithersburg Inclusive Theatre Companies
- May 1-3 and 8-10, 2020
- Sat & Sun: 2:30 pm
- Bender JCC of Greater Washington

Virginia Cabaret – Spring Company
- Mon, March 9, 2020
- 7:30 pm
- Signature Theatre

Silver Spring Inclusive Theatre Companies
- June 12-14 and 19-21, 2020
- Fri: 7:30 pm
- Sat & Sun: 2:30 pm
- Silver Spring Black Box Theatre

Maryland Cabaret – Spring Company
- Monday, May 18, 2020
- 7:30 pm
- AMP by Strathmore

www.art-stream.org/see-a-show
(301) 565-4567

Tickets

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Bring ArtStream to your community!
CLASSES FOR YOUR Community
ArtStream's talented Teaching Artists lead a variety of workshops and classes for groups, schools, and private organizations. Classes are designed for people of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs), including autism. Participation fosters social connections and allows participants to practice communication skills like eye contact, listening, and self awareness. Through these classes, participants increase engagement and build confidence by making their own choices.

Programs include:
- Dance and movement
- Drama and storytelling
- Music
- Musical theatre
- Self-advocacy
- Workplace communication
- Public speaking

Contact ArtStream for more information and to design a class to fit your organization's needs.

“As a parent and professional in the field of developmental disabilities, ArtStream is one of my favorite programs to witness and collaborate with. Attendees are more comfortable with a variety of communication partners across all settings. Even our non-verbal friends benefit from ArtStream programming, as I've heard two young adults speak for the first time during an ArtStream class. My face hurt from smiling!! Thank you ArtStream.”
— Jenn Lynn, Executive Director, Upcounty Resources (UCR)
Get Involved with ArtStream
Support ArtStream

Donate
Tuition and ticket sales cover less than half (46%) of the cost of ArtStream’s programs. Your donations make it possible for actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) — including autism — to perform on stage, feel empowered and respected, and actively engage in our communities.

☑ $75 funds a full costume for one actor in an Inclusive Theatre Company Show.
☑ $300 underwrites a public speaking workshop for self-advocacy and pre-employment skills.
☑ $1,000 sponsors an 8-week class in Broadway Song & Dance, Shakespeare, or Directing & Design.

Donate: www.art-stream.org/donate or mail a check to the ArtStream office.

Planned Giving
Meet your financial, tax, or estate planning objectives while supporting ArtStream. Talk to your financial planner — you might be surprised by the immediate benefits of planned giving!

Volunteer
Volunteers ages 13+ are needed to help in classes, backstage, and on stage.

Volunteer hours are eligible for SSL hours, and ArtStream looks great on college applications!

Groups and families are welcome.

Volunteer: www.art-stream.org/volunteer

Advertise
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Advertise: www.art-stream.org/advertise
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