



# ARTS & LEARNING CONSERVATORY



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## UPCOMING EVENTS



# FALL CLASSES NOW OPEN ENROLL TODAY

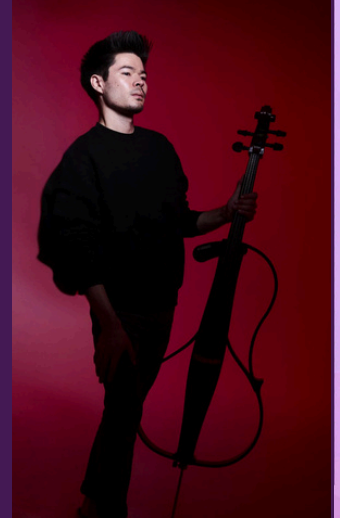
**INSTRUMENT**  
TRY-OUT/RENTAL NIGHT

**COME AND PLAY!**  
SEPTEMBER 19TH, 6-8 PM  
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# MISSION

We provide students of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels the opportunity to learn and excel in an immersive environment of world class performing arts.

## ALUMNI CORNER PHILIP SHEEGOG



Your continuous support of our youth is appreciated!

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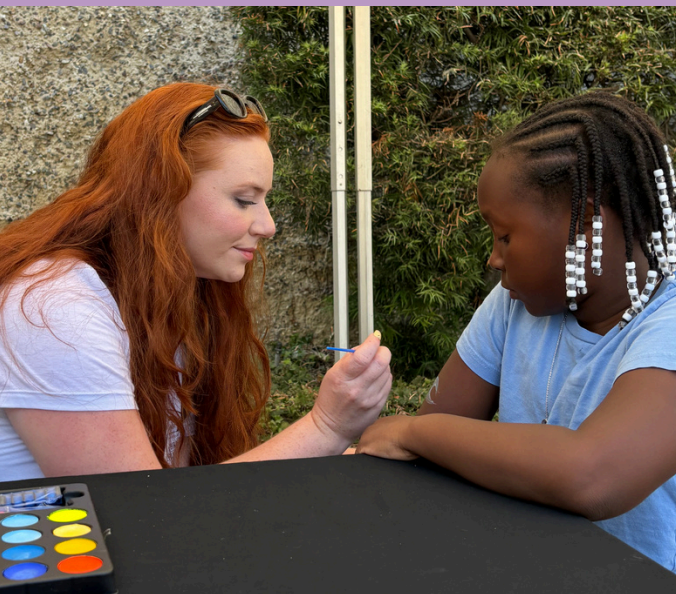
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# A SNAPSHOT OF OUR OPEN HOUSE!



THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WITH US!  
Friends of ALC and their families joined us this August for an afternoon full of amazing performance workshops, craft booths run by community vendors, delicious food and more as we celebrated the opening of our newly renovated Performing Arts Center!





# SUMMER MUSICAL THEATRE...BRAVO!

CONGRATULATIONS  
SUMMER STUDENTS!

Over the course of 5 weeks, ALC facilitated Summer Musical Theatre programs at 7 different schools across SoCal that were hugely successful for our ALC staff and their incredible students!



This summer was a tremendous success in fostering creativity and confidence among our students through our innovative program that merged arts education with a learning adventure!

# SUMMER MUSICAL THEATRE CONTINUED

This year, ALC put down roots in El Monte, CA at Maxson and Monte Vista elementary school. We were also incredibly fortunate to partner with Think Together, the renowned community-oriented organization that has been instrumental in providing after-school programming to schools across California. Together our organizations were able to pilot a brand-new Musical Theatre /Technical Theatre program designed to work in tandem to give students an in-depth and hands-on production experience. Students involved in our Technical Course were taught the basics of lighting, sound and scenic design and were shown how to analyze scripts as a theatre designer. This class worked with the students in our traditional Musical Theater course, culminating in a production performed by and ran by the students themselves.

Focusing on the technical program and what the students were able to accomplish here is the goal, since it was the brand-new program that we piloted. Mad Hamaguchi was the teacher for that program that wrote the curriculum for it and ran it.

After a very successful school year with Newport Mesa Unified School District, we were thrilled to once again join them for their Summer Camp programs to tackle "The Jungle Book"! With the help of our amazing Teaching Artists, final performances dazzled audiences with outstanding displays of talent & costume pieces and set decor that were hand made by the students themselves. A particular standout performance was that of the ensemble at Lincoln Elementary School, whose entire cast was made up of only 6 actors to portray 20+ characters on stage! Despite the added challenge, the kids came together to put on an absolutely amazing performance for their audience.

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Arts & Learning Conservatory could not be prouder of these amazing students and their dedication to the performing arts.

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# SUPPORTING THE YOUTH OF ALC

➡ CHECK OUT OUR INTERVIEW WITH FOUNDER & CEO DEBORA WONDERCHECK



*Ready to hit the high note of giving? Your support today will be the encore, keeping theatre and music programs in the lives of our students. Click below:*

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# ALUMNI CORNER

## PHILIP SHEEGOG

### THRILLED TO SHARE THE LATEST UPDATE

ALC is thrilled to share the latest updates from one of our talented alumni, Philip Sheegog! Cellist Philip Sheegog pushes the boundaries of genre with a technical versatility, fearless commitment, and extroverted generosity that have marked him as one of the pioneering voices on the border of contemporary classical and mainstream music. Co-founder of the electroacoustic string duo ARKAI, Sheegog fuses the sonic traditions and technical vocabulary of his native classical with cutting-edge sound design, live audio processing, and myriad genre influences to create a distinctively modern synthesis. ARKAI's captivating singularity has led to collaborations with such disparate artists as American photographer David LaChapelle, Asian-American artist-activist Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya, GRAMMY-winning vocalist Gallant, Haitian superstar Emeline Michel, and world-champion beatbox duo SPIDERHORSE. He has represented the Recording Academy (GRAMMYS) through featured performances at the Culture Summit Abu Dhabi and GRAMMYS On The Hill in Washington D.C., and brought music to underserved audiences around the world through the U.S. Department of State's American Music Abroad program.



Additional past engagements have included performances at the MET Museum, US Air Force Academy, World Trade Center, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and TED, and opening for Oscar and GRAMMY-winning musician Jon Batiste at NYC's Javits Center.



# FOUNTAIN VALLEY: MUSIC CLASSES ARE BACK!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

*for our on-campus Band & Orchestra classes, available to students in grades 3-5!*

Offered by Arts and Learning Conservatory, these classes will take place after school, twice a week on campus for the remainder of the school year starting at the end of September. No experience is necessary to join the class! Students will have the chance to participate in three performances throughout the year, as well as enjoy opportunities to attend free concerts.



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## SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

*and we highly encourage everyone to apply!*

If your child needs an instrument, please join us for our INSTRUMENT RENTAL NIGHT on September 19th from 6-8pm at our newly renovated Performing Arts Center!

For more information about registration for our music classes in Fountain Valley, visit our website!

 [Click here to Enroll Today!](#)





# GET TO KNOW OUR TEAM



Gia is the Theatre Manager & Artistic Director of the brand new Theatre and Performing Arts Center in Costa Mesa! She loves reading and choosing the plays that ALC is going to produce through the theatre production classes called the ALC Players! Students enroll in the class and at the end of the session they perform an entire musical or play! Before joining ALC Gia founded her own non-profit theatre company in Northern California and was the co-Artistic Director for over ten years. She was also a professional singer, actor, director, and teacher.

Gia was a singer in multiple Disney On Ice shows! “It was so fun to go watch the shows and hear my voice in the music! One of my favorites was when I got to sing the part of Tinkerbell!”

Gia’s goal is first and foremost, she wants every student to experience joy! She thinks it's so important to find the fun when you're growing a challenging new skill like learning an instrument or practicing new choreography. Ultimately, students should come away feeling a huge boost of confidence in their abilities as a performing artist!



# WE'RE HIRING

## JOIN OUR TEAM

- Instrumental teachers
- Choral directors
- Teaching assistants

For more information **714.728.7100**

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Send your resume to **[katie@artsandlearning.org](mailto:katie@artsandlearning.org)**

# Never Miss A Moment

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**Fall 2024 Programs**



**THEATRE**

**Acting Adventures!**

Grade levels: 4–6

Sept. 24th–Nov. 12th

Tuesdays 4pm–6pm

**Thankful for Theatre Camp**

Grade levels: 3–6

Nov. 25th–Nov. 27th

Monday–Wednesday 9am–3pm

**MUSIC**

**Honors Wind Ensemble**

Grade levels: 4–7

Sept. 25th–Dec. 14th

Wednesdays 4pm–6pm

**Honors Orchestra**

Grade levels: 4–7

Sept. 26th–Dec. 14th

Thursdays 4pm–6pm



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