



ARTS & LEARNING CONSERVATORY

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The Borland Performing Arts Center

Upcoming Events



Holiday
**Family
Movie
Night**

December 20th at 6pm | More on Page 9

**GIVING
TUESDAY
IS HERE!
DEC. 3RD**

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Mission

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

ARTS & LEARNING CONSERVATORY 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SYMPHONIC SOUL
Celebrating African American Artistry

January 25, 2025 • 8pm
Arts & Learning Conservatory with the Pacific Segerstrom Center of the Arts, Costa Mesa
Symphony, Conducted by Carl St. Clair

www.pacificsymphony.org

Your continuous support of our youth is appreciated!

Invest In Creative Youth

Scroll Down to Learn More About ALC in Your Community.

CUTTING THE RIBBON TO NEW BEGINNINGS!



OCTOBER 18TH 2024

Staff, donors & community supporters gathered together this October to usher in a brand new era of Arts & Learning Conservatory.

CEO & Founder Debora Wondercheck cut the ribbon to The Borland Performing Arts Center, a state of the art performance facility that will help ALC to provide world class performing arts experiences to the children of our community.

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HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
from our family to yours.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

TO OUR CEO AND FOUNDER DEBORA WONDERCHECK FOR RECEIVING THE SILVER AWARD FOR FEMALE EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR!

We're proud to celebrate our Founder & CEO, @Debra Wondercheck, who received the SILVER award for Female Executive of the Year in the Government/Non-Profit category at the 21st annual Stevie Awards for Women in Business in New York City!

With over 1,500 nominations across 100+ categories, this recognition shines a spotlight on the Arts & Learning Conservatory's mission to empower young people from all backgrounds through the arts. For two decades, we've dedicated ourselves to nurturing students' talents, building their confidence, and inspiring their futures through creativity.

This award is a testament to the impact we're making in our community and beyond. A huge congratulations to Debora and to all the remarkable winners! Read more about this year's honorees at the link below!



[CLICK HERE TO SEE ALL THE HONOREES!](#)



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT SIGNATURE PRODUCTION!

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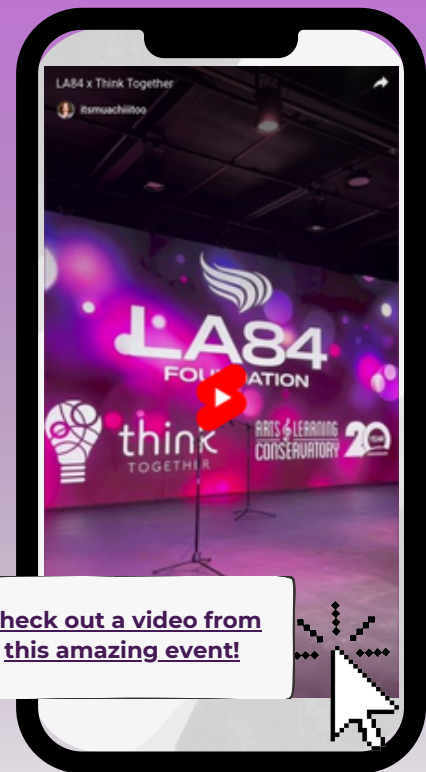
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER:

3 ORGANIZATIONS COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE STRIDES IN EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES



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TOGETHER

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Check out a video from [this amazing event!](#)

O C T O B E R 2 9 T H 2 0 2 4

Arts & Learning was proud to host Think Together for this year's Champion of Change Award Presentation! Staff and supporters from ALC, Think Together, and the LA84 foundation were all present for performances by ALC's Youth Choir, an exclusive screening of the documentary "The Corner", and a facilitated discussion with LA84 Foundation President and CEO Renata Simril; Think Together Founder and CEO of Think Together Randy Barth; and Social Equity Youth Sports Advocate Daysi Garcia.

this year...

GIVE THANKS & GIVE BACK.



Check out our amazing kids giving thanks!

Invest in creative youth on **Tuesday December 3rd** for Giving Tuesday and donate to **Arts & Learning Conservatory!**

DONATE 

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

MEET TWO OF OUR AMAZING TEACHING ARTISTS!



CYNTHIA HAMIDI

THEATRE TEACHING ARTIST



Cynthia Hamidi is a talented Moroccan and Native American actress/acting coach from the East Coast. She has appearances on both TV series and films. Cynthia loves teaching and sharing her passion for acting with the next generations of artists.

SHAUN CARMER

MUSIC TEACHING ARTIST



Shaun Carmer is a professional trumpeter and percussionist based in the OC area. Seeing how early music education helped to shape him as a musician and as a person, he has a strong passion for teaching the youth. Shaun is currently playing/producing for versatile latin band, Melodia Versatil. Drumming for his original metal band, Dinogrove and original artist Ali Coyle. Shaun also plays for many other pro bands such as, R&B band Sangria and Cumbia band Ritmicos Musical. He has played all over California and New York and has shared the stage with many notable names including Fransisco Torres, Willie Murillo, and others.





PLEASE JOIN ARTS & LEARNING CONSERVATORY FOR A
HOLIDAY



MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING: **THE SANTA CLAUSE**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 6PM

151 KALMUS DRIVE SUITE G-3, COSTA MESA, CA 92626

REGISTER ONLINE: ARTSANDLEARNING.ORG

PIZZA & DRINK INCLUDED-\$10 • DONATIONS WELCOME
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER COSTS.



PIZZA

COCOA

TICKETS
\$10

WEAR
PAJAMAS

LOTS OF
FUN!

NEW CLASSES AT ARTS & LEARNING!

JOIN US IN 2025 FOR BRAND NEW CLASSES AT THE BORLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER!

Mini Movers

February 1-February 28

Saturdays, 11-11:50am

Ages 2-5

Ever dream of travelling the world? Now you can, right in your own community! ALC is pleased to present our first world dance class in our new Performing Arts Center. Parents/guardians can learn alongside their children as they explore different cultures through culturally and historically significant dance styles. Each month will present the opportunity to learn about a different type of dance, so pack your suitcases and join us on the journey!

Calling all future virtuosos! This family friendly class is designed to introduce your little the wonderful world of music with you at their side. Parents/guardians will join their children in each class, learn together, and bond over the joy of music arts. Studies show that early exposure to musical concepts increases child development and improves literacy!

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore drums, percussion instruments, keyboards, and more while creating memories together that will last a lifetime.

Mini Mozart

February 1 - February 28

Saturdays, 10-10:50am

Ages 2-5

It's Back!

Acting Adventures

January 4-January 25

Saturdays, 11-11:50am

Ages 2-5

This class is perfect for students who are eager to explore what acting is all about! Actors will foster their creativity, build confidence, and learn fundamental theatre skills in a fun and supportive environment. Through a series of interactive games, exercises, and improvisation activities, students will learn essential acting techniques while having their peers. Sign up today!

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Teen Scene

Starting February 4th
Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm
Ages 13+

In Teen Scene, we will be pushing past the basics and challenging students to unlock greatest performing potential. With one-on-one coaching and personalized their feedback from our highly trained teachers, actors are encouraged to explore new techniques and reach professional levels of competency. Each student will work on a short scene and a high-quality monologue which they can take with them to future auditions.

We'd like YOU to join us at ALC for some holiday magic this season! The Conservatory Carolers is a small group of actors and singers who perform holiday carols at community events. They will be performing at The Newport Beach Christmas Boat Parade and more. This is a great opportunity for young singers to grow in their craft and represent the arts in their community. Students will learn several carols with some dance moves to really get the holiday spirit flowing.

FREE TO JOIN!

Conservatory Carolers

February 1 - February 28
Wednesdays, 5-7pm
Ages 7+

ENROLL TODAY!



World Drumming

January 9-January 30
Thursdays, 4-4:50pm
Ages 2-5

Claves, djembes, bongos, and more! Join us as we explore the world through drumming rhythms and techniques all while learning about the cultures that created them. We will be getting hands-on experience with a diverse assortment of international instruments. Get ready - this may get loud (and fun)!

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Guitar

Thursdays, 5-5:50pm,
February 6-February 27
Ages 8-12

Unleash your inner rockstar! This beginner-friendly course is designed to get you started on your guitar playing journey. In a fun and supportive environment, you'll learn the fundamentals of playing guitar, including the parts of guitar, basic chords, rhythms and strumming patterns, and beginner guitar notation. No prior musical experience is necessary! Bring your own guitar or inquire about rentals. Rock on!

Auditioning for arts institutions can be intimidating. ALC is here to help! Our mission is to support youth in pursuit of their dreams, so we are now offering audition and portfolio workshops to improve their creativity and confidence. Former OCSA students will advise students and families on the best approach to the application experience, including audition etiquette, monologue/singing direction, and portfolio assistance. We can't wait to support you through these experiences and increase your student's chances of success!

Audition

Workshops

January 17 : 6-8pm

January 18 : 10am-12pm,

January 31 : 6-8pm,

February 1 : 10am- 12pm

Ages 12-18

**Visit our website for more information
on pricing and registration!**



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR CLASSES