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The Art Effect Offers In-Person Summer Programming for Ages 5-19

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY - The Art Effect has once again adapted its summer programming for youth ages 4-19 to reclaim their summer fun while adhering to state and local Coronavirus guidelines. Programs for each age group — [Arts Camps](#) (ages 5-11), [Junior Arts Institute](#) (ages 11-13), and [Summer Art Institute](#) (ages 14-19) — will be available in-person with smaller group sizes and enhanced safety measures to provide social and creative outlets in a supportive environment this summer.

For decades, The Art Effect's summer programs; Dutchess Arts Camp, Junior Art Institute, and Summer Art Institute, have enriched and empowered local youth through art and exploration. This year, The Art Effect will also reinstate Ulster Arts Camp, located on the picturesque campus of SUNY New Paltz for campers ages 5–11. Throughout these unprecedented times, The Art Effect continues to support young people by providing the platform, materials, and direction to continue to stay connected, motivated, and hopeful for the future all while offering safe, in-person programming which has become a model for other organizations throughout the county.

At The Art Effect's summer Dutchess and Ulster arts camps, children ages 5-11 will explore their artistic abilities and have fun working on creative projects in person, socially distanced and outside whenever possible this summer at our Pershing Ave, Poughkeepsie location or at SUNY New Paltz. Dutchess Arts Camp will run for four individual weeks beginning July 5 — July 30. Ulster Arts Camp will run two sessions beginning August 2 — August 13.

This summer's Junior Art Institute will take a child's love of art to the next level through the discovery of creative self expression while learning new skills in painting, 3-D sculptures, and mixed media. Projects intended for middle school youth ages 11-13 will be adaptable to the level and interest of each student through the "child centered" teaching approach. Junior Art Institute runs five days a week for three individual sessions beginning on July 5 — August 13 at the Barrett Art Center located at 55 Noxon Rd, Poughkeepsie.

The Art Effect's Summer Art Institute is for artistically motivated teens ages 14-19 to develop their creativity and build skills that prepare them for advanced study and careers in the visual arts. This summer's focus will be drawing and painting and will take place at the Trolley Barn with two sessions from July 5-23 and July 26-August 13 with Art Institute director, Rick Price.

Since the COVID pandemic began in March, The Art Effect has pivoted our normal service models to adjust program schedules, provide virtual options and serve more people through an incredible amount of hard work, and creative thinking. During the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Art Effect was one of the only agencies in Poughkeepsie providing services to youth through remote media and visual arts workshops, online courses, and virtual events. As the pandemic continues, The Art Effect has built adaptable and safe program delivery options into every aspect of the organization.

For more information and to register for summer programs visit feelthearteffect.org/courses/summer-programs or call 845-471-7477. In-person programming is subject to change in response to state and local guidelines.

About The Art Effect: The Art Effect empowers youth to develop their creative voice to shape their futures and bring about positive social change. The organization facilitates educational programming for youth at three locations within the Hudson Valley; Pershing Ave., the Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory and The Trolley Barn Gallery, to explore, experience and excel in the arts. The programs provide introductions to visual arts and media, giving participants the opportunity to develop real skills in these fields and guiding them towards achieving their academic and career goals. The Art Effect is anchored by the belief that the arts have the power to create a more vibrant, caring and sustainable world led by a generation of youth who value creative thinking, diverse voices and stronger connections between all people.

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