



# Pacific Symphony

## arts-X-press

In Celebration of Cole Carsan St.Clair

### A Transformational Experience

**arts-X-press** is a summer arts immersion program where middle schoolers come together to explore the arts, be themselves and make lasting friendships. Attending arts-X-press is a rare privilege—just 100 students from throughout Southern California are selected each summer. **You have been nominated to apply for the chance to be part of this diverse community of artists and creative thinkers!**

During this five-day residential program, students sleep overnight in the dorms and eat meals in the campus cafeteria at Concordia University Irvine. Our professional staff and enthusiastic counselors live on campus with the students, leading them in arts workshops in state-of-the-art arts spaces and in attending professional performances with a chance to check out what happens behind-the-scenes. Unlike many arts programs out there, at arts-X-press, everyone gets the opportunity to play music, sing, make art, act, dance and write throughout the course of the program – all in a supportive, non-competitive environment that values each student's individuality.

**"This program is perfect for kids who want to express their talent and to connect with people who have passion for art. When I came to arts-X-press, I felt safe and connected to people...I felt like I belonged here."**

**Cost:** Financial aid is available to all students, based on need, and we are committed to making it possible for all accepted students to attend. The full tuition for arts-X-press is \$975, which covers all costs for the program including room, board and performance tickets. Applications for financial aid will be sent with acceptance letters. **NO student will ever be turned away from arts-X-press for financial reasons.**

**How to apply:** Applicants must currently be in **6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade**. No previous arts training is necessary. You can go online to [www.PacificSymphony.org/artsexpress](http://www.PacificSymphony.org/artsexpress) and apply there, or download and fill out the application and return it to your teacher or the Symphony office by the deadline.

For more information on arts-X-press, visit our website at [www.pacificsymphony.org/arts-x-press](http://www.pacificsymphony.org/arts-x-press) where you can apply, view a **video** about the program, and find answers to **frequently asked questions**.

**Don't miss out on the magic of arts-X-press! [Apply now!](#)**



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### Application Instructions

1. Fill out **BOTH pages** of the application completely.
2. Provide **contact information** for at least ONE parent or guardian.
3. **Provide an e-mail address** if you have one. We will send important updates about arts-X-press via email. We promise we won't use it to send you junk mail!
4. Please circle **no more than three art forms** you are most interested in exploring at arts-X-press. During arts-X-press, students will get a chance to experience all five of these art forms, but preferences are taken into consideration for primary workshop placement.
5. Indicate your availability for all the arts-X-press sessions you are available for. Remember, the **greater your availability, the more likely it is that we will be able to find a spot for you**. If your availability changes later on, we can almost always arrange a session change.

### Financial Aid

**All students are eligible for financial aid.** Financial aid applications will be sent with welcome letters to accepted students.

**Households earning less than \$30,000 annual income  
automatically qualify for 75% reduced tuition of \$243.75.**

This tuition reduction will be automatically credited to students who qualify with no additional paperwork necessary. All families can also apply for additional financial aid to reduce their cost further.

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### 2025 Application

Please complete both pages and return your application to the Symphony office, or email to [arts-x-press@pacificsymphony.org](mailto:arts-x-press@pacificsymphony.org).

#### CONTACT INFORMATION (please print)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Student is in right now: ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 (applicants must currently be in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator's email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicants may be nominated by a classroom or after-school program teacher, private lesson instructor, coach, etc.)

If you were **not** nominated by a teacher, please provide the name of a teacher/adult mentor who can serve as a reference.  
Reference name: \_\_\_\_\_ Reference email: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Parent/ Guardian Contact (who should arts-X-press staff contact if we have questions about your application?)

Primary Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The best way to contact me during the day is: ☐ home phone ☐ work phone ☐ cell phone ☐ e-mail

I prefer to receive my paperwork and phone communication in: ☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Chinese

Emergency Contact (someone we can call other than a parent/primary guardian in case of emergency)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### AVAILABILITY AND INTEREST

I am available for the following sessions of arts-X-press 2025 (check all that apply):

☐ Session #1 (July 6-11, 2025)

☐ Session #2 (July 13-18, 2025)

Please circle THREE art forms you have the most interest in participating in during arts-X-press:

visual art

theater

dance

vocal music

instrumental music

**If you selected instrumental music:**

What instrument does your child play? \_\_\_\_\_ # of years: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child know how to read music? ☐ yes ☐ no Will your child be able to bring their instrument? ☐ yes ☐ no

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Please indicate if you have participated in any of the following **Pacific Symphony programs** before:  
Family Musical Mornings: ☐yes ☐no      Class Act: ☐yes ☐no      Strings for Generations: ☐yes ☐no  
Santiago Strings: ☐yes ☐no      Santa Ana Strings: ☐yes ☐no

Do you have a sibling who has attended arts-X-press? ☐yes ☐no Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT RACE AND/OR ETHNICITY (please check all that apply):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian, Alaska Native, or First Nations | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern or North African           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese  | <input type="checkbox"/> South Asian                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipina/o/x                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean   | <input type="checkbox"/> White                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latina/o/x                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)_____               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to respond                               |  |

## ARTS INFORMATION

Does your child sing with a group? ☐yes ☐no      Where?\_\_\_\_\_ # of years:\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child study dance? ☐yes ☐no      What type?\_\_\_\_\_Where?\_\_\_\_\_ # of years:\_\_\_\_\_

Is your child involved in theater? ☐yes ☐no      Where?\_\_\_\_\_ # of years:\_\_\_\_\_

Has your child had art lessons? ☐yes ☐no      Where?\_\_\_\_\_ # of years:\_\_\_\_\_

## Student and Parent Agreement for Participation in arts-X-press

Both the student and parent must sign this agreement for the application to be considered.

I understand attending arts-X-press is a special privilege. I understand that if accepted, I am expected to attend the entire program. I accept responsibility for completing all paperwork, attending all orientation meetings, and I understand the importance of this commitment. If for any reason, at any time, I cannot fulfill my obligations to arts-X-press I will notify Pacific Symphony immediately so another deserving student can have this opportunity.

Participation is subject to the guidelines and policies of Pacific Symphony and Concordia University Irvine. All requested documents and waivers must be supplied during the registration process before participation can take place.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check this box to receive more information about financial aid