

KIMMEL CENTER
Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts
Academy of Music
Merriam Theater
2010-11 Season

Contact: Dafni D. Comerota
215-790-5847
ddcomerota@kimmelcenter.org



Kimmel Center Education Fact Sheet

Kimmel Center Education Department features a variety of education programs that engage the regional community with the performing arts throughout the year.

Educational offerings are available for all ages and experience levels for educators, early childhood from birth to five years-old, students in grades 5 to 12 as well as adult life-long learners. For more information on all of the educational offerings, contact the Merck Arts Education Center at 215-790-5896 or visit www.kimmelcenter.org/education

Subsidized Ticket Program

Subsidized tickets are offered at a cost of \$10 each to groups of four or more from schools and community organizations, faith-based and social service groups for a variety of concerts in Perelman Theater and Verizon Hall.

Kimmel Center Youth Jazz Ensemble

The Kimmel Center Youth Jazz Ensemble professionally trains gifted young artists (grades 6 to 10) with musical experiences provided by Kimmel Center teachers and accomplished special guest jazz musicians. The ensemble performs in the Kimmel Center's concert halls and throughout the region as ambassadors of KCYJE.

PNC Grow Up Great

Kimmel Center's three-pronged early childhood arts education program is funded by the PNC Foundation to support:

- **"Bop and Swing,"** an arts program designed to promote literacy development and an appreciation for American culture (in area pre-schools)
- **PNC Grow Up Great,** a series of free children's concerts held on the first Saturday of each month at 11am in Commonwealth Plaza. (Ages 0 to 4) For complete schedule, visit www.kimmelcenter.org/family
- Scholarships to the **Temple University Early Childhood Music Program** classes, held at the Kimmel Center and Temple University Center City on Mondays throughout the school year. (Ages 0 to 4)

“Dance in the Schools” Initiative

Kimmel Center Education Department partners with the School District of Philadelphia to promote dance awareness and education at Middle Years Alternative School, Overbrook Education Center, M.H. Stanton School, Nueva Esperanza Academy, Disston School. Classes taught by professional dancers including Philadanco and Danse4Nia.

Student Matinees

The Kimmel Center offers selected student matinee performances from the Kimmel Center Presents Concert series. Matinees, recommended for grades 5 to 12, are approximately one hour in length and include program materials provided in advance of the concert. Tickets are \$10.

Curriculum-based Classes

Free performing arts classes in music, dance and theater arts for grades 5 to 12 based around the “American Culture” theme.

Classes for grades 5 to 8 include: The Jazz Age, Scatting Styles, Jazz Heritage in Philadelphia, American Musical Theater, Electronic Keyboards and Musical Pot Luck.
Contact: Marc Johnson, 215-790-5845

Classes for grades 9 to 12 include: The Harlem Renaissance, Tin Pan Alley, Jazz Heritage in Philadelphia, The Sound of Philadelphia (TSOP) and American Musical Theater.
Contact: Carol Frazier, 215-790-5876

Teen Summer Arts Camp

Every summer, artistically talented students audition for the opportunity to participate in the tuition-free Teen Summer Arts Camp at the Kimmel Center. The four two-week camps expose students, ages 14 to 18, to small group instruction, coaching sessions, daily ensemble rehearsals, master classes conducted by guest artists and interaction with talented students from the tri-state area in the following areas:

- Choral/Vocal
- Jazz
- Chamber Music
- Pipe Organ

The student artists spend ten intense days developing their artistic and creative skills at the Kimmel Center, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thereafter, the two-week arts sessions culminate with solo and ensemble demonstrations, known as "Moments of Sharing," on Friday afternoons with family and friends present to experience students' personal growth.