



*To inspire, enrich, and transform
lives through dynamic arts
experiences.*

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Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to the Education Program here at Beck Center! We are excited to have you in class and creating your art experiences here at Beck Center

Our faculty members are committed to each student to expand their artistic abilities. We teach the foundations of each art form then provide the knowledge and information needed to reach new levels.

Our door is always open. You are encouraged to contact any member of the Beck Center education team with questions or comments at any time.

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Things you should know....

CLASSES:

- Be on time and prepared for each class as you will come away with so much more.
- Water is welcome in the classroom – no food or snacks are permitted.
- Cell phone use in classrooms during classes is not permitted by students/parents of all ages.
- Please be sure to use the restroom facility with your young child immediately prior to the class.
- Parents are welcome to speak with the teachers before/after classes as needed. Many conversations may need to be conducted via phone so as to not take away from the class period and to provide needed privacy.
- Appropriate behavior and attire is expected by all students in the classroom and throughout the arts campus.
- Parents/caregivers are not permitted in the classroom of their child(ren) unless invited in by the teacher. Special days for observation will be announced.
- Parents with children 6 years of age and younger should remain in the building near the classroom while the class is in session.
- Students should arrive no more than 15-30 minutes prior to the start of their classes.
- Students 6 years of age and under should not be left unattended on the Beck Center campus.
- Learn more about our faculty by going to beckcenter.org, click on education and follow the link on the right.

ABSENCES:

- If you/your child will be absent it is requested that you contact the associate director, listed above, to provide notification that there will be an absence.
- Music education and creative arts therapies have a separate policy for make-up lessons and absences; students should consult the music office or teacher/creative arts therapist for more details.

EMERGENCY CLOSING:

- Cancellation of classes will be announced via local TV and radio and through a recorded message at 216.521.2540. Please know that Beck Center rarely closes and does not necessarily close when local schools are closed.

WHILE YOU ARE HERE:

- Spend some time with the art work in all of our buildings. Beck Center hosts a number of free art exhibits featuring the talents of international and local artists as well as our students, faculty and collaborators. The public is welcome to the numerous opening receptions.
- Attend a performance.
 - Our professional theater offers something for everyone – dramas and musicals featuring the talents of local and national artists. The line-up of productions may be found online at www.beckcenter.org
 - Dance, theater, and music education, as well as creative arts therapies performances occur throughout the year. Please visit web site for further details
- Volunteer! Get involved with the Dance Alliance or Theater Alliance at Beck Center. Volunteer to usher in our professional theater or serve in a variety of capacity during education's productions.
- Are you an alum of Beck Center? Reconnect with your classmates by contacting Ed Gallagher at egallagher@beckcenter.org
- Learn more about these and many other events, performance and opportunities at beckcenter.org

STAY INFORMED:

- Follow-us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (@beckcenter). This is a great way to stay in touch, know what is happening, see pictures as activities take place and get your information first.
- Check in on www.beckcenter.org frequently for all of your needs – from classes and performances, to events and policies.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Financial Assistance is available to those that qualify and submit required forms and documentation by the following dates:


<u>Semester</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Fall	August 20
Winter/Spring	January 5
Summer	May 5


- Forms are available at www.beckcenter.org, at Customer Service or via email from Ed Gallagher at egallagher@beckcenter.org.

NEED ASSISTANCE OR HAVE A QUESTION?:

- Visit customer service in the lobby of the Main Building when you need more information.
- Customer service is open from 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Monday-Saturday and 12:00 - 4:00 pm on Sundays. Hours change on holidays and during the period prior to performances.
- Customer service is where you may register for classes, purchase tickets or get the latest information about all of our activities.
- Please contact Ed Gallagher, Director of Education at egallagher@beckcenter.org or at 216.521.2540 x12 concerning financial assistance, corporate sponsorship, classroom issues, confidential issues or any topic related to Beck Center.

Thank you again for choosing Beck Center. On behalf of our Board of Directors and our entire team we welcome you and hope that the year ahead is filled with many outstanding experiences.


Lucinda B. Einhouse
President & CEO


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