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.

**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 $850, 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 6th, 7th or 8th grade. No previous arts training is necessary. You can go online to [www.PacificSymphony.org/artsxpress](http://www.PacificSymphony.org/artsxpress) 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!**
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 $212.50.

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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COVID-19 Safety and Policies

We are excited to present arts-X-press in-person again this summer! To keep everyone safe on campus, all students are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. We will implement any additional health and safety protocols as recommended by public health officials, the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Camp Association, Pacific Symphony and Concordia University Irvine in July 2023. The health and safety of our community is our top priority.
2023 Application
Please complete both pages and return your application to the Symphony office, or email to 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 6th, 7th or 8th grade)
School Name: ___________________________ School District: ______________________
Nominator (required): ___________________________________________ Nominator's email: ______________________
(All applicants must 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 Parents/Guardians 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 2023 (check all that apply):
□ Session #1 (July 9-14, 2023)    □ Session #2 (July 16-21, 2023)

I would like to participate in the spring workshop session in Mission Viejo on April 23, 2023 from 1:00 – 4:00pm:
□ Yes □ No

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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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