

Autumn Class Experiences

Fall is upon us and so are new classroom opportunities in visual art, dance, theater, and music at the Wilson Center. Classroom hits of this past summer season include Adult Hip Hop, Mosaics, and the Architect's Light House. Check out the photos on our Facebook page!

This fall, aspiring visual artists will enjoy a mixed media experience in the **Artbox Illuminated** workshop with Ploch Art Gallery exhibiting artist Melanie Kehoss on **November 21**. Kehoss' imagery depicts silhouettes of people and objects, cut out of highly patterned surfaces that are illuminated by an interior light fixture. Students will have the opportunity to explore her work and create an art box piece of their own. Visit our website to read more about this and other classes.

Danceworks continues to offer high quality instruction and a wide variety of dance class choices at the Wilson Center. Join in on the fall sessions of **Tap, Ballet, Ballroom** and **Hip Hop**, or sign up for the new **Pilates** and **Latin Dance Workout** classes starting the third week of September. In the meantime, kids can build rhythm, movement, coordination, and confidence skills in classes like **Creative Dance, Tap and Ballet, or Contemporary Dance**.

We also encourage you to take advantage of the First Stage Theater Academy and the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music courses.

Class information may be obtained on our website or by calling 262-373-5023.



A young student busy at work painting a lighthouse.

Hidden River artists found in Wilson Center classrooms

The outstanding quality and creativity of the Hidden River Art Festival continues into the Wilson Center art studio as exhibiting artists, Michael Foster and Brock Rumohr, join our teaching faculty.

Michael Foster has spent his career developing a teaching technique that empowers students to create their own ideas and become their own insightful teachers. A full-time instructor for the School District of Waukesha and a masterful painter, Foster has been selected by three separate jury panels to exhibit at the Hidden River Art Festival since 2006. He was awarded Juror's Choice that first year and in 2008 displayed his luminescent, moody portraits and figurative paintings in the Wilson Center's Ploch Art Gallery. A workshop offered in conjunction with his exhibition was so successful that Foster began teaching seasonal classes in oil painting and portraiture at the Center. This fall, he shares his vast knowledge in a different media: watercolor. Read more about Foster's Introduction to Watercolor class online.

Michael Foster with student in a portrait workshop last fall.

Sculptor and Carroll University instructor **Brock Rumohr** first arrived at the Center as an exhibiting artist at the 2008 Hidden River Art Festival and he has quickly become an exciting new addition to our visual arts faculty. Rumohr began his career in construction before realizing his creative calling and returned to school to complete his Masters in fine art. His lifelong passion for 3-D materials is evident in his artwork and teachings. Our students have really tapped into his enthusiastic knowledge of ceramics, glass, concrete, and wood. This fall, Rumohr returns to the Hidden River Art Festival as well as the art studio where he will be teaching Figure Sculpture in October. **Check out this upcoming class on our website.**

Wilson Center teaching artists are finding their way to Hidden River, too! This year, look for artwork by Eriks Johnson, our versatile painting and drawing instructor, who will have an exhibition booth at the Festival for the first time.