

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ARTS MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITIONS
Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011 at Middlesex County College, Edison
College Center Building, Parking Lot #1

November 2011.

What to expect and what to bring to your Audition/workshop at Middlesex County College,
2600 Woodbridge Ave., Edison 08818, on **Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Everyone must bring a *stamped, self-addressed envelope (4"X9")* so we can mail your results.**
- **ALL students will be at the auditions the full two hours.**
- **Please call our office (732-566-2787) if your two auditions are at the same time or overlap.**

- Your attendance and participation at the workshop will serve as your Arts Middle School audition. Instructors/judges will be present to evaluate your work and will notify the Arts Middle School administration of your readiness to participate in the program.
- Each student trying out for Arts Middle School will be judged on how well they apply themselves on Dec. 4th. Students will be judged on artistic ability, listening and learning skills, willingness to try new things, and successfully working with other students.

NO HOME PREPARATION IS NECESSARY EXCEPT WHEN NOTED BELOW

- The audition fee is not refundable.
- In case of inclement weather conditions, cancellations will be announced on our website – www.artshigh.net, or you may call our office after 7:00 am at 732-566-2787 for a recorded message.

MULTI-GENRE WRITING:

Session A: 9 AM – 11 AM

Session B: 11 AM – 1 PM

Please refer to your green postcard for your assigned session.

Bring pen/pencil for writing (paper is provided). Workshop exercises will be given to stimulate both your creativity and writing flow. Student work will be shared and discussed.

MODERN DANCE: 11 AM – 1 PM

Wear leotards, footless tights, or tight pants. Pull long hair back. No dance footwear is required. You will dance barefoot. You will be given a number at the sign-in desk. This number will serve as your identification. **DO NOT SWITCH NUMBERS.** During the class, students will be introduced to technical skills, individual expression and performance preparation. No individual presentation will be required.

THEATER ARTS:

11 AM – 1 PM: 6th Grade Theater

11 AM – 1 PM: 7th Grade Theater

11 AM – 1 PM: 8th Grade Theater

Bring a wallet-size photo (name on back) and a pen or pencil. Wear loose comfortable clothes you can move in easily. **Prepare a 1-2 minute age appropriate monologue.** During the workshop you will be introduced to theater games and improvisations.

VOCAL MUSIC: 3 PM – 5 PM Session A
VOCAL MUSIC: 1 PM - 3 PM Session B

You will be asked to sing a scale, sing a simple melody, and execute musical intervals and exercises. This process is designed to assess your ability to sing in tune, your current vocal quality and flexibility, tonal memory, proper breathing, and natural voice range. The ability to read music is not a must to enter this program, but it would help tremendously to be able to sight read. **Students must prepare a short song of no more than two minutes. Bring two extra copies of the music for the accompanist or a taped accompaniment without words.**

MUSICAL THEATER: 1 PM – 3 PM

Select a song from a musical show that best demonstrates your vocal range and the quality of your voice. This selection should be memorized and sung with poise and confidence. Bring sheet music for the accompanist or a taped accompaniment without words. At the audition you will be reading from a script to demonstrate your stage presence, acting experience, and ability to interact with another character. Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared to dance. Bring a wallet size photo with your name on the back and a pen or pencil.

JAZZ IMPROV: 1 PM – 3 PM

Bring your instrument (in good working order), blank music paper, and a music stand. **Piano and drum set will be provided.** Guitar and Bass players should bring amp. Students should prepare a 1 to 3 minute solo or excerpt of your choice and all major and chromatic scales. Music for sight-reading will be provided at the workshop.

DRAWING & PAINTING: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Students must bring in a photograph of a landscape and an object that reflects his or her individuality. The landscape picture cannot be smaller than 5"X5".

A landscape definition:

Landscape art is a term that covers the depiction of natural scenery such as mountains, valleys, trees, rivers, and forests, and especially art where the main subject is a wide view, with its elements arranged into a coherent composition. In other works landscape backgrounds for figures can still form an important part of the work. Sky is almost always included in the view.

Each student must also bring a portable, inanimate object of their choice to draw from which shall reflect his or her individuality.

PHOTOGRAPHY: 1 PM – 3 PM

Select 5-7 images showing your best work (unframed or on a separate CD) and 3-5 professional photographs from any era that inspire you. Write a brief (1-2 paragraphs) statement of what specifically inspires you about those images. All students should bring their camera; it can be 35 mm or digital, but it must have adjustable settings (you must be able to manually adjust aperture, shutter, ISO, focus). **No photos or CDs will be returned.**

FILM MAKING: 3 PM – 5 PM

Bring a sample video with you and a one page short script. The script does not have to match the video. This is to show your creative writing abilities. The video is to show your visual and technical skills.

SCULPTING: 2 PM – 4 PM

Bring 3 - 5 samples of realistic (not abstract) art work you've done. *No sculpting experience is required.*