

November 2011

**MONMOUTH COUNTY ARTS MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITIONS
Dec. 3, 2011 at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft
Center for Visual Arts Building, Parking Lot #2**

TO: Middle School Students and Liaisons

FROM: Michele Silber, Arts Middle School Administrator

RE: What to expect and what to bring to your Audition/workshop at Brookdale Community College,
765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738 on **Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011**

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GENERAL INFORMATION: **VERY IMPORTANT**

- 1- Everyone must bring a stamped, self-addressed envelope (4"X9") so we can mail your results.**
- 2- ALL students will be at the auditions the full two hours.**
- 3- 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. 3rd. 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 \$35 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: 3 PM – 5 PM

Bring 1 or 2 short samples or excerpts from your work (any genre) no longer than one page each. Include your name, school and grade. 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: 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

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: 9 AM – 11 AM

Bring a wallet-size photo (name on back) and a pen or pencil. Wear loose comfortable clothes you can move in easily. Prepare and memorize a 1-2 minute age appropriate monologue. All students will be doing improv work and if time allows, reading from scenes.

MUSICAL THEATER: 11 AM – 1 PM

Prepare a 1-2 minute age appropriate memorized monologue. Select a song from a musical show that best demonstrates your vocal range and quality of your voice. This selection should be memorized and sung with poise and confidence. Bring sheet music for the accompanist, a taped accompaniment or sing a capella. Bring a wallet size photo with your name on the back.

JAZZ IMPROV: 1 PM – 3 PM

Bring your instrument in good working and be prepared to play a piece of your choosing that best represents your ability and a c major pentatonic scale and c major arpeggio. Everything else will be provided at the workshop. Piano, drum, amplifier and music stands will be provided. **Please bring the cord that attaches to the amp.**

DRAWING & PAINTING: 1 PM – 3 PM

Please bring in a photograph of a landscape. The landscape picture cannot be smaller than 5"X5". It can be one the student has photographed themselves or a picture in a magazine. Cityscapes, though not preferred, are acceptable.

Definition of a landscape: 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Students should bring 7- 10 of your best images , printed, no smaller than 4x6 and no larger than 8x10. Images should be enclosed in a folder or large envelope with your name and grade on it. No laptops and no CDs, please. Bring your camera, digital or 35 mm. Camera must have adjustable settings, have ample storage in memory (if digital) and please make sure your batteries are charged. **Photos will not be returned.** Please keep your own copy.