

SEASIDE ARTS Center



STUDIO HANDBOOK

FALL 2026

Please review, sign, and return the
Handbook Agreement **September 15, 2026.**



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ABOUT US

Seaside Arts Center provides students with a world-class education in the performing and visual arts. We cultivate artistry and creativity while developing social and emotional skills, building confidence, and expanding empathy. Seaside Arts Center is an accessible and equitable community that cultivates life-long artistic appreciation, expression, and participation, for students in San Diego County.

Seaside is a **501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization**. Every class you take at Seaside helps us provide arts education for others. Do you or someone you know need assistance providing arts education to your child?

Ask us about our Tuition Assistance Program!

CODE OF CONDUCT

We know that everyone makes mistakes, so we have a three strikes policy for behavioral issues. On the first strike, students will sit out of class. On the second, caregivers will receive a phone call. On the third strike, the student may be asked to leave the studio or withdraw from class.

Fall Theme: *Unwritten*

Who am I? Who am I becoming? How does art help me discover and express who I am? This semester all of our students, from our youngest to our oldest, will consider these questions as they discover how the arts help us define our own stories.

For young children, that journey begins with, “I can”—I can move, make a sound, have an idea, make a choice, and create something new.

As we grow, “I can” becomes, “I choose”—as dancers, musicians, actors, and artists develop the skills and confidence to make their own artistic choices and express what makes them unique.

Just as Matilda uses stories and imagination to envision new possibilities, the arts invite us to imagine who we might become. We cannot control every circumstance, but we can choose how we respond, and who we are becoming. Our stories are still ***unwritten***, and we have a voice in what comes next.

***Unwritten* will be woven throughout our Winter performances and events, including:**

- Early Childhood Showcase
- Visual Arts Gallery
- Dance Showcase: ***Pathways Unwritten***
- Private Lesson Recital
- Musical Theater Showcase featuring ***Matilda Jr.***

DANCE SHOWCASE:



MUSICAL THEATER SHOWCASE FEATURING



Performance Expectations

Performance Participation

Performances are critical to our students' growth and arts experience, so we strongly encourage all to participate! To sign up, use the QR codes below.

Participation Deadlines:

Level 1+ Classes: 10/9/26

EC Classes: 10/30/26

In committing to the performances, students and families agree to limit absences, attend all required rehearsals, and practice at home. Teachers thoughtfully plan repertoire, formations, harmonies, staging, etc., based on students' participation. We appreciate your support in honoring this commitment as it helps to ensure a positive and successful experience for all students. For fees, please see the forms linked below.

**Dance & Musical
Theater Showcases
(Level 1+)**



**EC
Showcase**



Practicing at Home

Practice between classes helps students memorize choreography or learn songs and scenes to feel prepared and confident. Rehearsal videos, scripts, and songs will be uploaded to Seaside's website so that students can practice at home.

We recommend that students follow these practice guidelines:

- Early Childhood & Level: 1x/week
- Level 2: 2x/week
- Level 3: 3x/week

Performance Schedule

Mark your calendars for our
Winter Performances & Events

*All events will take place at the Grand | Ritz Theater in
Escondido, unless otherwise noted below.*

EVENT	SCHEDULE	CLASSES
Early Childhood Showcase	Saturday, 12/12: 9 AM -12 PM Rehearsal & Performance	Tiny Stars Musical Theater Rising Stars Musical Theater First Steps Ballet & Tap Next Steps Ballet & Tap Little Beats Jazz/Tap
Visual Arts Gallery	Saturday, 12/12: Time TBD	Little Artists Art Adventures Sculpture & 3D Art Design & Build Sewing 1 & 2
Dance Showcase	Sunday, 12/13 1 PM: Dress Rehearsal & Tech Sunday, 12/13 6 PM: Performance	Ballet 1-3 Duncan 1-3 Hip Hop 1-2 Jazz/Musical Theater 1-3 Lyrical 1/2 Tap 1-3
Musical Theater Showcase featuring Matilda Jr.	Friday, 12/11 3:30 PM - 8 PM Dress Rehearsal & Tech Saturday, 12/12 2:30 PM: Performance 1 5:30 PM: Performance 2	Acting 1/2 Matilda, Jr. Musical Theater 1 Singing & Rhythm 1 Singing 2
Private Lesson Recital	Saturday, 12/5 1 - 3:30 PM Rehearsal & Performance **AT SEASIDE ARTS CENTER**	Private Piano, Voice, and Multi-Arts Lessons

Studio Policies

Attendance Policy

- All absences should be submitted in advance via the Parent Portal, accessible on Seaside's website, where you can also book make-up classes.
- If a student misses a class, please speak to the teacher so they do not fall behind. Make up classes are encouraged and should be completed within 2 weeks of the missed class.
- If a student misses 3+ classes, they may not be able to participate in performances.
- If a student misses class in the 2 weeks before a performance, they may be removed from parts/pieces.
- Please pick up your student promptly at the end of class. Teachers are not able to babysit.
- For private lessons:
 - If a student misses a lesson without 24-hour notice, the lesson will not be rescheduled and a refund will not be given.
 - If 2+ lessons are missed without 24-hour notice, the student may be withdrawn without a refund.
- If an emergency prevents prompt pick-up, contact Elyssa Rosenberg immediately at (914) 260-9889.

The Importance of Attendance

While students should stay home when sick, regular attendance is essential as teachers carefully scaffold lessons to develop proper technique and terminology so students can progress safely, confidently, and as a team. Missing classes causes the individual student to fall behind, while slowing progress for the entire group of students who depending on one another.

Studio Policies

Late Arrivals Policy

- Students who arrive late to class may not be able to fully participate in that class.
- Beyond being disruptive to all, classes are designed to properly prepare students for each activity, and one exercise progresses into the next.
- Especially in dance and vocal classes, students can be injured if they do not warm up properly.

Health Policy

At Seaside Arts Center we work hard to ensure a safe and positive experience for all of our staff and families. This includes keeping the studio clean, washing hands frequently, providing hand sanitizer, and running a HEPA air purifier.

All staff and students should stay home if they are not feeling well or exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- Fever over 100.4 F or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/ difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

There are no refunds for missed classes, but make-up classes are encouraged. Students may make-up missed classes by attending any class that is appropriate for their age and experience. Please discuss with your student's teacher or Seaside staff for recommendations.

All absences should be submitted in advance via the Parent Portal, accessible on Seaside's website.

Studio Policies

Drop Off & Pick Up for 10 Years & Under

DROP OFF: Bring your child into the building. Do not leave until a faculty member has checked in your student.

PICK UP: Make eye contact or speak directly with a staff member when picking up your child. Let a staff member know in advance if someone else will be picking up your child. Teachers/staff can NEVER drive a student due to insurance regulations.

Walking Home Without a Parent/Guardian

We understand that some students may need to walk themselves home after class. If so, please send us an email granting permission for this. **We will not let them walk home without your express written permission.**

Bullying and Disrespectful Behavior

Seaside Arts Center has zero tolerance for bullying.

Negative behaviors may result in a meeting with the student, instructor, and parent. Continued negative behavior may result in removal from the program without a refund.

Class Expectations

All Seaside students will:

- Be respectful of faculty and peers.
- Bring water bottles.
- Use the restroom before class to limit class disruptions.
- Leave phones and smart watches in cubbies or at home.
- Not chew gum.
- Follow additional policies outlined by each teacher in class.

Concerns

Please report any concerns to Seaside Arts Center's Artistic & Executive Director, Elyssa Rosenberg, at (elyssa@seasideartscenter.com). If a minor makes a dangerous report to a Seaside Arts Center representative, we may be required to report it.

Dress Code & Costumes

Donate Your Gently Used Dance Clothes

At Seaside Arts Center we promote equitable arts education and also try to reduce, reuse, and recycle whenever possible! If you have gently used dance clothes or shoes that no longer fit, please donate them at the front desk. Similarly, if you are in need of new dance clothes, **ask us before buying new!**

Guidelines for All Classes

Specific details listed on the next page, but generally we expect:

- Hair neatly secured out of the face for dance.
- Clean, indoor shoes for any style requiring footwear as students often lay on the studio floor.
- Wear clothes you can move in; avoid overly loose clothing that hides form (except where noted).
- **Undergarments should not be worn as outerwear.**

Ballet Uniforms

Ballet is a traditional and codified art form. Ballet uniforms teach students to dress in a way that acknowledges and pays homage to these traditions.

The different colored leotards and shirts also give students visual goals to measure their progress as ballet dancers. Please help us maintain this tradition by ensuring that your children arrive to ballet in the appropriate uniform and with their hair properly tied back.

Dress Code for Individual Classes

CLASS	DRESS CODE
• Ballet • Ballet w/ Tap	• All Levels: Hair in ballet bun. Pink or skin-tone tights. Pink, skin-tone, or black ballet shoes. • Early Childhood (EC): Tutus allowed and any color dance clothes. • Level 1: Light blue leotard or fitted shirt, and black, fitted pants.* • Level 2: Maroon leotard or fitted shirt, and black, fitted pants.* • Level 3: Hunter green leotard or fitted shirt, and black, fitted pants.* • Tap shoes for Ballet w/ Tap Dance. <i>*Skirts allowed after barre.</i>
• Lyrical Dance • Duncan Dance • Jazz Dance • Tap Dance	• Any color leotard or fitted athletic shirt; leggings or sweatpants. • Bare feet for Duncan & Contemporary Dance. • Jazz shoes for Jazz Dance. • Tap shoes for Tap Dance. • Barefoot, socks, or Jazz shoes for Lyrical.
• Hip Hop	• Comfortable clothes that allow movement. • Clean sneakers not worn outside.
• Acting • Musical Theater • Singing • Visual Arts	• Comfortable clothes you can move in and can get messy. • Barefoot, socks, or Jazz shoes for Musical Theater.

Tuition & Withdrawal Policy

Tuition (Due Monthly, Aug/Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec)

All families must enroll their students through the Parent Portal. The first month's tuition will be charged upon registration to secure the student(s)' spot(s), and the additional payments will be processed on or around **October 1, November 1, and December 1.**

Please note: The Parent Portal defaults to showing the **monthly fees**, without discounts, which will be applied after enrollment.

We also accept cash or check (made out to Seaside Arts Center). If paying via cash/check, payment must be received by the 1st of the month, or your credit card will be charged. Payments not received by the 5th will incur an additional \$40 late fee.

Withdrawals

When you enroll in a Seaside Arts Center class, you are committing to the full semester of classes and tuition, even if you have chosen the monthly payment plan. We want every student to love their class experience. If a class isn't the right fit due to scheduling conflicts, changing interests, or other circumstances, we'll do our best to help transfer your child into another class that is a better fit.

If a suitable alternate class cannot be found and your family decides to withdraw, we require 30 days' written notice prior to the withdrawal date. Tuition will remain due for the full 30-day notice period. The final amount owed will be based on the per-class rate for classes that have already occurred or fall within that 30-day window.

Handbook Agreement



Once you have reviewed this Studio Handbook with your child, complete and submit this form once per family.

Or scan the QR code at the right to complete this form electronically.



All families must review, sign, and submit this agreement by September 15, 2026. For any questions, contact Seaside's Studio Administrator, Natalie Gigarjian, at Admin@SeasideArtsCenter.org.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to all policies outlined in this Studio Handbook.

Parent/Guardian PRINT
NAME

Student(s) Name(s)

Parent/Guardian SIGNATURE

Today's Date

Performance Sign-Ups

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10/9/26 for Level 1+ Classes OR 10/30/26 for EC Classes**

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IMPORTANT DATES

Fall 2026 Semester

- **August 16:** Sunday Sampler Open House
- **August 17:** Fall Classes Begin
- **August 17-23 (Mon.-Sun.):** Free Trials Week for ALL (Group Classes)
- **September 7:** Labor Day - No Classes/Camp
- **September 19:** Kids' Night Out - Matilda the Musical (5- 8 PM)
- **October 9:** Performance Sign-Ups Close for Level 1+ Classes
- **October 10-11:** Student Performances @ the La Jolla Art + Wine Festival
- **October 12:** Day Camp Available (regular classes happening)
- **October 30:** Performance Sign-Ups Close for EC Classes
- **November 11:** Veteran's Day Camp Available (regular classes happening)
- **November 23-25:** Thanksgiving Week Camp & Makeup Classes
- **November 24-29:** Thanksgiving Break — No Regular Classes (Tues. - Sun.)
- **December 11:** Last Day of Fall Classes
- **December 11-13:** Winter Showcases & Art Gallery @ The Grand | Ritz Theater
- **December 21-23:** Winter Break Camp
- **December 28-31:** Winter Break Camp

Upcoming MULTI-ARTS CAMPS

If your child loves dance, theater, AND art, why should they have to choose?! In our Multi-Arts Camps, students will do it all in an exciting, full-day experience. Each camp features a new musical theater-inspired theme blending visual and performing arts, giving campers the chance to explore new skills in a supportive, confidence-building environment.

- **October 12:** The Addams Family Camp
- **November 12:** Cat in the Hat Camp
- **November 23-25:** The Great Pumpkin Camp
- **December 21-23:** Toy Story Camp
- **December 28-31:** Tangled Camp

Hours: 9 AM - 3:30 PM +
Extended Care Available

Ages: Pre-K to 5th Grade

THE SEASIDE WAY



At Seaside we provide **S**UPPORT

And **E**NCOURAGE one another.

We take an **A**CTIVE role in class,

And work **S**AFELY with each other.

We celebrate **I**NDIVIDUALITY

And **D**IVERSITY in all we do.

We are **E**NGAGED with our work,

We take risks and try something new!

We act as is **A**PPROPRIATE

And **R**ESPECT our teachers and peers.

We are always careful to speak with **T**ACT

And push our **S**ELVES to face our fears.

We act with **C**COURTESY

And proper **E**TIQUETTE.

And we're **N**OBLE

And **T**RUSTWORTHY, too.

We do our best to be **E**THICAL

And **R**ESPONSIBLE in all we do.

So remember that you're where you belong,

When you walk through our door everyday.

Because you're kind, you're creative, and you've great ideas to share

And that is the **SEASIDE** way.

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