



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF CENTRAL FLORIDA



Inspiring creativity. Empowering confidence. Igniting futures.

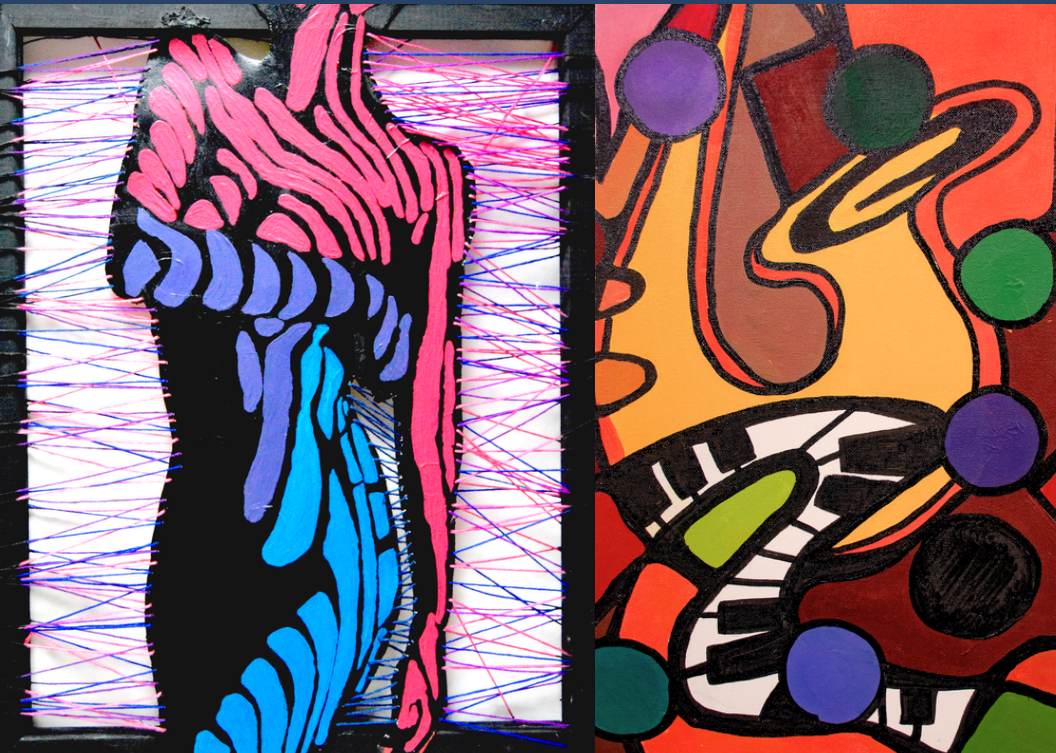
ABOUT THE YOUTH ARTS INITIATIVE (YAI)

At Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida, the Youth Arts Initiative (YAI) empowers children and teens to explore their creativity, discover new talents, and express themselves through high-quality visual and performing arts experiences.

Through hands-on instruction, culturally rich programming, and opportunities to showcase their work, YAI helps young people develop artistic skills, confidence, discipline, and the creative thinking needed to succeed in school and life.

Our arts programming spans Fine Arts, Photography, Music, Dance, Choir, and Drama, and is offered at multiple Club locations across Central Florida.

Creativity isn't just an art skill — it's a life skill. Through YAI, our members learn to solve problems, listen deeply, collaborate with others, and use their voices to shape their communities.



THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH ARTS CHAMPIONS

The Youth Arts Initiative is made possible through the generous support of our community partners.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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Orange County Citizens' Review Panel

Walt Disney World Resort

United Arts

Orlando Ballet

Arts & History Museums of Maitland

For their extraordinary commitment to nurturing the creative potential of every young person who walks through our blue doors.

We also extend gratitude to the many donors, volunteers, and partners whose investments help our young artists thrive all year long.



A PEAK INTO OUR PROGRAMS



Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Program offers a vibrant space for youth and teens to explore drawing, painting, sculpture, design, printmaking, and craft-based entrepreneurship. Through hands-on projects and portfolio-building opportunities, young artists learn discipline, patience, problem-solving, and creative risk-taking.



Photography

Our Photography Program blends technical skill-building with creative storytelling. Members learn camera basics, composition, lighting, and digital editing — then apply these skills to real-world projects and exhibitions.



Performing Arts Program

The Performing Arts Program includes **Music, Choir, Dance,** and **Drama**

Each program is designed to elevate confidence and self-expression while teaching teamwork, discipline, and leadership.



Music (Performing Arts)

Our Music Program provides youth with a creative outlet to express themselves through rhythm, sound, and composition. Members learn music theory, develop technical skills, and grow confidence through both individual and ensemble performance opportunities.



Choir (Performing Arts)

The Choir Program develops vocal technique, teamwork, and musical literacy. Members strengthen pitch, breath control, and harmony skills while learning choral repertoire from diverse genres and cultures.





Dance (Performing Arts)

The Dance Program inspires creativity, confidence, and self-expression through movement. Open to all skill levels, it exposes members to a variety of dance styles – from hip-hop and jazz to cultural and contemporary forms – while building discipline, teamwork, and body awareness.



Drama (Performing Arts)

Our Drama Program encourages youth to explore character, storytelling, emotional expression, and stage presence. Through acting exercises and performance opportunities, members build confidence, empathy, and strong communication skills.



CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES, ONE ARTIST AT A TIME

Arts education isn't extra — it's essential. For many young people, especially those from under-resourced communities, creative programs like YAI provide opportunities they simply wouldn't have anywhere else. The impact is clear:

Arts access changes outcomes:

- Low-income students with arts experience are 74% more likely to go to college
- Children gain 15 percentile points in academic achievement thanks to arts education
- Kids who engage in the arts show an 18% increase in top-tier performance on English and math exams
- Arts participation is linked to a decrease in serious crime rates and an improvement in overall youth well-being — especially in disadvantaged neighborhoods

But access remains deeply unequal:

- Only 13% of students nationwide have reliable access to the arts or the financial means to participate outside of school
- When districts face budget cuts, the arts are typically the first to go — leaving millions of young people without a creative outlet or a space to explore their talents

YAI HELPS BRIDGE THAT GAP

The Youth Arts Initiative brings high-quality arts programming directly to the kids who need it most — right inside their Boys & Girls Club.

Thanks to YAI and BGCCF:

- 79% of members learned a new art skill or technique
- 93% said Club staff encouraged them to be creative and try new ideas
- 83% agreed their Club embraces art that reflects their family, community, and culture

Through YAI, young people gain more than artistic skills — they discover confidence, identity, belonging, and possibility.

This is why your support matters.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH ARTS INITIATIVE

Invest in Youth Arts

Your donation helps fund materials, workshops, performances, exhibitions, and year-round arts access for thousands of youths.



To make a gift,
scan the QR code

Donate Art Supplies

Donate supplies, such as sketchbooks, paints, brushes, canvases, clay, markers, costumes, photography equipment, and digital art tools, to help ensure our youth what they need to cultivate their creative skills.



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Volunteer Your Time

Share your talents as a guest artist, mentor, workshop facilitator, or event volunteer.



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