



2024 Summer ST-ARTS Program

What is ST-ARTS?

Special Talents in the ARTS (or ST-ARTS) is a weekday summer arts program held for 3 weeks during the month of June and is hosted and staffed by Winthrop University's College of Visual and Performing Arts. Students in grades 6–8 are eligible to audition in Music (voice or instrumental), Dance, Drama, and Visual Art. Since its inception in 1989, the program serves nearly 300 gifted and talented students each summer. Participating public school districts are currently Chester, Clover, Fort Mill, Rock Hill, and York.

How do I prepare for auditions/screenings?

- **Music:** Bring a solo piece to perform and two copies of the sheet music. If needed, bring an instrumental track.
- **Dance:** Small group auditions. Wear appropriate clothing. Three audition tasks will include warm-up, improvisation, and technique.
- **Drama:** Small group auditions. Audition tasks will include warm-up activities and individual improvisation. No make-up, costumes, or props allowed.
- **Art:** Student should bring a minimum of three original works that best represent the artist's skills and interests. One must be a still life. Works should not be traced or copied (including cartoon images). Work can be 2D or 3D. No more than 4 works total. There will be a short interview and an on-site observation drawing.

What can I expect at ST-ARTS?

Your time at ST-ARTS will be spent in “major” and “minor” areas where you will experience instruction from professional faculty of over 45 artists/teachers in the four visual and performing arts. Faculty are drawn from a pool of nationally known performing artists, the SC Arts Commission Artists Roster, master teachers from public and private schools, and the Winthrop University faculty.

Students who are selected will participate in our summer program June 10 to June 28, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. The summer program will encourage students to conceptualize and create art through a variety of processes, classes, and experiences. With nearly 9,000 program alums, many of our graduates have been selected to attend the Governor's School of the Arts in Greenville, and have gone on to continue their studies at major universities throughout the region.

The fee to attend ST-ARTS is managed and provided through each sponsoring organization. Please contact your district coordinator to find out more information regarding screenings, schedules, and eligibility.

Please visit Winthrop's ST-ARTS facebook page or website at <https://www.startswinthrop.com/> for more details.