



24-25 Artful Living and Learning Teaching Artists

DANCE

Jessica Bennett- Dance



Jessica Bennett is thrilled to be a dance teaching artist. She is currently the assistant director of the Cleveland Dance Project, Vice President of the CDP Company board, and guest dance teacher throughout the year. To complement her experience as a professional dancer and choreographer, Jessica is also a certified yoga teacher who specializes in prenatal yoga.

Angela Casey- Dance



Meet Angela Casey who is a dance/movement instructor. She studied dance since age 3 and has competitive dance experience and performance experience in all genres, but primarily ballet, modern and contemporary dance styles. She is passionate about creating & choreographing. Angela received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance from The Ohio State University, a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education (Preschool- Grade 3) from the University of Akron, and completed graduate work at Ashland University (Curriculum and Instruction). She is excited to be working with the Pre-K students!

Emily Gordon- Dance



Emily Gordon was born and raised in Stark County and has always had a passion for dance and young children. She trained with Canton Ballet for 16 years throughout her childhood and as a young adult. She has experience teaching dance to children of all ages and greatly enjoys the smiles brought by young children while watching them learn and grow. Emily resides in Stark County with her husband, Derek and their two young boys.

Brittani Harris- Dance



Brittani Harris has always had a passion for dance. She started training at a young age with Judy Bourn School of Dance, later continuing her dance training at The Canton Ballet. She still subs at the Canton Ballet from time to time, and also teaches all ages at Soul Inspired Dance Complex in Hartville. She has been a teaching artist with Artful Living and Learning since 2015 and can't wait to meet all her new students! She is also the proud mother of four beautiful children, two boys and two girls, and is married to her high school sweetheart.

Deone Swallen- Dance



Growing up, Deone enjoyed learning jazz and contemporary dance. She also spent many years as a high school and college cheerleader. She graduated from Walsh University and has worked as a High School Cheerleading Coach. Deone is currently helping with youth cheerleading programs.

Deone is married with four children, three dogs and two cats. She loves to be outdoors, and devotes time to serving in various community groups and civic organizations.

Nicole Tan- Dance



As a lifetime lover of dance and education, Nicole is thrilled to combine two boundless passions in one big performance as a Teaching Artist. She danced throughout childhood, competing in dance competitions, earning international nods in tap, and joining the Lone Star Ballet. She also brings a teaching background, a Masters Degree in Education, and an enthusiasm to be part of a new generation of dance instruction and appreciation.

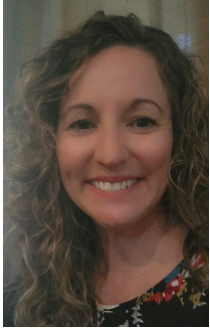
DRAMA

Elizabeth Domer (she/her)- Drama



Emily Domer is an actor, director, and stage manager. After a year on the road as a Touring Actor/Director with Missoula Children's Theatre, she now spends time teaching theatre throughout NEOhio. Elizabeth is passionate about using the performing arts to inspire change, challenge minds, and promote growth. She is a graduate of the University of Mount Union with a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Theatre Performance. Favorite credits include Trouble in Mind (Judy Sears), The Toxic Avenger (Mayor Belgoody/Ma), Twelfth Night (Maria), and Quilters (Jody). Elizabeth enjoys time offstage golfing and with her cat, Bean.

Jessica Loveless- Drama



Jessica Loveless is a graduate of Mount Union University with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and of Ball State University with a master's degree in Education and certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders. She has worked with preschoolers for over 20 years through tutoring, assisting, and teaching in both private and public classrooms as well as home-based settings. She has significant experience working with children with special needs. Jessica works as a Parent Partner with the SPARK program, providing families with kindergarten readiness support for their preschool aged children. In addition, Jessica has been highly involved in theater and drama since childhood, participating in various plays, musicals, and productions, as well as competing in speaking and acting contests. She has recently had the unique opportunity to participate in the new community theater that has

opened in her hometown of Minerva. She feels passionate about children learning through play and imagination and feels that drama is a way for children to learn more with fewer boundaries and also to speak and express themselves, which is vital in early years.

Amanda Medley- Drama



Amanda Medley is a teaching artist and performer holding a M.M. from NYU Steinhardt in Vocal Performance: Musical Theater and Advanced Certificate in Vocal Pedagogy, B.S. in Music Education from Olivet Nazarene University, and is a graduate of Hoover High School. Amanda spent ten years teaching K-8 General Music and working as a Private Voice Teacher, Vocal Coach, Music Director, Assistant Director and Director in Northeast Ohio Schools and Theaters before moving to New York to pursue her Graduate Degree. Recently back in NE Ohio, Amanda maintains an online Private Voice Studio working with adult performing professionals across the United States including recording artists, opera singers, and musical theatre performers. Amanda has served as Director, Assistant Director, and Musical Director for High School and Community Theatre Productions.

Chey Schubert- Drama



Chey Schubert has been a part of Artful Living and Learning as a drama teacher for many years. She taught drama, speech and English at Sandy Valley High School for 12 years. She also taught at Jackson High School as a teacher in the Arts School. She retired from Jackson High School in 2009. Chey has written murder mysteries performed for Pegasus, for Wine, Women and Shoes (raising money for Mercy Medical Center's Breast Cancer Foundation) and for community fund raisers. She has directed over 30 musicals and dramas/comedies for high schools and for her community. Chey also has written shows for young performers for Christmas presentations at Cibo's Restaurant in Waynesburg. Chey and husband Frank live in Magnolia and have a daughter, Briana and son-in-law Kristian, who reside in NYC.

MUSIC

Alex Christ- Music



Dr. Alex Christ recently retired from teaching music and being a lead mentor in the Northwest Local School district after forty years. Dr. Christ has a dual Bachelor of Music degree in music education and music theory-composition. He also holds a Master's Degree in Music Education and a Doctorate in Education. Alex Christ is also the music director at St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Canton. He enjoys teaching music and sharing his passion for the arts.

Jaime Madrigal- Music



Jaime Madrigal is a community orchestra conductor for the New Horizons Music Program of Summit and Stark Counties. Jaime spends her evenings teaching violin, viola, cello, and bass to adult community musicians at beginner, intermediate, and experienced levels. She conducts and performs throughout the year at festivals, churches, patriotic events, and local nursing homes. In between preschool and evening adult classes, she offers private lessons on a variety of instruments to elementary, middle, and high school students. Whether her students are young, vintage, green, or seasoned, it's Jaime's life goal to be an active musician and teacher for her community.

Leanne Stofsick- Music



Leanne Stofsick is a third generation educator and performer. As her grandmother often said, "It's in the blood." With Bachelors and Masters degrees from Kent State University, and extended studies at Vandercook College of Music, she has been teaching Music and Drama for years, most recently in the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools. She has also been on stage and behind the scenes at numerous local and regional theaters since her one-line stage debut in "The Pirates of Penzance" at age seven. She currently maintains a private vocal studio and sings vocal jazz with Ensemble722. Leanne believes the Arts have the power to help children master intellectual skills, spark curiosity and build a sense of self respect that can help them grow into productive, happy adults. It has been her greatest joy and privilege to be a part of a child's journey to that discovery, and she looks forward to continuing that

with Artful Living and Learning!

Robyn Taylor- Music



Robyn Taylor began playing the piano at age 4. She received a Bachelor's degree in Flute Performance from Brigham Young University. She has various music responsibilities at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Massillon, including accompanying, substituting on organ, and teaching songs to the children's group. She maintains a private flute and piano studio from her home. When Robyn isn't teaching, playing, performing, or listening to music, she loves to read, bake, hike, and do photography. Robyn and her husband Eric, an oboist, have four children.

Cyn Warren-Music



Cynthia Warren earned her B.M. in Oboe Performance from the University of Akron and attended the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music for her graduate studies. Cyn holds English horn positions with the Akron and Canton Symphony Orchestras, Pittsburgh Opera, and Pittsburgh Ballet Theater. An accomplished oboe player as well, she is the Principal Oboe at Utah Festival Opera and Musical Theater, as well as second oboe with the Blue Water Chamber Orchestra. Since 2000, she has appeared as a featured soloist numerous times with The Akron, Canton, Wooster and Wheeling Symphonies, as well as having the honor of presenting two world premieres. Cyn serves as Instructor of Oboe at The College of Wooster and The University of Pittsburgh, and maintains a private studio in Akron besides having written and presented educational programs for organizations including Blue Water Chamber Orchestra, Canton Symphony, Akron Symphony, and Wheeling Symphony.

VISUAL ARTS

Doug Laubacher- Visual Arts



Douglas Laubacher is a cartoonist and art educator. His comic strip, "Unbound," can be read in library newsletters and weekly newspapers including the Tuscarawas County Bargain Hunter. Doug can often be found traversing the land, teaching the mysterious craft of cartooning in various art centers and libraries throughout Ohio. He is a member of the National Cartoonist Society.

Carol McGill- Visual Arts



Carol McGill grew up in Canton, Ohio and graduated from Kent State University where she studied art. After graduation, she moved to Indianapolis where she owned a painting and decorating business and was featured in the Indianapolis House and Home magazine. She enjoys painting abstract landscapes on canvas, as well as painting furniture. Carol's artwork has been exhibited at the Minerva Art Spot, Journey Art Gallery, Second April Galerie and Kent State Stark 6000 Gallery. Carol was on the cover of About magazine in which she was featured as one of the area's "Seven Artists You Should Know." In addition to creating and selling art, Carol has been a substitute teacher for 14 years and enjoys working with children. She lives outside of Minerva with her children, husband, and many pets.

Amanda Morena- Visual Arts



Meet Amanda Morena! She is a local artist working mainly in acrylic and oil paint, collage and mixed media. Amanda has an excitement for studying art and practicing new techniques. She gathers inspiration from intuitive design, the study of human history and art as well as nature's designs, patterns, and rhythms.

Emily Vigil- Visual Arts



Emily Vigil has been a professional artist for over 20 years. She earned a BFA in Painting from Marshall University in 2000, and an MFA in Painting and Drawing from Louisiana State University in 2003. She also works at Massillon Museum, where she coordinates two contemporary art galleries, Studio M and the Fred F. Silk Community Room Gallery. Her own artwork can be viewed at emilyvigilstudio.com.

Dyanne Williams- Visual Arts



Dyanne Williams has been making mosaic art for 20 years. She specializes in creating architectural installations in homes and businesses from Hawaii to Florida. In addition to creating art, she taught fine art mosaic classes in her Beverly Hills studio for 7 years. After moving to Ohio, Dyanne started working with Arts in Stark as a teaching artist, integrating art with core standards to help kids create fanciful art including permanent mosaic installations to beautify their schools. She loves teaching with Artful Living!

Literacy Arts

Diane Brant- Literacy



Diane Brant is the Literacy Teaching Artist. By combining stories, songs, rhymes, and creative movement, she plans to share a love of books and reading with the children and help develop their early literacy skills needed to get them ready to learn to read later. Diane is a published author and reporter. She has worked as a Children's Programming Specialist at the Massillon Public Library for 15 years performing storytimes and programs. She has worked as a Literacy Teaching Artist for Artful Living and Learning for the last 12 years. She looks forward to bringing her puppets and reading with your students once again!