

GEORGE
CALEB
BINGHAM
ACADEMY
OF THE ARTS

THEN & NOW...

May 29 - June 28, 2019

**STUDY THE ARTS
AS YOU RELIVE
THE PAST, YET
CHERISH THE PRESENT**

For five weeks, be an actor, an artist, musician, or a media producer. Explore talent, excellence, drama and creativity as we embrace “Then and Now.”

Try GCB Academy of the Arts as a possible career. Visit with professionals in these fields. Work with them on a daily basis.

Think and live fine arts full-time in a supportive environment. No other subjects, classes, or tests. Produce written and electronic media, paintings sketches, plays, dances, music, and concerts.



That’s right, it’s free! This includes all trips, books, performances and supplies.

- **Outstanding teachers:** Dr. James Heiman and Zac Gall, creative media; Cynthia Simmons and staff, music; Kittie Harden and Zac McGee, theatre; Ken Chapin and Kelly Kruse, visual art.
- **Opportunity to meet and socialize with students from school district throughout the metropolitan Kansas City area.**
- **One semester of high school credit, plus three hours of college credit from MCC-Blue River for eligible students for a service fee.**
- **Choice of one of four areas:** creative media, music, theatre, visual art.
- **Guest speakers, including artists, authors, musicians, and actors.**
- **Local and some out-of-area field trips and stage performances.**
- **Graduation ceremony and the Showcase of the Arts, June 28, where music and theatre students will perform and creative media and visual art students will display their masterpieces. Students will receive diplomas.**

THEN & NOW

THEN: When GCB began in 1997, we had 56 students from Truman and William Chrisman High Schools. Few students had cellphones, and they were only used for phone calls. Texting was non-existent. Most did not have a home computer. The ipod had not been invented, but CD's were popular, and cassette tapes were still being used. Film was developed and pictures printed in commercial establishments.

NOW: From 75 to 95 students attend GCB Academy from all area high schools and home learning environments. Creative Writing has become Creative Media. Nearly all students have smartphones with many having a computer on their wrist. Texting is a common form of communication with Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube all part of social media. The ipod is no longer produced. Photos and videos are taken instantly and shared.

THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, AND HOW

The George Caleb Bingham Academy of the Arts is a five-week summer program to help students excel in one of four areas: creative media, music, theatre, or art.

GCB is designed not only to embrace students' talents in the arts but also to increase their awareness of all areas of the arts, and as adults to become leaders of the arts in their communities.

Classes begin Wednesday, May 29, and end Friday, June 28. Orientation will be at 6:30 pm Tuesday, May 28.

Most students will meet from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday

through Friday for five weeks, while music students meet from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Daily attendance is expected, as GCB is part of the Independence School District summer school program.

Creative Writing, Theatre and Visual Art classes will meet at MCC-Blue River, and Music students will meet at Music/Arts Institute, 1010 S. Pearl. Music students will have dance classes at 8 a.m. at Chrisman High School.

Working one-on-one with highly qualified instructors and guest writers, artists, actors and musicians, students

will develop their skills even further:

- **Creative Media:**

Explore the best media platform for publishing your work. Meet experts in a variety of multi-media venues. Submit your original film to our GCB Film Festival, publish in our full-color magazine, or submit your piece to an outside journal or magazine. Develop proficiency with a variety of written, video, or audio genres. Discover ideas for your work and refine your craft from teachers who are published authors.

- **Music:** Vocal and instrumental students

will join together in a multi-faceted curriculum, supplemented by attending performances and master classes. All will join together in instrumental, choral and dance instruction.

- **Theatre:** Auditioning, improvisation, characterization, acting technique, several performance opportunities for peers, family and community.

- **Visual Art:** This course will emphasize painting and drawing from live observation, along with composition. Trips to local art venues, including the Nelson-Atkins Museum, are included.

YOU WILL MAKE THE ARTS COME ALIVE

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Request for Application

1. To receive an application, fill out the form at the bottom of this page and send it by **March 15** to director **Molly Clemons, George Caleb Bingham Academy of the Arts, 1010 South Pearl, Independence, MO 64050**. Students who have completed 9th through 12th grades may apply. Talented students who have completed 8th grade will also be considered. (You may also scan and email this form to molly_clemons@idschools.org, or fax it to 816-836-4998). Check the website at www.isdschools.org, under Parents & Students for GCB Academy information.
2. We will send or email you an application form to complete. You must return the application form, medical form, your high school transcript, transportation form and media release form to director Molly Clemons at 1010 South Pearl, Independence, MO 64050 by **April 1**.
3. After we receive your application, we will set up auditions with Music and Theatre students. We will also set a date for Visual Art students to show four pieces of their art. Creative Media students must send one piece of their original writing with their applications.
4. Late applications under special circumstances may only be approved by director Molly Clemons.

Please note if additional inclement weather days are needed, session times and/or dates may be extended.

**Yes, I am interested in attending the
George Caleb Bingham Academy of the Arts
1010 S. Pearl, Independence, MO 64055
May 29 - June 28, 2019**

Please Print in Ink

Name _____ Age _____
Street Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
E-Mail _____
School _____

Current Grade/Year in School 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 (Circle One)

I prefer a paper application by mail _____

I prefer an application via email _____

Apply for only one of the following areas. Check the one in which you are interested:

_____ Creative Media _____ Theatre
_____ Music _____ Visual Art

_____ I understand the deadlines, program, attendance and necessity of following through the application process. **(Please check to acknowledge).**

- Deadline to return this request for application is **March 15, 2019**.
- We will mail or email you the application packet, which must be completed and returned by **April 1**.
- You will receive information about audition or portfolio review appointments by approximately **May 2**.

(If you have questions, please call director Molly Clemons at 729-7097 or 719-6167. You may also e-mail her: molly_clemons@idschools.org)