

Meet the Teaching Artists



Sarah Anderson is a graduate of the Ball State University fine art program. She has skills in ceramic, glass, photography, printmaking, wood, and metalwork. She also loves exploring new media and techniques. She is full of energy and loves teaching at the Indianapolis Arts Center.



Allison Ballard has over 25 years of experience teaching creative movement and drumming/rhythm classes. She is the founding Director of Fort Wayne Taiko, and Director of the University of Saint Francis's Jesters program. She has a Master of Arts in Dance Movement Therapy from Columbia College Chicago.



Sonja Brooks encourages children and adults to explore both the fun of art making and its power to nourish growth and change. Sonja is Executive Director of Sisohpromatem Art Foundation Inc., a non-profit in Lexington, KY that helps children develop life skills and community participation through engagement in the arts.



Hector Del Campo received his MFA from the University of South Florida in Tampa and a BFA at the Herron School of Art & Design in Indiana. A first-generation Cuban-American, Hector has exhibited extensively and taught across the country. For over nine years, he has been on faculty at Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis.



Emilie Fisher is a recent graduate from the University of Saint Francis, with a degree in Visual Art Education. She has a passion for teaching children about creative ways to use different materials in their home to create art, and about creating expressive works of art.



Florine Golden taught family and consumer science at Jay County High School for 38 years. She is an avid reader and also enjoys baking, sewing, quilting, basket weaving, biking and traveling.



Alison Keen is the 4-H Youth Development Educator for Purdue Extension in Jay County. With a Master of Arts in Educational Psychology, Allison has a passion for inspiring youth to learn by doing!



Christine Kuhn is an art teacher and activist who uses art to empower and promote social change. She holds degrees in biology, chemistry and diplomacy and is a graduate of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Training Program.



Stephanie Schieltz is an artist and an art teacher. She graduated from Ball State University with a degree in Visual Arts Education specializing in ceramics. She has also done work in painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, and metals.



Rebecca Stockert received a Bachelor of Arts degree in ceramics and a Masters degree in painting from the University of Saint Francis. She is a freelance fine artist, illustrator, teaching artist, and adjunct instructor at Ivy Tech Northeast in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Billy Simms has 20 years of teaching experience working with students from kindergarten through college. He has a degree in theatre from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and in education from Johns Hopkins University, and in art from Miami University.



Tori Tasch is an artist who loves alternative printmaking processes. Tasch uses transfer techniques to create layered effects in her books, collages and prints. She is an art educator for K-8th grade and President of Wisconsin Visual Artists. She maintains an active studio practice and exhibition schedule.



Lindsey Whittle is a fashion performance artist with a BFA in painting from the Art Academy of Cincinnati, and a Master's from the school of Art Institute Chicago. She worked as Master Crafter for Kiki magazine and co-directs PIQUE art gallery. She enjoys designing and teaching art programs for students.



Melinda Otwinowski has a passion for helping students learn and grow through acting and music. She has a degree in elementary education from Purdue University, a Master's in school counseling from Indiana University, and in educational leadership from Western Governor's University.



Sidney Walter has loved creating art since childhood. She has been teaching junior high and high school art for 13 years, and now teaches at Blackford High School. She has a Bachelor's degree in art and a Masters degree in education.

Meet the Visual Arts Director



Kimberly Anderson joined Arts Place in 2015. Previously, she taught drawing and design at Ball State University and ceramics at the Indianapolis Arts Center. Kimberly has been a working artist since she graduated with an MFA in ceramics from Wichita State University in 1994. She has traveled the United States selling her functional ceramic pieces. In 2003 she was a recipient of the Indiana Individual Artist Grant which she used to build a home studio equipped with a gas kiln. Kimberly says her favorite part of Arts in the Parks is "seeing the kids light up in excitement when they complete a project or have a special "a-ha-" moment when they begin to master a new skill."