

Fine Arts Career Resources

Virginia's fine arts programs allow students to learn about and experience careers in fine arts. This document was created to offer support for teachers incorporating career planning and preparation in the classroom. Parents and students can also use this document to explore creative career opportunities.

Examples of Fine Arts Careers

Dance Arts	Music	Theatre Arts	Visual Arts
Artistic Director	Accompanist	Accountant/Bookkeeper	Architect
Business Management	Arranger	Actor or Performer	Archivist
Carpenter	Artist Manager/Agent	Artistic Director	Art Consultant
Choreographer	Arts Administration	Box Office Manager	Art Editor
Costume Designer	Audio Producer	Carpenter	Art Educator - K12
Dance Administrator	Audio/Recording Engineer	Choreographer	Art Educator - Museum
Dance Educator - K-12	Broadcast Engineer	Composer or Sound	Art Gallery Director
Dance Therapist	Composer	Costume Designer	Art Therapist
Dance Critic	Concert Manager or Promoter	Designer	Artist
Dancer	Conductor	Director	Cartoonist
Electrician	Copyright Administration	Front of House Staff/Usher	Cinematographer
Lighting Designer	Disk/Video Jockey	Fundraiser	Courtroom Sketch Artist
Make-up Artist	Entertainment Law	General Manager/ Admin	Critic
Photographer	Event/Tour Manager	Lighting Designer	Curator
Physical Therapist	Instrument Design	Lighting Tech/Operator	Engraver
Performing Arts Medicine	Instrument Repair	Make-Up Artist	Exhibit Designer
Private Dance Educator	Instrument Restoration	Marketing Director	Fashion Designer
Production Designer	Music Business Manager	Musical Director	Furniture Designer
Production Manager	Music Director	Playwright or Writer	Gallery Director
Public Relations	Music Editor or Publisher	Private theatre educator	Graphic Designer
Rehearsal Director	Music Educator, K-12	Producer	Historian
Set Designer	Music Journalist	Production Manager	Illustrator
Stage Manager	Music Librarian	Props	Interior Decorator
Stagehand	Music Marketing	Publicist	Jewelry Designer
Ticket Sales	Music Merchandising	Scenic Artist/Painter	Journalist
Usher	Music Ministry	Set Designer	Landscape Designer
Videographer	Music Professor, College	Sound Technician	Medical Illustrator
Wig/Hairstylist	Music Publicist	Stage Manager	Multimedia Consultant
	Music Therapist	Technical Director	Museum Director
	Musical Theatre Performer	Theatre Educator - K-12	Non-profit Administrator
	Musicologist	Wardrobe Team	Painter
	Orchestra Manager		Performer
	Performer		Photographer
	Performing Arts Medicine		Product Designer
	Piano Tuner/Technician		Sculptor
	Private Lesson Instructor		Set Designer
	Software/App Developer		Special Effects Consultant
	Songwriter/Lyricist		
	Sound Designer or Technician		
	Stage Manager		
	Studio/Session Musician		
	Ticket Sales		

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- [A Career Guide for Music Majors](#) - A listing of career opportunities and skills needed from The University of Texas at Austin.
- [Arts and Entertainment Career Resources](#) - Comprehensive career resources and descriptions from the University of California at Berkeley.
- [Arts and Economic Prosperity](#) - Explore the economic impact of arts and cultural organizations and their audiences.
- [Berklee Career Communities](#) - Resource for career opportunities and career roles in performing arts.
- [Careers in Music](#) - The National Association for Music Education (NAfME) guide to career opportunities.
- [Creative Industries](#) - Americans for the Arts has put together resources and data related to creative industries and careers.
- [Dance Employment and Job Outlook](#) - This article from the National Dance Education Organization provides career information and statistics for dancers and choreographers.
- [Music Careers](#) - A comprehensive career listing from Towson University with numerous hyperlinks to professional organizations and connections between music and other fields of study.
- [The Art Career Project](#) - Explore hundreds of career profiles and learn more about what it takes to build long-term careers within today's top creative industries, including [dance](#).
- [Theatre Career Quiz](#) - Take the quiz to match interests and skills to potential theatre careers.
- [Virginia Wizard](#) - The Career Interest and Work Values Assessment helps match student interests and skills with career pathways.

Examples of Work-Based Learning Opportunities for Fine Arts Students

The [Virginia Department of Education Work-Based Learning website](#) provides valuable resources for incorporating WBL strategies in the instructional program. The [CTE Workbased Learning Guide](#) provides information on 11 types of work-based learning instruction methods. Below, you will find examples of work-based learning experiences for high school fine arts students.

- **Externship in performing arts** - Students are paired with a professional performer to work "side-by-side". Examples include acting in community or professional theatre; performing with a community or professional musical ensemble; performing with a community or professional dance company.
- **Fine arts service learning experiences** - Students identify and fulfill a community need related to visual or performing arts.
- **Internship in the music industry** - Students are placed in a professional music studio or performance venue, gaining knowledge of music administration, funding, production, and programming. Examples include working in a recording studio or in the office of a professional orchestra or performing arts center.
- **Internship in Videography or Photography** - Students are placed with Local Education Authority (LEA) within a division communications office to record meetings or assist in the creation of digital media.
- **Internship with a Fine Arts-oriented nonprofit organization** - Students work with leaders in nonprofit administration, management, and leadership.
- **Job shadowing of an arts educator** - Students can select a fine arts teacher at an elementary or middle school that can offer a shadowing experience.
- **Job shadowing of a professional in a creative industry or fine arts business** - Students can shadow a professional in a fine arts career.
- **Mentorship with a fine arts professional** - Students are paired with a professional in a fine arts field to obtain hands-on experience.