



ARTSmart! is presented by Classical Kids Music Education, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving classical music for future generations.

Classical Kids Music Education presents the highly acclaimed Classical Kids LIVE! Theatrical Symphony Concert Series. Produced in Chicago, this series is presented locally and throughout North America and abroad in collaboration with distinguished symphony orchestras and is designed to bring to life the extraordinary lives and the musical masterpieces of the great classical composers. To date, these magically-staged concerts have performed over 1,000 performances with over 300 orchestras and have reached nearly 2,000,000 children and families.

Classical Kids is the leader in its field and has received more awards and honors than any other entity of its kind.

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THE PROGRAM

ARTSmart! provides a fully integrated music and culture program for every fourth and fifth grade classroom nationwide complete with Teacher Workshops & Program Evaluations, Study Resources & Lesson Plans, in-school Musician Visits & Orchestra Volunteer Presentations, and field trips to experience Live Symphony Concert Performances. This two-year, cross-curriculum program will change how children learn about and experience classical music, instill core principles for arts appreciation and understanding, and provide a sound music and culture foundation that will last a lifetime.

COLLABORATION

ARTSmart! incorporates established practices for integrating the arts into the culture and curricula of schools as a means of fostering system-wide educational improvement. By utilizing collaborative relationships between distinguished symphony orchestras, public elementary schools, and local communities across the United States, this initiative assists efforts that build strong, sustained district commitments to arts education and develop comprehensive advocacy strategies that will (1) significantly improve the quality of students' education by providing integrated arts education opportunities across urban and rural school systems, and (2) promote the widespread belief that the arts are an essential part of a high-quality education.

KEY AIMS

Upon completion of ARTSmart!, students will be evaluated based on their ability to:

1. Communicate at a basic level in the four arts disciplines.
2. Communicate proficiently in at least one art form.
3. Develop and present basic analyses of works of art.
4. Have an informed acquaintance with exemplary works of art from a variety of cultures.
5. Relate various types of arts knowledge and skills within and across the arts disciplines.



CREDIBILITY

ARTSmart! combines music and culture studies and live music and theatre experiences with many other subject areas and skills. It is designed to move children from being passive listeners to active participants in the creative arts, literacy, critical thinking and communication skills. The classroom study resources support the Integrated Curriculum, Whole Language Learning, Enquiry-based Learning and Visual Thinking Strategies. There are practical suggestions for every level of general student and musician to develop general creativity, multi-level thinking, memory skills, cooperation and time management.

Recent studies prove a consistent and powerful correlation between a substantive arts education and student achievement in all other subject areas and in standardized tests. The classroom resources meet or exceed most state standards for arts education as well as The National Association for Music Education's Goals 2000: Educate America Act, and are developed in coordination with U.S. standards for Arts Education.