

The Winston School Summer Academy of the Arts This July 6 – 24 Offers Digital Media, Drama, Music and Visual Arts Intensives around “The Little Shop of Horrors”

Application Deadline for Del Mar School Summer Program is June 22

Del Mar, Calif. (June 12, 2009) – The Winston School Summer Academy of the Arts for high school and advanced middle school students is this July 6 – 24, 2009. The three-week program, this year centered on “The Little Shop of Horrors,” develops student creativity in one particular art form – choosing from visual arts, drama, digital arts or music. Students produce a finished product and integrate their work with artists in other media such as a concert, a performance, or a film premiere. The application deadline is June 22.

The Winston School (<http://www.thewinstonschool.com>) is a college preparatory program for students grade 4 through 12 with learning differences and whose needs are not generally met through traditional school settings. The Winston School teaching provides instruction for the summer program, which is open to students with and without learning differences.

Dan Peragine, an 18-year veteran teacher at the school initiated the summer session in 2005 and is teaching the visual arts program this year. He said he patterned that first summer program after the 48 Hour Film Projects with students participating in a two-week Indie Filmmakers Bootcamp to complete a film project from concept to post production. “In what amounted to 30 hours over those two weeks, the kids wrote a screenplay, assigned characters, selected locations, developed a shoot schedule, created props, and then through post production, finalized a short film for a screening the last day. The production included a marketing campaign complete with movie graphics and posters.”

This summer, he said the program is extended to three weeks and they have changed the concept so that students will film a closed-set production to be followed by a live performance.

During the three-week intensive, students will also:

- Learn history of the specific art discipline as well as its greatest practitioners and its predominant aesthetic standards
- Give and receive feedback with peers and their teachers and learn how to use feedback in advancing their own creative work
- Meet and interact with at least one working professional in the field and explore related career opportunities within the broader field
- Can take one or more field trips
- Interact with students in the other academy classes

The Summer Academy is Monday through Friday from 12:45 to 3:45 p.m. The tuition is \$440 per student plus additional materials or trip fee if applicable. Winston students in the regular morning summer school program are welcome to participate at an additional, reduced cost.

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ABOUT THE WINSTON SCHOOL

[The Winston School](#) is a college preparatory program for children with learning differences in grades 4 through 12. A group of pediatricians and parents in San Diego founded the school in 1988 for bright children whose needs were not being met in traditional school settings. Students such as those struggling with dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, ADD, ADHD, specific learning disabilities or learning disorders, nonverbal learning disorders and slow maturation find what they need in the school's small, safe and caring environment. By incorporating small classes, multi-sensory teaching methods and individual attention, the school's faculty works together to help students fulfill their academic, physical, artistic, social and emotional potential. In the past 20 years, The Winston School has educated nearly a thousand students, preparing them for college and for the working world. This year's graduating class has been accepted by 22 colleges. Each senior who applied at a two or four-year-school received at least one college acceptance. The school is located at 215 Ninth St., Del Mar, Calif., 92014. Those interested in receiving information can email mindy@thewinstonschool.com or call the school at 858-259-8155.

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