



2026–2027 EDUCATOR PREVIEW

WELCOME PACKET

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

The American Theatre

Discover. Experience. Connect.

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Welcome to Hampton Arts

Welcome, Educators!

Dear Educators,

Welcome, and thank you for spending part of your morning with us. We are delighted to introduce Hampton Arts' 2026–2027 Arts Education season and, even more importantly, to begin a conversation about how we can support you and your students.

At Hampton Arts, we believe an arts experience should be more than a field trip. Live performance can bring literature to life, illuminate history, encourage empathy, inspire curiosity, and strengthen creative thinking. But we also want you to think of **Hampton Arts as a resource—one that extends beyond the walls of our theatres, galleries, and classrooms.**

Whether you are looking for a performance that connects to your curriculum, an artist or workshop to enrich a particular area of study, professional development opportunities, Virginia Standards of Learning connections, or simply a creative partner to help you explore an idea, **we want Hampton Arts to be one of the resources you think of first.**

This season, our goal is to strengthen those connections through student matinees, workshops, artist experiences, professional development, curriculum resources, and partnerships designed around the needs of educators and their students.

Today is also an opportunity for us to listen. We want to know what would be meaningful to your students, what challenges you face in accessing arts experiences, and what we can do to better support the work you are already doing in your schools and classrooms.

As you leave today, we hope you are excited about the season ahead—but we also hope you leave with this simple reminder: **Hampton Arts is here as a resource for you.** Our door is open, our artists and programs are available to you, and we welcome the opportunity to create meaningful experiences together.

Warmly,
Ron Boucher
Education Program Manager
Hampton Arts

Today at a Glance

Time	Program
9:30 a.m.	Welcome & Continental Breakfast
9:45 a.m.	Introduction-Artistic Director-Jody Madaras
10:00 a.m.	Introduction-Diana Blanchard Gross
10:15 a.m.	Introduction-Ron Boucher/Programs Presentation
10:40 a.m.	Resources & Opportunities for Educators
11:00 a.m.	Questions, Conversation & Next Steps
11:15 a.m.	Conclusion



LEARNING BEYOND THE STAGE

Visual Arts at Hampton Arts

Arts Education at Hampton Arts extends beyond the stage. [The Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center](#) provides another important resource for educators and students—one where seeing, discussing, and creating art can become part of the learning experience.

Through changing exhibitions, classes, workshops, gallery experiences, community events, and opportunities to interact with working artists, the Visual Arts Center provides possibilities for connecting the visual arts with classroom learning.

Opportunities to Explore

Exhibitions & Gallery Experiences: Introduce students to original works of art in a professional gallery setting and encourage observation, interpretation, discussion, and critical thinking.

Classes & Workshops: Explore hands-on experiences in drawing, painting, watercolor, photography, mixed media, and other visual art forms.

Artists as Educators: Create opportunities for students and teachers to learn from practicing professional artists and experienced artist-instructors.

Curriculum Connections: Visual art can provide meaningful connections to history, literature, culture, social studies, science, STEAM, language arts, and other areas of the curriculum.

Community Arts Experiences: Exhibitions, gallery talks, artist receptions, cultural celebrations, and special programs provide additional ways for students, educators, and families to engage with Hampton Arts throughout the year.

Let Us Help Create the Connection

Not every opportunity has to begin with an existing program. If you are studying a particular subject, culture, historical period, artistic technique, or theme, talk to us. Hampton Arts Education and the Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center can explore ways our exhibitions, artists, workshops, and resources might support what is happening in your classroom.

Think of Hampton Arts as a resource. Bring us an idea, a curriculum connection, or a need—and let us explore what we can create together.

2026–2027 School Performance Season

A season of live performance designed to connect students with theatre, music, dance, storytelling, literature, history, and creative discovery.

Production	Grades	Date(s)	Curriculum Connections
Journey to Oz	K–6	October 6, 2026	Literature, theatre, storytelling, creativity
The Three Little Pigs	K–5	October 30, 2026	Literacy, story structure, music, character
A More Perfect Union	4–8	November 6, 2026	U.S. history, civics, citizenship, social studies
The Nutcracker	5–8	December 17 & 18, 2026	Dance, music, storytelling, cultural traditions
Every Brilliant Thing	Ages 13+	January 29 & 30, 2027	Theatre, communication, empathy, social-emotional learning
Steam the Streets	8–12	February 25 & 26, 2027	STEAM, creativity, contemporary performance
Grimmz Fairy Tales	K–6	April 30, 2027	Literature, folklore, storytelling, theatre

All school performances are at 10:00 a.m.

Virginia SOL Connections

Hampton Arts is developing curriculum connections that help educators identify meaningful links between selected performances and the Virginia Standards of Learning. Ask us about resources available for your grade level and subject area.

Beyond the Field Trip

We want Hampton Arts to be an educational **partner**—not simply a destination for a school performance. Through our educational programming, we hope to introduce students and educators to the many ways the arts can enrich learning, spark curiosity, and build lasting connections. Just as importantly, we hope these experiences inspire students, educators, and their families to see **Hampton Arts as their arts community**—and to return throughout the season to experience the full range of performances, exhibitions, workshops, and special events we offer.

Student Matinees: Introduce students to professional live performance in an accessible and engaging setting.

Workshops: Extend the experience through hands-on learning with artists and teaching professionals.

Artist Residencies: Create deeper connections through sustained artist engagement.

Classroom Connections: Connect performances with literature, history, music, theatre, dance, and other areas of study.

Virginia SOL Resources: Help educators identify meaningful curriculum connections before and after a performance.

Professional Development: Explore arts-based learning and creative approaches that support educators in their classrooms.

Teaching Artists: Bring professional artists and specialized experiences directly to students.

Special Projects & Partnerships: Work with us to develop opportunities that respond to the individual needs and interests of your school community.

And Beyond Education: We hope every educational experience becomes an invitation to discover more of Hampton Arts. Explore our entire season, bring your family and friends, attend a performance, visit an exhibition, take a class, or join us for a special event. **There is always something happening at Hampton Arts—and we want you to be part of it.**

Have an idea? Talk to us!

We want to learn what your students and teachers need and explore how Hampton Arts can help make it happen.

STAY CONNECTED

Please tell us where your interests are today. This is an initial expression of interest and does not obligate your school or guarantee a reservation.

1. ACTIVE INITIAL INTENT SIGN-UP

Name: _____ School: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Grade(s)/Subject: _____

Show	Date	Anticipated # of Students
☐ Journey to Oz	— Oct. 6, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.	_____
☐ The Three Little Pigs	— Oct. 30, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.	_____
☐ A More Perfect Union	— Nov. 6, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.	_____
☐ The Nutcracker	— Dec. 17 & 18, 2026 — 10:00 a.m.	_____
☐ Every Brilliant Thing	— Jan. 29 & 30, 2027 — 10:00 a.m.	_____
☐ Steam the Streets	— Feb. 25 & 26, 2027 — 10:00 a.m.	_____
☐ Grimmz Fairy Tales II: Once Upon a Rhyme	— Apr. 30, 2027 — 10:00 a.m.	_____

2. HOW HAMPTON ARTS CAN HELP

- ☐ Curriculum / Virginia SOL connections
- ☐ Teacher guides and classroom resources
- ☐ Workshops or teaching artists
- ☐ Artist residencies
- ☐ Professional development opportunities
- ☐ Transportation / access questions
- ☐ Accessibility or accommodation needs
- ☐ Developing a special school partnership
- ☐ Other: _____

What would make Hampton Arts a stronger resource for you and your students?

Contact Information

Name: _____

School / Organization: _____

Grade(s) / Subject Area: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Visual Arts Opportunities — Tell Us What Interests You

- ☐ Gallery / Exhibition Visits
- ☐ Visual Arts Workshops
- ☐ Artist Demonstrations / Teaching Artists
- ☐ Visual Arts + Curriculum / SOL Connections
- ☐ Collaborative School Projects
- ☐ Tell me more about Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center programs