A once-in-a-lifetime experience...

*arts-X-press* is a summer arts immersion program offered by Pacific Symphony. Attending *arts-X-press* is a rare privilege—just 150 students from throughout Orange County are selected each summer. You have been nominated by your teacher to apply for the chance to be part of the fun!

During this 5-day, residential program, students sleep overnight in the dorms and eat meals in the campus cafeteria at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa. Our dedicated staff lives on campus with the students, leading them in workshops and attending performances. While at camp, everyone gets a chance to try music, art, theater and dance in a supportive, non-competitive environment.

**Cost:** Financial aid is available to all students, based on need, and we are committed to making it possible for all accepted students to attend. The full tuition for *arts-X-press* is $675, which covers all costs for the program including room, board and performance tickets. Applications for financial aid will be sent with acceptance letters in early March. **No** accepted student will ever be turned away from *arts-X-press* for financial reasons.

**How to apply:** Applicants must currently be in 6th or 7th grade. No previous arts training is necessary. Just fill out the attached application and return it to your teacher or the Symphony office by the deadline.

For more information on *arts-X-press*, visit our website at www.pacificsymphony.org/arts-x-press where you can view a video about the program, read our blog, and find answers to frequently asked questions.

**Don’t miss out on the fun of arts-X-press! Apply now!**
Application Instructions

1. Fill out BOTH pages of the application completely. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

2. Provide **contact information** for ONE parent or guardian who we can call during business hours if we have questions about the application.

3. **Provide an e-mail address** if you have one. This will significantly improve our ability to communicate with you. We promise we won’t use it to send you junk mail!

4. Please circle the three **art forms** you are most interested in. During **arts-X-press**, students will get a chance to experience all five of these art forms, but preferences are taken into consideration for primary workshop placement.

5. Indicate your availability for all the arts-X-press sessions you are available for. Remember, the greater your availability, the more likely it is that we will be able to find a spot for you. If your availability changes later on, we can almost always arrange a session change.

6. Please **keep the front info page** from this application so you can refer to it later.

7. **Questions?** Check out [www.arts-x-press.blogspot.com](http://www.arts-x-press.blogspot.com)

Financial Aid

**All students are eligible for financial aid.** Financial aid applications will be sent with welcome letters to accepted students.

**Students enrolled in a Title 1 School automatically qualify for a reduced tuition to $375**

This tuition reduction will be automatically credited to students who qualify with no additional paperwork necessary. Families can also apply for additional financial aid to reduce their cost further.

**No student will ever be turned away from arts-X-press for financial reasons.**
Please complete both pages of this form, including the essay and return your completed application to your teacher by **February 5, 2016.** Applications are due to the Symphony office by February 12, 2016.

**CONTACT INFORMATION** (please print)

Student’s Name: ___________________________________________  Gender: □ M  □ F

Grade Student is in right now: □ 6  □ 7 (applicants must currently be in 6th or 7th grade)

School Name: ___________________________  School District: ___________________________

Nominator (required): ___________________________  Nominator’s email: ___________________________

(All applicants must be nominated by a classroom or after-school program teacher, private lesson instructor, coach, etc.)

If you were not nominated by a teacher, please provide contact information for a teacher who can serve as a reference.

Reference name: ___________________________ Reference email: ___________________________

**Primary Parent/Guardian Contact** (who should *arts-X-press* staff call if we have questions about your application?)

Primary Parents/Guardians Name(s): ___________________________________________

Street Address: ___________________________________________  Apt. #: __________________

City: ___________________________  Zip: ___________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________  Work Phone: ___________________________

Cell Phone: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

The best way to contact me during the day is:  □ home phone  □ work phone  □ cell phone  □ e-mail

I prefer to receive my paperwork and phone communication in: □ English □ Spanish □ Vietnamese □ Chinese

**AVAILABILITY AND INTEREST**

I am available for the following sessions of *arts-X-press* 2016 (check all that apply):

□ I am available to attend *arts-X-press* during Session #1, (July 9-13, 2016)

□ I am available to attend *arts-X-press* during Session #2, (July 16-20, 2016)

□ I am available to attend *arts-X-press* during Session #3, (July 23-27, 2016)

Please circle **THREE** art forms you have the most interest in participating in during *arts-X-press*:

visual art  theater  dance  vocal music  instrumental music

Please indicate if you have participated in any of the following Pacific Symphony programs before:

*arts-X-press*: □ yes  □ no  Class Act: □ yes  □ no  School: ___________________________

Santiago Strings: □ yes  □ no  Santa Ana Strings: □ yes  □ no

Do you have a sibling who has attended *arts-X-press*? □ yes  □ no  Name: ___________________________

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Student and Parent Agreement for Participation in arts-X-press

Both the student and parent must sign this agreement for the application to be considered.

I understand attending arts-X-press is a special privilege. I understand that if accepted, I am expected to attend the entire program. I accept responsibility for completing all paperwork, attending all orientation meetings, and I understand the importance of this commitment. If for any reason, at any time, I cannot fulfill my obligations to arts-X-press I will notify the Pacific Symphony IMMEDIATELY so another deserving student can have this opportunity.

Student’s Signature: ____________________________________________________________

Parent’s Signature: ____________________________________________________________

☐ Check this box to receive more information about financial aid

Applications must be received in the Pacific Symphony office by February 12, 2016

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