Barnes Art Adventures bring art-based learning to you and your students with interactive shows livestreamed directly to their computer or smart device. Programs use an arts-integrated approach to teach across curriculums with age-appropriate activities and include teacher resources designed for our innovative online learning format. Shows provide live instruction for students learning in school or at home and enable students in multiple locations to learn at the same time. All virtual programs include resources to share with students.

Led by Barnes educators and featuring guest artists, shows ask students to explore, analyze, create, and learn about art, while also practicing appropriate “netiquette.” Students use chat and emoji features to actively engage in the show and respond to hosts, moderators, and their peers in real time. Barnes Art Adventures are designed for students in grades 2 and up to join individually from their own devices; shows for pre-K–1 students can be shared via the teacher’s device to a screen or smartboard.

Pricing

Free episodes run the first Monday and Friday of each month and are available to all Title 1 and School District of Philadelphia public and charter schools. Schedules and show descriptions for each grade band are below. Custom show times are available for a fee. Learn more at barnesfoundation.org/teachers/virtual-learning. Spaces are limited; schedule your adventure today!
Explore and Create, Grades Pre-K–1

Early learners experience an interactive show that uses art to explore new ideas, places, and cultures. Students will look at nature in art—including depictions of plants, animals, and real or imaginary landscapes—and even find out what it means to try something new. Episodes feature art, stories, and characters from diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

In each episode, educators read a story aloud, lead a discussion about artworks, and introduce key concepts and vocabulary. Students and adults work together to respond to the show’s activities, and grown-ups can use the chat feature to share the child’s experiences with the show.

Runtime: 30 minutes; registration required.

Episode Selection

Friday, January 6, 2023, 10–10:30 AM
Favorite Foods

Food is an important part of who we are. Through a story and art-making activity, students will explore their connections to food. Featured Artists: Elijah Pierce, Paul Cézanne.

Monday, February 6, 2023, 10–10:30 AM
Colorful Clothes and Costumes

In the story Red, Yellow, Blue (and a Dash of White, Too!) by C.G. Esperanza, the main character discovers the primary colors—red, yellow, and blue—and learns how these three special colors mix together to create all other colors. Featured Artists: Nick Cave, Edgar Degas, Charles Demuth.

Learn more at BarnesFoundation.org/teachers
Monday, March 6, 2023, 10-10:30 AM
Cherry Blossoms

We read a story about trees and look at related artworks in the Barnes collection, including Woman in Garden by Qiu Ying. Students make connections from the artwork to cherry blossom trees in Philadelphia and around the world.

Friday, April 7, 2023, 10-10:30 AM
Exploring Feelings: Being Brave

This episode is all about the word “brave.” Today’s story is Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall, which inspires students to think about how Jabari feels when jumping off the diving board for the first time. Featured Artists: Kehinde Wiley, Edgar Degas.

May 5, 2023, 10-10:30 AM
Flowers, Colors, and Shapes

Students hear a story about how shapes can transform into objects and explore this concept further through an art-making activity inspired by the Fraktur art form. Featured Artist: Johann Adam Eyer.

An Artist’s Lens, for Grades 2–4

Artists question, examine, and share their experiences through their work. In this series, students explore the Barnes collection and other contemporary artwork and discover how artists use their creativity to see the world around them. In each episode, students are inspired to think like artists and to explore, observe, and experiment based on their surroundings. Students make inferences as they build art vocabulary using a chat feature where they can give their opinion in a poll, make written comments, and use visual art emojis to analyze what they see. Students will be encouraged to continue to express these ideas about art in post-episode activities.

Runtime: 45 minutes; registration required.

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With a focus on portraits, we explore how artists show their subjects’ power and privilege, or lack thereof. Learn about both better-known figures and marginalized narratives. *Featured Artists:* Kehinde Wiley, Elijah Pierce.

*Monday, April 3, 2023, 10—10:45 AM*

**Faces, Fashion, and Identity**

Carefully examine portraits to discover what we can learn about people from their poses and clothes. Learn how our attire can tell a story. *Featured Artists:* Nick Cave, Mickalene Thomas, Vincent van Gogh.

*Friday, June 2, 2023, 10—10:45 AM*

**Sign of the Times: Symbols in Art**

Artists can express powerful ideas without the use of words. Learn how artists from different cultures convey personal and community-held beliefs through symbols. *Featured Artists:* Elijah Pierce, Paul Cézanne.