Carpe Diem Arts' mission is to engage communities across generations and cultures through the visual, literary and performing arts in the National Capital region and Maryland’s Eastern Shore-- with an emphasis on the traditional arts and outreach to diverse and underserved audiences.

Activities include after-school programs, arts outreach to seniors and preschoolers, summer arts and language immersion camps, community dances, concert series, monthly family sings, cultural enrichment programs and residencies in schools, and performance opportunities for all ages.

We partner with other area non-profits to expand our reach and deepen our impact, bringing the arts to life in ways that matter and make a difference in building stronger living-learning communities and in celebrating a broad range of cultural traditions and artistic disciplines.

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Another key component of Jump Start is the facilitation of staff development, teacher training and parent workshops, providing teachers and parents with tools, resources, and creative ideas to implement in both classrooms and homes, thereby enhancing the quality of children’s education and development as life-long learners.

The selection of artists on our roster is based on artistic excellence and proven ability to connect successfully with pre-school age audiences, as well as educators and parents.

Jump Start with the Arts is an early childhood arts outreach program presented by Carpe Diem Arts, often in partnership with early learning centers, libraries, schools, housing developments, community centers, recreation facilities, and after-school programs.

The goal is to provide a jump-start to healthy and joyful social and cognitive development in the early stages of learning and to provide young children with memorable, educational, developmentally appropriate, and culturally diverse experiences through the Arts.

Jump Start provides arts education programs led by professional master teaching artists to nursery schools, daycare facilities, Head Start programs and other early learning centers throughout the national capital region. Programs include performances for assemblies and artists in residence.

Public Performances

Jump Start "Family Fun Night Out" series features a different performer each month and is presented by Carpe Diem Arts in partnership with a local nursery school, with support from the Finn Family Group, Washington Revels, Takoma Radio, and El Golfo Restaurant.