

TEACHING & LEARNING SUPPORTS

Understanding the Juilliard Approach

Juilliard Creative Classroom is a dynamic collection of resources that maximize student engagement in the performing arts. As a framework for twenty-first century arts learning, Juilliard Creative Classroom prioritizes creativity, rigorous thinking, and artistic excellence. Our materials are built on contemporary research, innovative educational practices, and the vast artistic resources of The Juilliard School.

The Juilliard Approach to classroom instruction can be summarized in five key values:

Key Values

1. **Success for all:** Regardless of students' career aspirations in the arts, Juilliard Creative Classroom materials are designed with the fundamental belief that all children have artistic capacities that can—and should be—developed beyond what they ever thought possible.
2. **Active and exploratory learning:** Students, especially in the performing arts, learn best through exploration and hands-on application of artistic skills and concepts.
3. **Igniting creativity:** It is vitally important to engage students in meaningful artistic experiences—ideally, their own experiences. Ownership of their learning helps students find their own artistic voice. Inviting students to think and work imaginatively can have lasting effects in all academic subjects.
4. **Inquiry and reflection:** Fostering curiosity leads to student motivation, an impetus for hard work and achievement. Looking back on one's experiences crystalizes learning and develops valuable metacognitive skills.
5. **Meaningful encounters** with high-quality works of dance, drama, and music.

The Core Works are centrally positioned on Juilliard Creative Classroom to infuse artistic quality into performing arts classes—even for the youngest of students. While their mere presence in classrooms can have a substantial impact, the powerful and lasting effects emerge from the personal interaction students have with these works. When students have exploratory preparation through Juilliard Creative Classroom activities, they can hear or view a piece of music, dance, or drama with an increased ability and desire to make their own personal connections, find beauty and meaning, and adopt new perspectives of the world.