

# Harbourfront Centre Courses & Workshops Winter/Spring 2009

## VISUAL ARTS & DESIGN

### **Expressive Arts**

#### **1-Day Workshop**

**Sunday, January 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**\$45**

An opportunity to explore one's personal thoughts and feelings through spontaneous art expression! Participants design creations inspired by their imagination through painting, found-object sculpture and drawing. A variety of art materials are available to facilitate creativity.

### **Drawing for Fashion Design**

**5 Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m.**

**January 19 to February 16**

**\$175** (plus \$20 materials fee, payable in first class)

Work the runway! This course gives participants the tools to create fashion design sketches and shows them how to put together a presentation board and press kit for their portfolio.

### **Introduction to Botanical Drawing**

**5 Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**January 19 to February 16**

**\$175**

An introductory course to develop and improve the observational skills required for botanical drawing and painting. Using the Harbourfront Centre Artists' Gardens for inspiration, participants learn to create beautiful botanical works of art.

### **Sewing 101**

**5 Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**January 19 to February 16**

**\$150**

Participants learn the basics of machine sewing, embroidery and appliqué in this introductory course, designed for the budding textile artist or fashion designer. No previous experience necessary

### **Fashion 101**

**5 Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**January 20 to February 17**

**\$150**

Participants create sketches, illustrate, design and execute projects from start to finish. They also learn to work with raw fabrics and old clothing to design new looks.

### **Painting**

**6 Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**January 20 to February 24**

**\$200**

A course designed for beginners and those wanting to improve their skills. Participants learn a variety of techniques and discover line, shape, contour and colour while working with acrylics, watercolour and other mediums.

## **Parent Workshop: Engaging Kids with Contemporary Arts**

### **1-Day Workshop**

**Saturday, May 9, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

**\$10**

This workshop specifically for parents features time-tested strategies for engaging children with contemporary arts (visual, dance, theatre and music), and follow-up home activities. Parents receive a package full of helpful tips, along with a free membership to Harbourfront Centre's HarbourKIDS club. The workshop includes an interactive gallery tour. Recommended for parents of children ages 3 to 12.

## **Toronto Island Watercolour Sketchbook**

**4 Sundays, 2:30 to 5 p.m.**

**May 24 to June 14**

**\$175**

An introduction to the practice of keeping a sketchbook and the use of watercolour media, pencil or pen, this course is suited to novices and those who wish to begin to record personal experience using this time-honoured tradition. For three of the four sessions, the group heads over to Toronto Island by ferry/water taxi in quest of sketchbook material.

## **MEDIA STUDIES**

### **Creating your own Website**

**Note: This course is for absolute beginners!**

**6 Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**January 19 to February 23**

**\$200**

It's not that complicated. Trust us! Whether adults are creating a website for their home business, blog or just for fun, this course teaches them from start to finish in Harbourfront Centre's media lab.

### **Demystifying the Digital Camera**

#### **1-Day Workshop**

**Sunday, January 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**\$75**

Participants learn the basics of digital photography (in non-technical terms!) and how it differs from conventional, film-based photography. They also learn about the features of digital cameras, printers, scanners and recording media. Participants are asked to bring their digital camera.

### **Digital Photography Manipulation**

**Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**February 21 & 22**

**\$100**

Participants review the fundamentals of image-capturing, proper exposure and developing a creative eye. They also learn the digital do's and don'ts of creating successful images and explore basic image correction with computer software. Basic computer knowledge is recommended.

## PERFORMING ARTS

### **Djembe Drumming**

**4 Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**February 5 to 26**

**\$125**

For centuries, drumming has been a major form of communication throughout Africa. Participants explore this art form through a series of interactive rhythm and drumming exercises.

### **Circus**

**Session 1: 6 Mondays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**May 25 to June 29**

**Session 2: 6 Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**May 27 to July 8 (excludes July 1)**

**\$45 per class or the entire 6-week session for \$250**

Ever wanted to learn to juggle, or walk on stilts? How about acrobatics, clowning and tight wire? Harbourfront Centre's famous Circus Camp just came to town...for adults! Led by Cirque du Soleil social instructor/trainer Marsha Kennington, this course has adults flying high.

## SEASONAL

### **Candy-Making Workshop**

**1-Day Workshop**

**Sunday, February 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**\$50**

Just in time for Valentine's Day! Participants learn to make amazing treats for their sweetie, such as moulded candies and chocolates.

### **From Beer to There**

**3 Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.**

**April 16 to 30**

**\$150**

A beer tasting and appreciation course for beginner beer enthusiasts, or the experienced guzzler! This course takes participants through the origins and different types of beer, appropriate food pairings, and introduces them to some of the best beer bars in the city.

## LITERARY ARTS

### **Authors at Harbourfront Centre Book Club**

**Ongoing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Pro-rated, please call 416-973-4093 for details (includes 1-year Authors at Harbourfront Centre membership)**

Back by popular demand, Authors at Harbourfront Centre Book Club sessions present guest speakers and feature contemporary fiction, poetry, non-fiction and graphic novels. Books are hand-picked from Authors at Harbourfront Centre programs, including the International Festival of Authors.

## **URBAN & CULTURAL STUDIES**

### **Film & Food Club**

**3 Fridays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

**February 6 to 20**

**\$50 per workshop or \$125 for all 3**

A perfect course for those that love films and food. In each session, participants watch and discuss a film, while creating a scrumptious meal based on the theme of the film. A fun way to meet new people, or develop one's cooking skills!

### **Tea 101**

**4 Saturdays, 1 to 3 p.m.**

**February 21 to March 14**

**\$175**

There's more to tea than what's in a cup. Through this series of tea socials, participants learn more about tea, its production, its origin, how to brew it and pour it, and how to appreciate it like a connoisseur.

### **Gallery Hopping**

**6 Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**April 21 to May 25**

**\$150**

How do you talk about contemporary art? This course provides an intro into Toronto's contemporary art scene. Each week, participants explore a local art gallery or artist-run institution in Toronto.

### **Urban Portraiture**

**6 Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**April 21 to May 25**

**\$175**

An opportunity to explore the differences between outdoor street and studio-based photography by looking at the image as documentary. In this mixture of studio and urban exploration, participants learn to tell their own stories in the city. Registrants are asked to bring their digital camera to class.

### **Artistic Architecture in the Public Space**

**6 Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**April 22 to May 26**

**\$150**

Calling all urban explorers! An invitation to discover the public spaces and built environments of our city. Participants discover public art projects they never knew existed. This course takes participants all over Toronto's vibrant downtown.

### **Explore Toronto's Culinary Neighbourhoods**

**Saturday, April 25: Little India; Saturday, May 2: Kensington; Saturday, May 9: Chinatown; Saturday, May 16: Little Italy**  
**1 to 3:30 p.m.**

**\$40 per tour or \$125 for all 4**

Participants are invited to talk, tour and taste their way through the city's fantastic culinary hot spots, markets and neighbourhoods. An opportunity to get the insider's scoop with a cultural perspective, and learn the personal stories of Toronto's food experts.

## **CRAFT STUDIO COURSES**

Taught by the Craft Studio artists-in-residence, these beginner courses provide participants with hands-on creative expression. All courses take place in the Craft Studio at Harbourfront Centre. Pre-registration with the studio is required.

### **Glass Blowing**

**Runs through May; 20 hours in total (Friday to Sunday)**

**\$310**

**To register or for more information, call 416-973-4951 or e-mail [glassclasses@harbourfrontcentre.com](mailto:glassclasses@harbourfrontcentre.com)**

This course covers solid (i.e. paperweights) and blown forms (cups, bowls and plates), colour application, hot and cold techniques and use of studio equipment.

### **Ceramics**

**Runs year-round; 8 weeks with 3 hours per week in the evenings**

**\$260**

**To register or for more information, call 416-973-4994 or e-mail [potteryclasses@harbourfrontcentre.com](mailto:potteryclasses@harbourfrontcentre.com)**

An opportunity to create cups, vases and bowls on the pottery wheel and by hand-building. Techniques include throwing, coining, slab, trimming, decoration and glazing.

### **Introduction to Jewellery**

**Runs year-round; 8 weeks with 3 hours per week**

**\$260**

**To register or for more information, call 416-973-4994 or e-mail [jewelleryclasses@harbourfrontcentre.com](mailto:jewelleryclasses@harbourfrontcentre.com)**

Participants learn a wide range of jewellery techniques (piercing, soldering, drilling, filing, polishing, etc) to create samples and finished pieces.

### **Intermediate Jewellery**

**Runs year-round; 8 weeks with 3 hours per week**

**\$260**

**To register or for more information, call 416-973-4994 or e-mail [jewelleryclasses@harbourfrontcentre.com](mailto:jewelleryclasses@harbourfrontcentre.com)**

This course is the next step for those that have learned the basics. Topics covered include colour, material, chain-making, stone setting and more!

### **Textiles**

**Runs year-round; 5 weeks with 3 hours per week during the evenings (\$245);**

**1-day workshop for 6 hours (\$145)**

**To register or for more information, call 416-973-4952 or e-mail [textileclasses@harbourfrontcentre.com](mailto:textileclasses@harbourfrontcentre.com)**

Participants explore felting, silk-screen printing, sewing, quilting, embroidery, appliqué techniques and more.

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