As a response to COVID-19, VisArts is offering an online course catalog of Art After School classes for the first time ever! Art After School classes are provided free to students at our Richmond Public School partners. All materials are supplied by VisArts and will be dropped off to students before the first day of class. In order to participate, you must have a computer, smartphone or tablet with an internet connection. All classes will be taught using Zoom, a remote video conferencing service.

AGES 11-12

Assemblage, Collage + the Found Object
Blythe King
Take time to notice the materials all around you that can be re-used to make art. Transform everyday materials, including junk mail, recycling and items from nature, into meaningful 2-D and 3-D works of art.
5 Mondays + Wednesdays: 5/4-6/8, 4-5 p.m.
(No class on Memorial Day: 5/25)

Cartooning
Kirk O’Brien
Learn about character creation and methods for drawing faces and bodies, then explore movement, symbols and cartoon/comic strip story layouts. We’ll cover inking and put together a finished comic strip.
5 Mondays + Wednesdays: 5/4-6/8, 4-5 p.m.
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Kitchen Printmaking
Casha Stempniewicz
Using items found around the house, students will practice their creativity and resourcefulness. We’ll explore traditional printmaking techniques like relief carving, mono-prints, calligraph plates and patternmaking with everyday household items. We’ll also discuss the history of printmaking and the conceptual and practical value of creating multiples. Explore the textures of the everyday objects around us and get creative to make art at home.
5 Tuesdays + Thursdays: 5/5-6/4, 4-5 p.m.

Drawing with Oil Pastels
Dale Jones
Use ordinary things that you have around your home and make them into extraordinary pieces of art with oil pastels on paper. The instructor will demonstrate one technique each week focused on a specific topic. Students will problem solve to find the subject they want to use, then work with it in oil pastel.
5 Tuesdays + Thursdays: 5/5-6/4, 4-5 p.m.

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Scientific Illustration
Amelia Blair Langford
Explore innovative and technical approaches to scientific illustration. Students will learn different types of drawing techniques and will create their own scientific illustrations inspired by nature from their own outdoor surroundings.
5 Mondays + Wednesdays: 5/4-6/8, 4-5 p.m.
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Handbuilding with Clay
Merenda Cecelia
Create fun and interesting creatures with clay! Learn slab-building and sculpting techniques while hanging out virtually with other art students. We’ll use air dry clay and focus on making containers to hold surprise animals nested inside. Learn about other sculptors and artists as well!
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Site-Specific Art and Your Environment
Blythe King
How can you make art for a specific place? What if instead of a blank piece of paper, you used a specific place, like your yard, front porch or kitchen sink as your canvas? Create art installations that combine sculpture, photography, dance, music, collage and painting. We’ll use everyday materials, household supplies and items from nature to animate your environment.
5 Tuesdays + Thursdays: 5/5-6/4, 4-5 p.m.

Drawing Comics
Dashiell Kirk
Explore the fundamentals of drawing comics. Students will learn how to create unique characters and learn how to show them in a variety of poses. We will also explore the basics of sequential imaging and learn how to apply that to telling your own story.
5 Tuesdays + Thursdays: 5/5-6/4, 4-5 p.m.

For more information or to register for classes, contact Nicki Stein at nickistein@visarts.org

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