School of the Arts*

Yearlong arts exploration in the heart of Jamaica.

Over 45 Saturdays and almost 1,300 hours of instruction, students 5-18 years old gathered at JCAL headquarters in the heart of downtown Jamaica to learn and play in 20 different art genres. JCAL’s faculty of devoted and dynamic teaching artists helped students gain standards-based skills, make friends, and develop unique artistic voices.

In addition to theater, dance, music, and studio art instruction, in 2017-18 JCAL introduced STEAM Academy, a series of courses that emphasizes the important role that art and design play in innovations in science, technology, engineering, and math. Courses included cartooning animation, 2D/3D game design, and 3D printing.

The Spring ACW Student Showcase on June 9th was one of the most successful in JCAL history. Our students performed and exhibited their work, with an audience of over 400 celebrating our students’ achievements!

* formerly know as Arts Center Workshops (ACW)

Art Center Workshops: By The Numbers

- 180 ARTS COURSES attended by...
- 170 YOUNG PEOPLE from across Queens
- 70% ACW STUDENTS are 7-11 years old

WHAT PARENTS HAD TO SAY...

“JCAL is an outstanding value and community resource.”

“Small class sizes allow my children to get one-on-one attention.”

“My daughter could show what she learned and was excited to go to class every week.”

“A warm and welcoming place with very dedicated instructors.”

“You’re never bored at JCAL!”
JCAL School Programs

School Assemblies at JPAC

JCAL's season of diverse, high quality performances were curated to captivate students’ imaginations and provide meaningful connections to academic learning. **12 Queens schools** brought **3,200 students** to JPAC to experience professional dance, music, and theater from across the globe.

Cultural After School Adventures (CASA) for Queens Schools

With support from the New York City Council and Department of Cultural Affairs, JCAL provided after school programs at **10 local public schools**, serving **300 students** with over **600 hours** of arts instruction in theater, dance, and visual arts.

“JCAL is excellent for our school; they connect really fast with our students and know exactly what they need.”

Cristina Guzman, PS 160Q Parent Coordinator

Fun for Families

Queens International Children’s Festival

2017-18 marked the 3rd annual event, a two-day festival that brings **FREE** high-quality arts, performances, and crafts to downtown Jamaica. Each day was filled with shows and hands-on activities for kids and their adults to enjoy together, such as songwriting, Bollywood and Bhangra dance, and fun experiments with the NY Hall of Science.

Saturday Matinees

This year’s performances for schools were so special this year that we just had to share them with families too! JCAL’s School Assembly shows were offered on 3 Saturdays for the affordable price of **$10/adult and $5/child**. 150 families experienced world class performing arts without traveling to Manhattan.

School & Family Programs By The Numbers

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