

SEATTLE-AREA YOUTH ARTS & MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

A list of local organizations offering youth-focused media, journalism, audio, art, writing and storytelling opportunities. Last updated February 2024.

RADIO, AUDIO & MUSIC

- **Ground Zero Radio** | gzradio.org
 - Ground Zero Radio is a youth-led web radio platform to connect the community through activism, sports, culture, music, and the arts, supported by The Vera Project. GZR is a career-learning program for youth to learn skills and connect with professionals. You may apply for one or multiple departments. No experience necessary.
- **Jack Straw Productions** | jackstraw.org
 - Jack Straw offers all-ages audio workshops on topics like podcasting, field recording, audio mixing, and microphones at their University District studios. Classes generally range in cost from \$50-\$100.
- **KEXP** | kexp.org/education
 - KEXP is a public radio station in Seattle that specializes in alternative and indie rock. Check out the KEXP Youth DJs program, as well as volunteer and internship opportunities.
- **The Vera Project** | theveraproject.org/classes
 - The Vera Project offers online and in-person classes in audio recording, audio mixing, live sound production, and other creative arts. Most classes do cost money, but scholarships are available.
- **Rain City Rock Camp** | raincityrockcamp.org/programs/youth-programs
 - Rain City Rock Camp's summer and year-round youth programs use music education and positive aspects of rock music culture (like loud and visible confidence, overt expression and sonic experimentation) to provide a safe and welcoming space for youth of marginalized genders to learn more about themselves, the creative process and their potential to be heard.
- **Totem Star** | totemstar.org/programs
 - Totem Star in West Seattle supports a diverse community of young recording artists learning music and life skills through mentorship and meaningful relationships. Youth can perform at open-mic nights, receive mentorship support, learn from audio professionals, and book studio time at no cost.
- **Seattle Public Schools Skills Center** | skillscenter.seattleschools.org
 - A Seattle Public Schools program providing free, hands-on classes in real-world career fields, including many in media arts. Check out the Radio Broadcasting class!

- **Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) | mopop.org/programs-plus-education**
 - MoPOP offers year-round and summer arts programs primarily focused on music performance. Create original music videos, imagine fantasy worlds, take the stage as an improviser, explore the world of drag, or design your own museum in Minecraft! Most programs cost, but financial aid and scholarship options are available.
 - **KVRU (formerly Rainier Valley Radio) | kvr.org/get-involved/#volunteer**
 - KVRU is a low power FM radio station in the Rainier Valley neighborhood. They offer free workshops and are always looking for volunteers.
 - **Rainier Avenue Radio | rainieravenueradio.world**
 - An online radio station in Columbia City offering events, workshops and volunteer opportunities.
 - **KBCS 91.3 FM | kbc.fm and KSER 90.7 FM | kser.org**
 - Community radio stations in Bellevue (KBCS) and Everett (KSER) that offer all-ages “Basic Broadcasting” classes where you can learn how to be a DJ.
 - **Hollow Earth Radio | hollowearthradio.org**
 - A community radio station with volunteer opportunities.
 - **The Rhapsody Project | therhapsodyproject.org/youth-programs**
 - The Rhapsody Project is a community that explores and celebrates music and heritage through an anti-racist lens. They offer a number of youth programs and internships.
- UW Youth & Teen podcasting course | youth-teen.uw.edu/camps-courses/podcasting**
- Storytelling and audio production program available during the summer. Open for 9-12 graders. Taught on the UW Seattle campus. Fees vary; limited financial assistance available.

JOURNALISM & WRITING

- **Hugo House | hugohouse.org/youth-programs**
 - Hugo House is the premiere spot for youth writing programs, classes and camps offered throughout the schoolyear and summer.
- **Teen Tix | teentix.org/programs**
 - Teen Tix breaks down the barriers that prevent teens from accessing art in our community. Youth can write reviews of local arts and culture events or discuss them on the Teen Tix podcast. Youth get paid for their work.
- **Bureau of Fearless Ideas | fearlessideas.org/programs/workshops**
 - BFI offers youth writing classes for all ages throughout the schoolyear and summer.

- **South Seattle Emerald** | southseattleemerald.com/work-with-us
 - The South Seattle Emerald is a celebrated online news outlet amplifying the authentic narratives of South Seattle. Youth writers can submit to their “Voices” column or apply to become contributors.
- **Seattle Times** | company.seattletimes.com/careers
 - The Seattle Times is Seattle’s legacy local newspaper. They offer 10-week summer newsroom internships to current college students.
- **Y-WE Write** | youngwomenempowered.org/our-programs/write
 - Young Women Empowered (Y-WE) Write is a creative, inspiring, writers’ community that explores different types of writing. As with all W-YE programs, Write is free to attend and open to young women, trans, non-binary, and gender expansive youth ages 13-19. Write is offered as three in-person retreats throughout the year and as a week-long summer camp.
- **Washington Journalism Education Association** | wjea.org
 - J-Camp summer workshop, offers top-notch instruction to prepare you for your journalism program. July 25-28 and takes place in Pullman, WA at Washington State University. Offers various other journalism programs.

ARTS & OTHER MEDIA

- **Y-WE Create** | youngwomenempowered.org/our-programs/create
 - Young Women Empowered (Y-WE) Create focuses on exploring a variety of creative mediums in a safe space that encourages trying new things and taking creative risks. As with all Y-WE programs, Create is free to attend and open to young women, trans, non-binary, and gender expansive youth ages 13-19. Create is offered as a school-year cohort as well as a week-long summer camp. Y-WE has many other programs to explore, including nature, outdoor, tech, and more!
- **Reel Queer Youth** | threedollarbillcinema.org/reelqueeryouth
 - A video production and media literacy program for LGBTQ+ youth and allies ages 13-18. Participants will explore the many facets of filmmaking and will make a film using tech and media they have available.
- **Youth in Focus** | youthinfocus.org
 - Youth in Focus (YiF) equips youth to share their ideas and values with the world through photography, digital media and art. Summer and schoolyear events and classes offered.
- **5th Avenue Theatre** | 5thavenue.org/education/theater-careers
 - One of America’s leading musical theater companies, 5th Ave Theater offers youth programs, internship opportunities, and educational events for young people.

- **Seattle Skills Center** | skillscenter.seattleschools.org/summer
 - The Seattle Skills Center is committed to delivering advanced career and technical education for high school juniors and seniors. Summer courses include computer science, family health, intro to 360 art, computer animation, graphic arts, radio, video production, VR, and more. No Cost.
- **Coyote Central** | coyotecentral.org/register-for-classes
 - Coyote Central offers classes in animation, photography, electronics, and filmmaking.
- **Seattle Art Museum** | seattleartmuseum.org/programs-and-learning/teens#art
 - SAM'S programs for teens include the Teen Arts Group (an intensive program for high school aged youth interested in leadership and learning about themselves and the world through art), First Thursdays (free entrance to the museum for high school students with student ID), Teen Night Out, and other workshops.
- **Arts Corps/Youth Speaks Seattle** | artscorps.org
 - Teen programs in music, dance, poetry, performance, and media.
- **NW Film Forum** | nwfilmforum.org/live/page/workshops
 - Youth and adult filmmaking workshops and summer camps for teens and youth. Currently offering workshops this summer.
- **Seattle International Film Festival** | siff.net/education
 - The Seattle International Film Festival offers youth filmmaking programs and workshops.
- **Gage Academy of Art** | gageacademy.org/summer-camps
 - Summer programs for teens at Gage offer unique opportunities for creative expression, skill-building, and portfolio development. Choose from traditional painting and drawing to digital storytelling and character creation. Various online and in person classes available each summer.
- **Taproot Theatre** | taproottheatre.org/acting-studio/#cr
 - Taproot offers acting and writing classes for adults and youth ages K-12 as weekly courses and as one- or two-week camps.
- **JazzED** | seattlejazzed.org/summer-overview
 - Summer camps and programs available for K-12 students. Programs include Connections, Foundations, and Explorations. Covering jazz, Latin, pop music, and more.