Fall Class Registration is Now Open!

The Arts For All Fall Classes begin August 31st! There are still spots available in many classes at our six Metro Area locations. Check out our website at [www.artsforallinc.com/classes](http://www.artsforallinc.com/classes) and register today!

New classes this Fall include:

- Piano for Special Needs Students -- Mondays, Benson location, 4:45pm
- International Art -- Tuesdays, Bellevue location, 5:45pm
- Drawing Heroes & Villains -- Thursdays, Papillion location, 6:45pm
- Intro to Ballroom Dance -- Tuesdays, Bellevue location, 6:45pm

Space is limited! [Register today!](http://www.artsforallinc.com)

Lisa Lathrop Memorial Scholarship

In honor of our friend and board member, Arts For All has established the **Lisa Lathrop Memorial Scholarship Program**. Lisa passed away in July 2015 after a brave and valiant battle with cancer. She taught art at several AFA locations and served as the Secretary of the Arts For All Board of Directors for ten months. Lisa brought great passion to her work and always brought a smile to our faces. This scholarship exists to acknowledge the zeal and enthusiasm Lisa shared for the visual arts and her many students throughout her tenure at Arts For All.

One full-tuition scholarship will be awarded each semester to a student (age 5+) in the visual arts at any Arts For All location. Those interested should submit the application form, and example of their artwork, and a short essay explaining why art brings them joy. The Fall 2015 application is due August 22nd. The scholarship winner will be announced August 26th.

All art lovers are encouraged to apply.
For more information and to download the application form, please click here.

Donations to the Lisa Lathrop Memorial Scholarship Fund can be made on the Arts For All webpage.

**Arts For All at the South YMCA**

Arts For All and the South YMCA are hosting classes for the students enrolled in the Youth and Teen After School Program. We kick off the twice-weekly sessions with drums and theater classes in August. This program has been made possible with support from the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

**Teacher Profile: Ramon Hernandez**

This month we spoke with Ramon, our Mariachi instructor. Juan R. Hernandez was born and raised in Midtown, Omaha, as one of six children. His parents came to Omaha to work in the railroad and packing house industries. Ramon attended Lincoln Elementary, Bancroft Jr. High, and South High School, graduating in 1969. He earned in B.S. Music Merchandising from U.N.O. in 1984, and an M.A. in Adult Education 2009. Ramon said "All of this was impossible without the support of my parents, my musical uncles, and Brothers and Sisters; but especially, my partner in life since 1969, Gloria, and now my wife for 42 years!"

**What do you teach at Arts For All?**
I teach music in general including mariachi instruments, beginner and intermediate guitar, violin, vihuela, guitarrón, drums, piano and vocals. Teaching for AFA would not be possible without the members of Mariachi Zapata.

**How long have you been working with AFA?**
Going on four years.

**What is one interesting fact about you?**
I have taught since the 1980's in early childhood, youth and teacher education with a focus in mariachi music, resulting in ¡Mariachi Zapata! The band celebrated its 25th years on "Dia de las Madres", May 10, 2015, and will be featured this year at the 2015 York County Fair, Nebraska State Fair and Des Moines Latino Festival of the Heartland on September 26th and 27th.

**What can students expect out of your classes?**
We expect students (and their parents) to HAVE FUN, become life-long learners, musical team members, and be exposed to positive cultural experiences.

**What is your favorite thing about working with AFA?**
My favorite thing about AFA is sharing the classroom and performances with the students as they surpass learning and performance expectations.

Ramon teaches at our South Omaha and Bellevue locations. If you are interested in taking one of his classes, register today to reserve your spot! To book ¡ Mariachi Zapata! for an event, contact Ramon directly at (402) 320-3354.

**Arts For All Needs Your Support**

Arts For All relies on the support of the public to keep our doors open and continue our mission of providing quality arts education for everyone in the Omaha Metro Area.

If you are a friend of the arts and would like to see Arts For All continue to offer our public classes, in-school, and free programs, there are many ways you can help. Donations of supplies, volunteer hours, and financial assistance are all welcome. For more information, click here.

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