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**Art League of Ocean City to offer online art classes
for adults and children**

OCEAN CITY, MD — April 5, 2020 — Professional artists from the Art League of Ocean City will begin offering online art classes during April. The classes will be conducted over Zoom for adults and children with both free and paid classes.

Advanced registration is required for all classes. Students will need the Zoom app downloaded to their device – computer, phone or tablet – with internet connection and working camera and audio.

All registered students will receive an invite by email the day before the class with a link to join the class.

Art League members will receive a discount on all paid classes, and memberships are available on the Art League’s website, ArtLeagueOfOceanCity.org.

In early April, the Art League offered two online classes at no charge to test out community interest. The classes filled up quickly.

“It is important to us to continue our mission of education when our physical building is closed, and people everywhere want this stay-at-home time to be fulfilling.” Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League said. “Luckily, we can gather online for classes with the same art instructors guiding us as would be teaching in one of our classrooms on

94th St. To help our online students, we'll send supply lists and make sure everyone is prepared for the classes and has fun.”

On Monday, April 13 from 1-3 p.m., David Simpson, Art League studio artist and Somerset County art instructor who holds a Masters of Art degree from UMES, will demonstrate effective composition with still life to adults and teens. The cost is \$25 for Art League members, \$30 for non-members. Register here: <https://reg131.imperisoft.com/ArtLeagueOfOceanCity/ProgramDetail/3530303638/Registration.aspx>

Lindsey Winters, an experienced art educator in the public schools, will teach two classes for children ages 7 and older on Fridays from 1-1:45 p.m. On April 10, she will show how to make “Expressive Faces.” There is no cost for this class. Register here: <https://reg131.imperisoft.com/ArtLeagueOfOceanCity/ProgramDetail/3530303733/Registration.aspx>

April 17 will be an animal drawing party. The cost is \$15 for Art League members, \$19 for non-members. Register here: <https://reg131.imperisoft.com/ArtLeagueOfOceanCity/ProgramDetail/3530303734/Registration.aspx>

On Thursday, April 22-23 from 2-3 p.m., Ash'iz Cuffee, child development associate, holistic practitioner and education specialist, will instruct on “Expressing Your Voice Through Spoken Word Poetry.” The cost is \$36 for Art League members, \$45 non-members. Register here: <https://reg131.imperisoft.com/ArtLeagueOfOceanCity/ProgramDetail/3530303736/Registration.aspx>

The Art League will be announcing additional online classes in the weeks ahead via their website and social media pages.

The Art League of Ocean City is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits,

scholarship, programs and community art projects. Financial support comes primarily through membership dues from individuals and corporate sponsors. Funding for exhibits is also provided by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

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EDITORS: Photos attached of two instructors. IDs in file name.

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