

Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts

ART-MAKING APPROACH AND IMPACT Interact Center creates art that challenges perceptions of disability.



What is Interact's approach?

▶ PERFORMING ARTS

Devised Theater

Rehearsals
5.5 hours/day
3-5 days/week

Dramaturgy
Studying visual, audio, and print media and discussing as a company

Performance creation
Character-building, plot development, and script-writing through improv and theater exercises

Intensives*
6 intensives/year
- Improv
- Articulation
- Movement
- Singing
**Sometimes taught by guest artists*

▶ SERVICES COORDINATION

Daily needs and Adult Day compliance

Individual care
Each artist has an Interact advocate

Daily needs
Transportation
Medication
Coordination with case manager
Finance management
Communication with housing provider

Adult Day compliance
Monthly goal-setting and check-ins
Yearly meeting with case manager
Daily physical exercises
Adult Day billing
Up-to-date disability risk and management plan

▶ VISUAL ARTS

Guided artistic development

Individual praxis
5.5 hours/day
3-5 days/week

Workshops*
4 workshops/month
Various media, such as water color, ceramics, and others
**Sometimes taught by guest artists*

Group critiques
1 session/week
Discussing artists' own and others' work

What does Interact do?

▶ THEATER PRODUCTIONS

2 full theater productions each year (all Interact performing artists are featured)

20 performances for each production (40 performances total each year)

About 10 tours per year (1-2 performances and 1-2 workshops per tour)

▶ RESIDENCIES

2 domestic or international residencies per year at schools, hospitals, or art organizations

About 3 weeks of arts learning and 2 performances or exhibitions per residency

▶ VISUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

2 Interact exhibitions each year (all Interact visual artists are featured)

About 12 additional exhibitions at which Interact artists are featured (1-2 Interact artists are featured per exhibition)

What is Interact's impact?

▶ IMPACT FOR INTERACT ARTISTS

Artistic impact

- Improved artistic skills
- Increased knowledge of art form(s)

Impact on artists' sense of self

- Artist identifies as an artist and positive contributor to community
- Increased self-esteem or self-worth
- Increased confidence/Increased self-determination to learn and try new things
- Improved ability or capacity/Increased autonomy

Social impact

- Improved sense of belonging or social acceptance
- Deepened social network/More relationships with others
- Improved relationships with family and friends
- Increased socialization/Increased interactions with others
- Improved social skills/Improved communication skills
- Increased interactions with wider community

▶ IMPACT FOR GUEST ARTISTS

Impact on artistic practice

- Deepened artistic capacity
- Increased commitment to making own art accessible
- More relationships with artists with disabilities

Understanding of disability

- Improved perception of disability
- Increased understanding of disability

▶ IMPACT FOR LEARNERS

Artistic impact

- Increased knowledge of art form(s)

Understanding of disability

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▶ IMPACT FOR AUDIENCES

Artistic engagement

- Engaged by art/Recognizes value in art

Understanding of disability

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What are Interact's values?

▶ RADICAL INCLUSION

Interact produces excellent art because of its artists' diverse ability levels -- artists with and without disabilities, from the mainstream and the margins, create art together.

▶ PROFESSIONAL QUALITY

Interact holds its artists to professional standards in artistic output as well as in behavior and conduct.

▶ FOCUSED ON STRENGTHS

Interact recognizes and builds on each artist's individual creativity, potential, and ability.

▶ ENRICHING LENS OF DISABILITY

Interact values the unique perspective of its artists with disabilities, and highlights that perspective through theater performances and visual art exhibitions.