

EDUCATION

At the forefront of educational thinking and practice since 1981, Wolf Trap Foundation believes that the key to lasting growth is lifelong learning through the arts. For 40 years, Wolf Trap Education has used the performing arts to create customized learning experiences that are powerful agents for positive change.

Through the arts young children develop critical math, science, language and literacy, and social-emotional skills while also learning how to collaborate, imagine, and be creative.

The arts prepare young professionals to be innovative thinkers and creative problem-solvers—traits that today's competitive business world values highly.

Each year Wolf Trap provides high-quality arts learning experiences for children and adults, locally, nationally, and internationally. Wolf Trap Foundation dedicates a significant portion of its resources to its education programs.



WOLF TRAP INSTITUTE FOR EARLY LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS

Wolf Trap Institute educates teachers, parents, and caregivers in using active, arts-based learning strategies to engage children ages three months through first grade. Independent studies of Wolf Trap's model affirm the infusion of arts-integration strategies into curriculum content enhances early childhood development. This includes language and literacy, social-emotional growth, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), and "21st-century skills." Wolf Trap Institute uses the arts to improve learning with affiliate programs reaching students, educators, parents, and caregivers across the country and around the world.

CLASSROOM RESIDENCIES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Through in-person and digital classroom residencies and professional development workshops, Wolf Trap Institute equips early childhood educators with effective arts-integrated teaching strategies that help children succeed in school and in life.

FAMILY INVOLVEMENT WORKSHOPS

Family Involvement Workshops give parents a glimpse into what children learn during Wolf Trap Institute classroom residencies, as well as arts-integrated activities they can use at home. Wolf Trap Teaching Artists lead these interactive sessions, providing children and their parents/caregivers an opportunity to share a stimulating live arts experience.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE-IN-THE-WOODS

During a typical in-person summer season, Wolf Trap presents Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods in partnership with the National Park Service. The 700-seat, open air venue nestled in the Park provides the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable and diverse collection of family-friendly performances featuring puppetry, dance, music, and drama.



INTERNSHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS

Wolf Trap's nationally recognized Internship and Apprenticeship Program gives budding professionals a competitive edge—whether they seek jobs in the arts or any other field. Employers are looking for college graduates who can hit the ground running and Wolf Trap internships and apprenticeships provide fundamental skills, as well as specialized training in specific disciplines—from technical theater and arts management to fundraising, accounting, and special events.

GRANTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS TEACHERS

Wolf Trap Foundation provides grants to select outstanding high school music, dance, and theater teachers. These grants honor the exceptional instruction and performance achievements of public high school teachers in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.