ABOUT OUR CAMP INSTRUCTORS:

Robert Batson – Robert is a local artist and retired architect. He holds a bachelor's degree in Architecture from Texas Tech University and an M.A. from University of Dallas. He taught architecture at Skyline Career Development Center (Dallas ISD) from 1976 to 1994 as well as AP art history, 1992-1994.

Kimberly Black - Kim is a fine art printmaker and educator. A life-long resident of Irving, Kim currently teaches art for Irving Independent School District.

Rachel Black - Rachel has 23 years of Art Foundations teaching experience at the College of Visual Arts & Design at UNT. She holds an MFA from UNT and a BA from the University of Dallas. Her studio work is focused on drawing and painting the experience of being in the landscape.

Chayla Caires – Chayla teaches AP Art and Design at the Young Women's Leadership Academy of Fort Worth. This will be her 6th year in education and 20th as a practicing artist.

Sheila Cunningham - Sheila is a fine art photographer exploring the world through cell phone photography,
digital collages, Polaroid transfers and artist books. She teaches workshops at universities and fine art centers throughout the country and exhibits her work in one-person and national juried shows.

Linda Disosway - Linda is a mixed media artist and educator who teaches and exhibits throughout Dallas, Fort Worth and the surrounding areas. She has taught classes for the Irving Arts Center since 1995.

Anna Pham - Anna is a high school art teacher at Trimble Tech High School and is currently working on her master's degree in art education at Texas Tech. She was selected as an Amon Carter Museum of American Art Community Artist in 2024, where she taught workshops to the Fort Worth community. Anna is a local artist who focuses on storytelling, identity, and the metaphysical through painting and textile art.

Sonia Krusleski - Sonia ("Mrs. K.") is a former Art Department Chair and Art Magnet teacher for Richardson ISD. She has taught Pre-K through High School AP students. Mrs. K is a teacher who is inspired to enable all students to express their voices as artists through various art mediums and techniques.

Betsy Modrzejewski - Betsy is the visionary founder of Wandering Drama Company, a traveling theatre troupe dedicated to bringing innovative character performances to the DFW area. Betsy offers over twenty-five years of experience acting, working with young people, and designing new initiatives. She earned a M.A. from Eastern Michigan University in Applied Drama/Theatre for the Young and a B.S. in Theatre from Towson University.

Currently Betsy is a teaching artist for Broadway Dallas and an adjunct professor at Tarrant County College.

Jocelyn Rico – Jocelyn is a school art teacher with Irving ISD. She focuses on ceramics and loves to experiment with slump glass.

Lizett Torres – Lizett teaches art at Bowie Middle School in Irving ISD and has 10 years of experience in art education. She holds a bachelor's degree in Painting and Drawing from University of North Texas.

Levell Turner – Levell is a visual arts educator with 15+ years of experience in elementary arts education. He currently teaches at Hazel Harvey Peace Elementary School in Fort Worth ISD.

VET – VET, a recipient of a National Endowment of the Arts award, is a native Texas artist who incorporates environmental recycling awareness through her artwork, commissions and various workshops.

Jennifer Williams – Jennifer is an experienced art instructor with 25 years of teaching elementary art in Irving ISD, working with students from Pre-K through 5th grade. She also teaches adult painting classes, leading large group workshops as well as private lessons during the summer. Her passion is helping artists of all ages build confidence and creativity through hands-on art experiences.