

# INSTITUTE FOR THE ARTS

## MONTHLY IFTA & E-IFTA NEWSLETTER

### KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP!

We'll answer some questions you may be wondering given the current situation.

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### TEACHER FEATURE

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# KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP!

BY KARA DRINKWATER

Many families are anxiously awaiting for our registration to open. We thank you for your patience!! We have had to make some adjustments to the online system due to changes made with available spaces.

This year our class sizes will not exceed an 18:1 ratio.

This number reflects the Governor's new 3 ft. social distancing guidelines. Some classes will be smaller depending on the number of interested students.

Students can choose from a two or four week program. Program dates are from July 6- 16 or July 19th-30th. We are also dividing our payment system into twos. While this may be a bit of a pain to go through the class selection twice it allows families to potentially divide payments. Another change to our online system, and new this year due to Covid, tuition waivers will be available for students who qualify. We do not know if this will continue after the 2021 Summer Enrichment program. We are excited to bring IFTA to families who otherwise have been unable to access our program in the past.

We still plan to run classes that we had scheduled for last summer. Two new classes were Edible Art, and Modern Buttercream Techniques. Students will be fortunate to learn the world of consumer artistry creating designs for cakes for special occasions. We hope you have a wonderful Spring Break and Easter week and find some time to relax and refresh!

Graciously,



## Meet Mr. Kaleba!

*He worked at IFTA for the past 4 years and plans to return this summer!*

### Why do you work at IFTA?

I went to Lake Braddock Secondary School and spent two summers as a student at IFTA. The experience was deeply influential, and I can trace the first profound steps of my career in the arts to those summers at the Institute.

### Why should families sign up their children for IFTA?

The Institute for the Arts is a chance to give students a deeper experience of activities and electives they're already drawn to, as well as the opportunity to explore possibilities beyond what their regular school-year schedule may offer. I took courses at IFTA that I could not possibly have fit into my academic plan, but which made me a better artist and a more well-rounded student. Students will also get more personalized and deeper instruction than they can get during the school year, and often professional-level instruction.

**What is your favorite thing about IFTA?** The summer at IFTA is an opportunity to pick favorite topics or a nagging interest that you've always wanted to try and to go deep with them, to spend a whole month immersed in something you enjoy or want to explore. I love the fun of not being bound by exams or grades, and the chance to play and explore with other people who share my interests.

### What have you taught at IFTA?

I teach Stage Combat - the exact same course I took twenty years ago and the place where my professional career started. Who knows what seeds are planted at IFTA, and which class in art, writing, dance or music will spark not just a lifelong love of the form but a lifetime of rewarding work?

**IFTA is so fortunate to have such a talented teacher like Mr. Kaleba on our staff! We hope your child gets to experience one of his courses filled with excitement and energy!**





## WHAT'S NEW?

### IFTA NEWS:

- IFTA registration notice will be posted on our Facebook page as soon as we have a date!
- Don't delay to register if you really want certain classes! Seats are first come first serve!

### E-IFTA NEWS:

- We have opened up our program to rising 3rd graders! We plan to divide classes as best as we can by age.
- We are excited to continue with our theme "All Around the World"!

### GENERAL NEWS:

- Teacher and other staff positions will be advertised next month. We will hire staff in May.

