Dear Idyllwild Community,

For 70 summers, a colony of artists, musicians, performers, teachers, and students has found a home in Idyllwild and on the Idyllwild Arts campus. For days or months, they have escaped the outside world and joined local artists and residents to pursue their creative passions, discovering what a special place Idyllwild is.

Although those nomadic artists won’t be on campus this summer, the tradition begun seven decades ago by our founders, Max and Bee Krone, will continue into its 71st year. 2020 Summer Program Reimagined is moving online with virtual workshops for students, aged 5 to adult, with a range of creative interests.

Registration is now open for a wide range of workshops at [www.idyllwildarts.org/summeronline](http://www.idyllwildarts.org/summeronline). New workshops are being added every day, and, as always, scholarships are available for qualified teens and kids, Native Americans, and Inland Empire teachers.

Summer Program Reimagined will offer virtual programs in place of on-site instruction. These workshops will feature the personal touch of instructors who are working artists, granting personal access to world-renowned musicians, writers, filmmakers, dancers, visual artists, and Native American arts creators. We’re even expanding into new areas, with Math Skills & Arts, ESL & Arts, and Culinary arts.

Summer workshops begin May 23, with Chef Freddie’s Kitchen. Freddie Bitsoie, Executive Chef of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, will host the class from his family kitchen in Arizona. Chef Freddie will introduce you to cooking techniques and fresh Native American ingredients. Students can sign up for one or all four sessions.

Workshops will range from one day to two weeks. They will take place via Zoom, affording global access, while carefully balancing online screen time with guided projects as well as one-on-one instruction.

Upcoming workshops include Digital Photography, Ballet & Modern Dance, Electronic Music Production, Native American Arts, Songwriting (for adults and teens), and Audition Bootcamp for Theatre Performers. Look for more workshops in Classical Orchestra Performance, Jazz Performance, Piano Performance (for adults and kids), and Musical Theatre.

Under the umbrella of the Native American Arts Center, Summer Program Reimagined workshops will include traditional arts, sometimes with a contemporary spin, including Drawstring Bead and Quill Medicine Pouch, Navajo Loom Beading, Cahuilla Basketry, Cahuilla Pottery, and a series of free online demonstrations.

We have thoughtfully built many workshops around objects and items you may already have at home. Other workshops may include Art Packages delivered to you, filled with art supplies. Many courses will include performance elements. And classes will be recorded to make sure that nobody misses out even if your internet goes on the blink!

While so much has changed so rapidly, Summer Program Reimagined is expanding the role of Idyllwild Arts as a leader in 21st century arts education. We will inspire your artistic and creative spirit because we believe that citizen-artists are needed now more than ever to heal communities, explore new ways of thinking, and challenge the status quo.

We look forward to welcoming you online for the 71st year of the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program.

All the best,

Mark Davis
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