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## **Mesa Arts Center's Art Studios to reopen in December**

Registration for December in-person workshops begins on Mon, Nov 9

Registration for January in-person classes and Arts in Service classes begins Fri, Dec 4

Pre-order for Art To Go boxes begins Fri, Dec 4

**November 6, 2020 (Mesa, AZ)** – Mesa Arts Center is thrilled to announce the reopening of the Art Studios for in-person workshops and classes. Mesa Arts Center has been closed to the public since the pandemic began in March. The Art Studios will reopen its glass, ceramics, metals and graphic arts studios for reduced size, in-person workshops beginning December 1 and for reduced size in-person classes beginning January 11. Mesa Arts Center will also continue to offer a selection of online art classes.

**Art Studio Workshops** (in person) offerings include Stained Glass: Beveled Ornament, Glassblown Ornaments, Fusing: Fuse, Tack, Slump, Flamework: Borosilicate Marble Intensive, Flamework: Hollow Form Intensive, Intermediate to Advanced Welding, an Artist Book Workshop and Mold Making: Cups, Handles and Hump Molds.

**Art Studio Classes** (in person) include over 130 classes in a wide range of mediums including ceramics, metal sculpture, welding, blacksmithing, jewelry, glass, painting, drawing, printmaking and bellydance. Classes are available at all skill levels with many beginning classes that do not require any arts experience.

**Arts in Service** in-person class offerings are free for veterans and service members and include Welding, Flameworking, Ceramics, Printmaking and Blacksmithing. Class offerings are appropriate for beginners and require no previous arts experience. All materials are included with registration. Arts in Service is in its 3rd year and is generously sponsored by The Boeing Company and Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community.

**Art To Go Boxes** range in cost from \$25-\$30 each and include materials needed to complete an at-home art activity such as a fused glass garden bird, stained glass cathedral candle, a ceramic Milagro heart sculpture or a lino printmaking project along with detailed written instructions and access to an online video tutorial. Art To Go boxes are designed for ages eight and older and no prior arts experience is required. Boxes are only available for contactless pickup.

**Online Art Studio Class** offerings include Basic Sketching, Intermediate Ceramic Handbuilding, Fused Glass Explorations, Stained Glass Bevel box, Nerikomi II, Sculpting with Cement, Basic Pastel and Figurative Sculpture: Crazy Creatures. Classes range from \$60 - \$118 in cost.

**Art To Go Donation Boxes** are available now! Share the joy of art this holiday season by purchasing an Art To Go donation box. Mesa Arts Center has partnered with Helen's Hope Chest and boxes will be distributed through their *JaKelle's Christmas Box* program where gifts are given to foster families, group homes and registered kinship families. Art To Go Donation Boxes are \$25 each.

More information regarding the **Art Studios December workshop** offerings is available at [mesaartscenter.com/workshops](https://mesaartscenter.com/workshops). Information regarding Mesa Arts Center's January classes and Art To Go boxes will be available beginning November 30 at [mesaartscenter.com](https://mesaartscenter.com).

The Mesa Arts Center Art Studios will reopen with robust safety protocols, informed by CDC guidelines, state health department guidelines, and best practices. Masks will be required of all visitors age 6 and older. Hand sanitizer stations will be readily available, and extra cleanings of high touch areas will occur throughout the day.

Each art studio classroom has implemented new safety measures and installed new features, customized to each space, to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Plexiglass barriers have been installed in several classrooms, class sizes have been reduced to ensure each student can maintain 6 feet of social distancing from one another and dedicated sanitation stations will exist in each studio so students can sanitize their work station as they feel the need. Students can also expect to see new floor decals encouraging them to stay 6 feet apart, as well as new signage in the studio classrooms, designating which spaces can be accessed during class.

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### **About Mesa Arts Center**

Mesa Arts Center, owned and operated by the City of Mesa, is a unique, architecturally stunning facility located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Arizona's largest arts center is home to four theaters, five art galleries, and 14 art studios. Guests, patrons, and students come to Mesa Arts Center to enjoy the finest live entertainment and performances, world-class visual art exhibitions, and outstanding arts education classes. Mesa Arts Center's mission is to inspire people through engaging arts experiences that are diverse, accessible, and relevant. For more information, visit [mesaartscenter.com](https://mesaartscenter.com).