

Welcome to Not Just Art

"This is a picture Ralph drew last Thursday after your class ... I am grateful to have found a place where the voices are always kind and patient, the faces are always smiling, and somewhere, someone is always holding a child."

Angela Quartiano
Speech Pathologist, Special Ed Teacher, Parent



"That's me, I so happy!"

Jessica Pollack (B.F.A., M.S. Ed), founded Not Just Art in 1992 with the belief that every child has creative potential, and that each one deserves a space to freely discover and develop their own unique strengths. Offering imaginative classes and toys, Pollack was passionate about the importance of an educated imagination as being key to the vitality and survival of our society.

Since its teeny beginnings, over 13,000 families have taken part in Not Just Art's special brand of magic. We have grown from a 600 sq-ft room in a Cold Spring Harbor basement to its current 3000-sq.-ft. facility in Oyster Bay, with 4 classrooms and a toy store. There are now additional **Music Together satellite locations in Huntington, Garden City, Plainview and Manhasset, as well as satellite art programs in Plainview.**

Our Philosophy ...

At Not Just Art, children are valued for who they really are, not for who or what someone else wants them to be. It is a wonderful experience to observe children as they joyously participate in a true child-centered, effective, gentle learning environment.

Like Ralph, children seem to intuitively realize that this place was created especially for THEM! They can be their best selves here. Our goal is to discover and develop each child's unique view of and approach to their world, and give them the encouragement, tools, time, and space to express themselves.

Our Staff ...

Staff and teachers at NJA are not chosen solely for their paper credentials (though many of our teachers have their Masters degrees). They are hand-picked for their willingness to express and execute our philosophy and curriculum creatively and passionately, and all are extensively trained in the Not Just Art approach. Our teachers are so talented and versatile, if you have an idea for a class, workshop or project, don't hesitate to ask! We can most likely do it.

Our Curriculum ...

Whether it's **MUSIC TOGETHER®** -- the premier early childhood music program for newborns through Kindergarteners and their adults -- or **any of our proprietary ART, SCIENCE OR SUMMER MINI-CAMP PROGRAMS**, all curricula are exploratory, developmentally appropriate, and designed to accommodate a wide-range of interests and abilities.

Children with Special Needs ...

We are especially proud that many children with **special needs** can be seamlessly included, OR, at the request of parents, entire classes may be organized. Children with many different issues have benefited so greatly from their involvement in our classes that therapists of all sorts regularly recommend us to their clients.

Our Celebrations, etc. ...

Completely unique birthday parties for children from 1-12 years, special playdates, custom group events for Scout Troops (we have developed activities to fulfill badges in art, science, music and more), - if you can think it, we can do it! We never do more than one party at a time, and all parties are run by qualified teachers, with assistance.

Open Art Studio and Workshops ...

Each week for a few hours, with extended hours during school holidays, Not Just Art offers Open Art Studio -- a place where children ages 3 - 12 can just come and create whenever they get the urge! Also, several times per session, we offer themed 2-hour workshops.

Our Store ...

Not Just Art's store offers a unique collection of high quality art supplies and kits, musical toys and instruments, science supplies and kits, construction toys, CD's, DVD's, books and more -- all guaranteed to stimulate the imagination of creative, curious children of all ages.

Our Teacher Trainings and curriculum...

Not Just Art now offers customized teacher trainings, both on- and off-site, with the option of purchasing any of our unique curricula and including business training. Please e-mail create@notjustart.com for further information.

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