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**Do you have a “tiny explorer” in your home?  
Engage your kids in creative play and promote development**

Young Audiences of Louisiana (YALA) knows how you can engage your preschooler in arts appreciation while encouraging their cognitive and emotional development. YALA will continue to provide live online workshops to families via Zoom. YALA’s latest Artsplay! at Home series, “Tiny Explorers”, is on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. from July 10 - August 14, 2021. This workshop is a great fit for families with children ages three and four, but younger children will also enjoy it.

Each workshop experience will be led by Young Audiences of Louisiana and Louisiana Wolf Trap Teaching Artists. "Tiny Explorers" allows for a playful introduction to key areas of childhood development, including imaginative play, motor skills, math foundations and social-emotional skills. While workshops are designed to promote childhood development and expand caregiver knowledge through the use of the performing arts, YALA’s Artsplay! workshop will also give families the opportunity to explore visual art with their children.

In this series, YALA has partnered with [New Orleans Museum of Art](#). NOMA is committed to preserving, presenting, and enriching its collections and renowned sculpture garden; offering innovative experiences for learning and interpretation; and uniting, inspiring, and engaging diverse communities and cultures. NOMA has contributed one piece of artwork to share with each lesson. Thanks to the generous contribution of [The Helis Foundation](#), workshops are free to the public.

All sessions will take place virtually via Zoom. Participate from any location, whether on a laptop, tablet or a cell phone. Register today to receive a workshop link for all six workshops: <http://www.ya4la.org/events>.

- July 10 - Workshop 1 - 1-2-3, Count with Me (Math Foundations)
- July 17 - Workshop 2 - Pass It Along (Social Skills)
- July 24 - Workshop 3 - Opposites Attract (Word Relationships)
- July 31 - Workshop 4 - Fun at the Zoo (Motor Skills)
- August 7 - Workshop 5 - Mirror, Mirror (Social-Emotional Skills)
- August 14 - Workshop 6 - Wild at Art (Imaginative Play)

For more information on Young Audiences of Louisiana’s early learning programs and workshops, please contact Eddie Lanieri at [eddie@ya4la.org](mailto:eddie@ya4la.org).

**About Young Audiences of Louisiana:** [Young Audiences of Louisiana](#) was founded in 1962 to bring chamber musicians into local classrooms. For nearly 60 years, Young Audiences has adapted and evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of youth throughout the state through



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our mission of “inspiring, engaging, and uniting children and communities through education, arts, and culture.” Follow us on social media: Facebook (@youngaudiences), Instagram and YouTube (@youngaudiencesla).

Young Audiences of Louisiana is part of a national network of 30 affiliates throughout the country under [Young Audiences Arts for Learning](#). As the nation's first and largest arts-in-education network, Young Audiences Arts for Learning ensures the highest standards in arts education programs for over five million school children annually.

### **About WolfTrap**

Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts is a recognized leader in early childhood arts-integrated learning and instruction. Wolf Trap Institute is scaled nationally, with 17 affiliated organizations and numerous partners in 30 states that deliver arts-integrated education experiences to 60,000 teachers, parents/caregivers, and students annually.

### **About The Helis Foundation**

The Helis Foundation is a Louisiana private foundation, established and funded by the William Helis Family. The Art Funds of The Helis Foundation advance access to the arts for the community through contributions that sustain operations for, provide free admission to, acquire works of art, and underwrite major exhibitions and projects of institutions within the Greater New Orleans area.