

# Creative PDX: Exploring the Arts in Portland

## New Student Trip (NST)

Explore the arts and culture of your new home! Portland is known for its unique and quirky creative culture including visual art, music, dance, theatre, literary arts and more. This program will give you the opportunity to get to know the Portland arts scene while also getting the chance to participate in a Guest Artist Residency program where you will be collaborating with a nationally recognized artist making new work at Lewis & Clark. You will get to experience live performance, connect with those involved in the art scene at Lewis & Clark, and learn more about how to get involved off campus in the arts in Portland.

### What will I do during the trip?

- Collaborate 4-5 hours a day in a performance lab with interdisciplinary artist [Janani Balasubramanian](#) on their newest work, [The Gift](#).
- Attend 2-3 performances in Portland, possibilities include [Theatre](#), [Dance](#), and [Live Music](#).
- Visit the [Portland Art Museum](#).
- Get a behind the scenes tour of [ADX – Art Design Xchange](#), Portland’s premier maker space.
- Get to know other new students interested in the Arts.
- Learn about campus arts resources including Theatre, Dance, Art, Music and Creative Writing.
- Get advice about choosing classes and planning your 4 years at L&C from those involved in the arts at L&C now.
- Meet arts faculty and current students from across L&C who make the arts a part of their college experience.
- Explore Portland beyond Palatine Hill.
- Learn about how to get involved in the L&C and Portland art scene right from the start!
- Practice, experience and engage with the arts!

### What will I gain from the program?

- An introduction to college life and the role the arts can play in your experience at L&C
- A network of friends and colleagues that share your interests
- Access to the Portland arts scene
- Familiarity with the Pioneer Express shuttle (“the Pio”) and public transportation
- The chance to practice collaborative creation of art
- Creative problem solving and interdisciplinary engagement
- Engagement with those who make-up the art scene on campus and in Portland

### Where will I stay during the trip?

During this immersive experience, all participants and trip leaders will stay together in a common area on the Lewis & Clark College campus. You won’t be in your residence hall, but rather we’ll share an “indoor camping” experience. Yep, that means sleeping on sleeping pads on the floor! August is usually the driest month in Portland, but it has been known to rain, so bring appropriate clothing. Accessibility accommodations are available, contact [outdoors@lclark.edu](mailto:outdoors@lclark.edu) for more information.

### **How will I make sense out of the experiences I have during the trip?**

Your trip will be led by current students. They will serve as your guides for the week, showing you their city and answering your questions about life at Lewis & Clark. You will spend time together as a group reflecting on and discussing our activities as well as having fun and making new friends. This is a great way to connect with other students in the art community at L&C and meet a group of people with your similar interests!

### **What are the policies?**

Participants on College Outdoors trips are expected to follow all [Lewis & Clark College conduct policies](#). All trips are tobacco, drug, and alcohol free, including vaping, medical cannabis, and tobacco products. Nicotine patches and nicotine gum are permitted.

**Have a great summer, and we'll see you in August!**