

SINCE 1966

**blue lake**<sup>TM</sup>  
fine arts camp



A dirt path leads into a dense forest. The path is covered in fallen leaves and leads towards a thick stand of tall, thin trees. The forest floor is covered in ferns and other undergrowth. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The text "IT STARTS HERE." is overlaid on the image in a bold, sans-serif font. "IT" and "HERE." are white, while "STARTS" is blue.

**IT STARTS HERE.**

## What is art?

Art is an expression  
Of what you are feeling.



**Art is an experience**  
That can change your life  
Or just your hour.



**Art is a community**

Of talented, caring people  
That you can be a part of  
From the second you  
Pick up an instrument  
Or look at a piece of music  
Or canvas

And it lasts for the rest  
Of your life.





## **What is camp?**

Camp is a place to learn  
And to grow as an artist.



**Camp is where you can**  
Be yourself and do  
What you love.

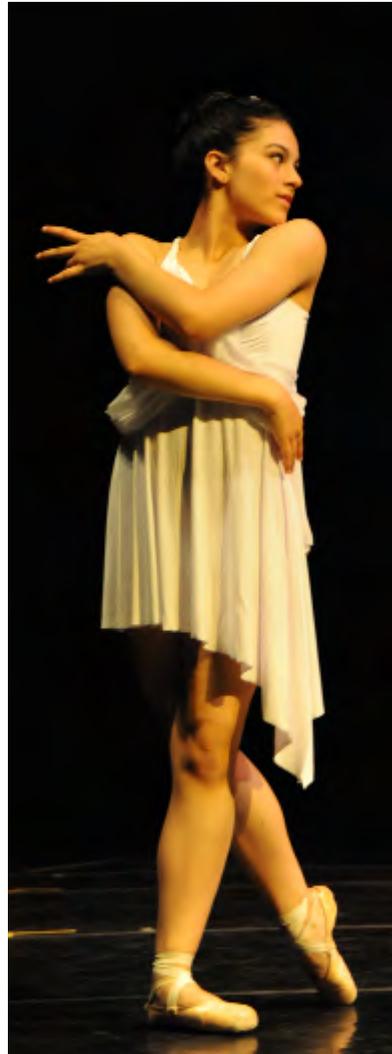


And whatever happens  
In your life,  
**Camp will always**  
Be there as a place  
For people from anywhere  
To be united.

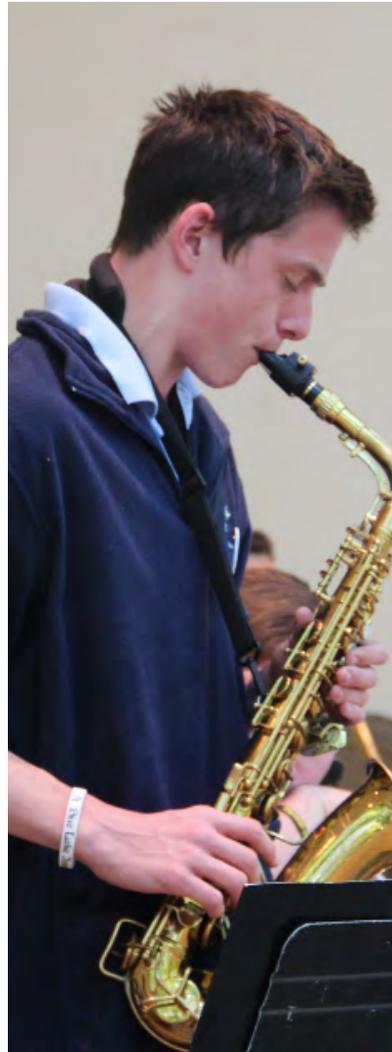
# blue lake™

fine arts camp

- Summer School of the Arts
- Fine Arts Education for all ages
- Located in West Michigan's Manistee National Forest



More than  
6,000  
participants  
a season



Two Week  
Camp Sessions

Elementary  
Intermediate  
High School



# Programs in Music Art Dance Theater



# Summer Arts Festival

175  
performances  
a season

A photograph of a paved path winding through a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a soft, hazy atmosphere with visible rays of light. The path is in the foreground, leading into the distance. The trees are tall and leafy, with some sunlight hitting the ground and the path.

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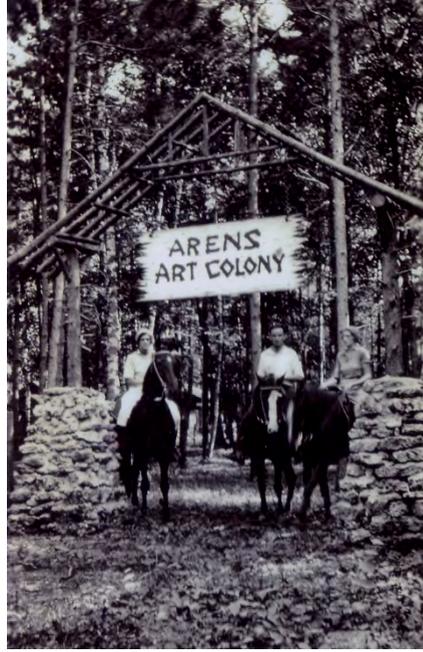
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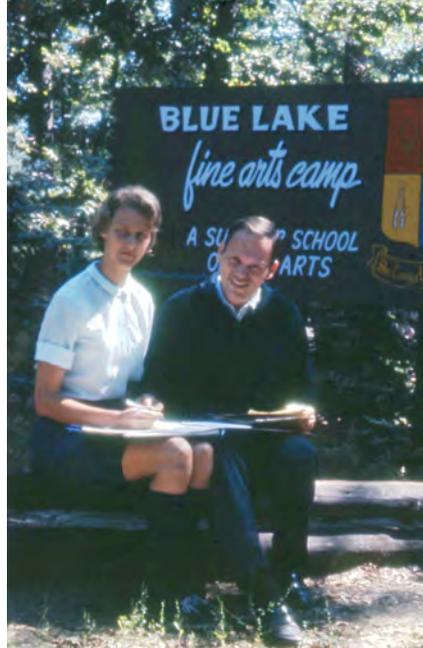
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Enthusiasm is contagious as campers discover, learn, and succeed.



## Our Legacy

Fritz Stansell, Blue Lake's Founder and President, drew his vision for a summer arts school from the Arens Art Colony, where he spent his summers with his grandfather (its founder) until 1948.



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Together with colleagues, family, and friends, Stansell started Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in 1966.

Blue Lake now celebrates more than 50 years of service in arts education.

**Our Majors**  
Band  
Orchestra  
Jazz



# Our Majors

## Choir

## Theater



**Our Majors**  
Piano  
Harp



**Our Majors**  
Art  
Dance



# Camp Bernstein



# Our Traditions

We take fun seriously at Blue Lake. Campers work hard during the day, completing a seven-hour schedule of instruction between 8am-4pm. But...



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Afternoons give way to recreation, swimming, time with friends, and evenings filled with concerts, camp traditions, and **fun as far as you can see.**



# Our Bond

Blue Lakers become life-long friends connected by the unique experience that is Blue Lake.



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Campers are housed with those similar in age but different in interests as we celebrate our artistic diversity.



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Staff and faculty serve as teachers, caregivers, and role models. Campers achieve artistically, grow personally, and bond wholeheartedly with new friends and mentors.



**Now accepting  
applications**

**Scholarships and  
financial assistance  
available**

Two-week sessions for  
grades 5 – 12 from June  
through August

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