

# DOANE STUART SCHOOL ARTS & LANGUAGE JOURNEY TO CUBA: CREATE WITH YOUR PEERS! / FEBRUARY 18-25, 2017

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## CONTEXT • WHY CUBA?



Cuba leads the world in its commitment to promoting the arts – in schools and in national life. This 8-day program will introduce you to Cuba's celebration of the arts. On this program you will **create new art** with your Cuban student peers, learn from Cuban artist-mentors, attend classic and emerging-arts performances – and come to understand why this Caribbean nation is so very committed to creative expression!

## MUSIC, DANCE – AND THE VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS



Over 8 days – February 18-25, 2017 – we will spotlight the central role of the arts in Cuban schools. In Cuba, curriculum from elementary school onward mandates arts instruction, placing high priority on the cultural aspects of child development. What's more, the Cuban Ministry of Culture runs an independent program of education in [music](#), the [visual arts](#), [ballet](#), the [dramatic arts](#), and [modern dance](#), culminating in a prestigious diploma from the Higher Institute of Art.

Nationwide, 200 neighborhood cultural centers offer workshops in all branches of the arts. This emphasis on the arts and their value results in the rich legacy that Cuba has offered to the world over several decades – international-class dancers; renowned painters and classical musicians; painters; esteemed teachers of all art forms.

**You will observe the benefits of this commitment – and, more importantly, you will join your peers at 3 Cuban high schools to create art together!** You and your peers will learn from professional artist-mentors, and you will attend evening arts performances (classical and Cuban) during your week in the country. You'll learn the history and the context for contemporary Cuba's commitment to the arts, and you'll return home with brand-new perspectives on why a nation prioritizes the arts and their value to the human experience. This is a first-of-its-kind arts-focused trip for Doane Stuart School students; thanks for being a trailblazer!

## WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

If you want to perfect **your** art – your music, your dance, your poetry, your spoken word, your visuals, your performance, your digital design – join us and broaden your perspective on what makes the arts so special! This global experience offers you fresh new insights on why you create, why you collaborate. This experience will encourage you, a young artist, to think critically about art's value.

- **Program Dates.** February 18-25, 2017
- **Program Price.** \$3500 per person
- **Program Details.** Air travel from New York JFK; 7 nights' hotel accommodation in Havana; all meals; all ground transport; English-language guiding; interpretation; Cuban entry visa & exit fee; access to a Cuban partner school; mentoring events with professional Cuban artists; dialogues on Cuban history & US-Cuba relations; create festive neighborhood art with a prominent Cuban muralist; evening music & dance performances; visits to Casa de Africa & Ernest Hemingway's Finca Vigia; special arts interaction at a center for children with Down syndrome

## CONTACTS / INQUIRE & REGISTER

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