

# Red Confetti Studio



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*Area children spend their snow day creating works of art at Red Confetti Studio.*

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SARATOGA SPRINGS - Since Caroline Declercq-Blake opened the doors of Red Confetti Studio on January 15, the new Saratoga Springs art space has been bustling with activity.

Located at 153 Regent Street, the studio is a multi-purpose creative space that doubles as a language learning lab for area homeschoolers and also responds to diverse demands within the community.

Offering a wide range of artsy services for children and adults, Red Confetti Studio provides everything from art classes in both French and English to artistic birthday parties, rent-by-the-hour studio space, and a place for parents to send their children on snow days.

Many of the classes offered at Red Confetti Studio are taught by local visual artists that met great difficulty in finding an outlet prior to the gallery's opening.

"Saratoga artists who didn't know where else to go" teach photography, pottery, knitting, making tile, collage and painting courses for artists of all ages at Red Confetti Studio.

Young artists can enhance their creativity and language skills through Red Confetti courses. Declercq-Blake, who has experience teaching art at Lake Avenue School's after school program, works with home school students to satisfy their language and art requirements at once.

"It's a very effective way to improve language skills. If you're

doing something fun while you learn the language, you forget a little bit of the difficulties. You learn while you play," she said.

Declercq-Blake offers art classes for children on snow days, which has proven popular among parents in the Saratoga community. Red Confetti Studio was full on Monday, January 24, when the frigid weather gave Saratoga Springs students a day off.

As a friendly community space open to all local artists, Red Confetti Studio is also a great resource for artistic parents who don't have access to a studio of their own.

"Someone who is an artist but has children might not have a space at home or the time to work full time in a studio," she said, explaining that Red Confetti Studio offers a solution to this problem with creative space to rent by the hour.

According to Declercq-Blake, the evolution of Red Confetti Studio has just begun. She wants to reach out to the Farmers' Market and create a connection between creating art, buying local and thinking green called "Green Confetti."

With more creative partnerships and classes in the works, Red Confetti Studio can reach out to and provide services for a diverse demographic.

"There is a little bit of an artist in all of us, it's just a matter of opening the right door and bringing possibilities to try new things," she said.

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