AATA's 57th Annual Conference
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AATA2026 Schedule-at-a-Glance

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Welcome!

Welcome to the AATA2026 In-Person Conference and the 150+ sessions included in your registration. The full version of the schedule (including speaker information) with up-to-the-minute room changes is available on the Whova conference app.

Continuing Education Eligibility

Sessions eligible for Continuing Education credit are identified with a session number beginning with a two-letter program subject track code followed by numbers (listed in parentheses after the session's name). See page 19 for more details.

- **Papers:** 50-minute lecture-style educational sessions that include a slide presentation. ***1 CE credit*** *(91 paper sessions offered at AATA2026)*
- **Panels:** 90-minute conversational or discussion-based presentations led by 3 to 5 presenters, ***1.5 CE credits*** *(17 panel sessions)*
- **Performance Art:** 50-minute educational session in which presenters share information through performance art modalities, including drama, music, poetry, text, movement, or visual art. ***1 CE credit*** *(3 performance sessions)*
- **Video:** 50-minute finished video on topics related to professional issues and/or clinical practice. ***1 CE credit*** *(3 video sessions)*

For **Core Program Sessions**, attendees may self-check-in by using the QR code in each session room. (Just point your phone camera to the QR code and a link will appear.) For all **Ticketed Sessions** (including Advanced Practice Courses and workshops), AATA staff or volunteers will be scanning QR codes on your conference badge. If you have issues with the QR code or your phone isn't available, please ask an AATA staff member or volunteer for assistance or visit the registration desk.

Program Subject Tracks

Subject tracks are identified by the following two-letter codes. Find sessions by subject area **here**.

- **Clinical Approaches:** Addictions/Substance Abuse (AS), Child/ Adolescents (CA), Forensics (FS), Geriatrics (GE), Medical Settings (MS), Psychiatric Settings (PS), School Settings (SS)
- **Contemporary Issues/Current Trends:** Activism (AC), Grief/ Mourning (GM), Autism (AU), Ethics (ET), Professional Practice (PP), Trauma (TR)
- **Education & Supervision** (ES)
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** (DEI)
- **Multicultural Perspectives** (MP)
- **Research/Evaluation** (RE)
- **Studio & Community** (SC)
- **Technology & Innovation** (TI)
- **Theory & Assessment** (TA)

Master-Level Clinical Supervision Sessions

CE-eligible sessions

Master-Level Clinical Supervision Sessions are sessions led by subject matter experts working with specific populations and/or settings to assist art therapy professionals to address clinical questions and concerns and enhance their practices in the field. These sessions are included in conference registration and are CE-eligible. To participate in a particular supervision session, one should either currently be working with or planning to work with the identified population. **Learn more here.**

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Shared Interest Group Meetings

Not CE-eligible

Shared Interest Groups (SIGs) are peer-led spaces created for AATA Members to connect based on shared identities, interests, or practice areas—to help cultivate community and belonging within our association. ***While AATA Members and non-members are welcome to attend a SIG meeting during AATA2026, please keep in mind that some SIGs are welcoming to everyone—and others are open ONLY to those who personally identify with the collective experience.*** AATA Members, please join the SIG conversations happening year-round within the MyAATA platform! SIG meetings are not CE-eligible. **Learn more here.**

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All sessions and events will be held at the Sheraton/Le Meridien Hotel Complex, 555 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28204. (See page 20 for a floor map.)

Networking Opportunities Ticketed Events Plenary and Core Sessions

Wednesday, October 14

W 7 am – 7:30 pm	**Conference Registration Desk and AATA Information Desk** ***Symphony Foyer***
W 9 am – 12 pm	**Half-Day Advanced Practice Courses** Three-hour long postgraduate-level educational sessions with an "experiential" component, including art directives. Worth 3 CE credits. Learn more.
W 9 am – 5 pm	**Full-Day Advanced Practice Courses** Seven-hour long postgraduate-level educational sessions with an "experiential" component, including art directives. Worth 7 CE credits. Learn more.
W 1 – 4 pm	**Half-Day Advanced Practice Courses** Three-hour long postgraduate-level educational sessions with an "experiential" component, including art directives. Worth 3 CE credits. Learn more.
W 1 – 4 pm	**AATA Education Committee Meeting** (By invitation only) ***Governors 1***
W 3 – 5 pm	**All Things Accreditation: An ACATE Informational Meeting** Directors of accredited and non-accredited programs are encouraged to attend. ***Mecklenburg 2-3***
W 6:30 – 7:30 pm	**Newcomer's Session** This session helps first-time attendees (and anyone who could use a refresher!) learn some pro-tips to get the most out of your conference experience. Plus, it's a chance to meet AATA leaders and other attendees. ***Everyone is welcome!*** ***Mecklenburg 2-3***
W 7:30 – 9:30 pm	**Opening Reception (ticketed event)** Join conference attendees to celebrate the official opening of the conference. Connect with long-time colleagues and make new friends! Tickets are $45 at the registration desk. ***Symphony Foyer***

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Thursday, October 15: Day 1

T 7 am – 5 pm	**Conference Registration Desk and AATA Information Desk** ***Symphony Foyer***
T 7:15 – 8:15 am	**At-the-Table Sessions with the AATA Board** Join members of the 2025 - 2026 Board for informal conversations before and after the plenary sessions! Whether you'd like to ask a question, share a suggestion, or simply stop by and meet AATA leadership face-to-face, the Board welcomes you to the table. ***Symphony Hallway (near Symphony 3)***
T 7:30 – 8:30 am	**Networking Breakfast (Sponsored by ArtAICare)** Jump start your day by catching up with other attendees—and enjoying some caffeine! ***Carolina Foyer***
T 8:30 – 10:30 am	**KEYNOTE PLENARY SESSION** **Dr. Veronica Carey, AATA2026 Keynote Speaker - The Art of Standing Together: Collective Strength for Creative Practice and Leadership** Through collective care, shared advocacy, and art-based leadership strategies, Dr. Carey will demonstrate how unity can support clinician well-being, improve client outcomes, and strengthen our field's visibility at this critical moment. She will invite art therapy professionals, students, and other mental health colleagues alike to lead with connection, courage, and a shared sense of purpose. (**Learn more**.) ***Carolina Ballroom***
T 10:30 – 10:45 am	**Networking Break** ***Symphony Foyer***
T 10:30 – 11 am	**At-the-Table Sessions with the AATA Board** Join members of the 2025 - 2026 Board for informal conversations before and after the plenary sessions! Whether you'd like to ask a question, share a suggestion, or simply stop by and meet AATA leadership face-to-face, the Board welcomes you to the table. ***Symphony Hallway (near Symphony 3)***
T 10:30 am – 7 pm	▪ **Open Art Studio** This is the heart of the conference—your place to process what you've learned, meet new people, learn new art techniques, or just make art! ***Symphony 4*** ▪ **Exhibit Hall** Meet conference sponsors, art supply companies, educational programs, and other exhibitors. ***Symphony 4***
T 10:50 am – 12:20 pm	**WORKSHOPS** *Ticketed events with limited seating. All workshops are worth 1.5 CE credits. Learn more.* ▪ **The Frequency of Space: Impacts of Our Immediate Environment on our Psychology (SC54) – THIS WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 1*** ▪ **When Time Is Limited: An Experiential School-Based Art Therapy Workshop (SS58) – THIS WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE* ***Cardinal 2*** ▪ **Cultural Humility & Anti-Oppressive Supervision (DEI110) – THIS WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 3***
T 11:00 – 11:50 am	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS**

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	Paper presentation sessions are lecture-style educational sessions with a slide presentation. All paper sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Each are worth 1 CE credit. ▪ [PAPER] **Growing up in War: Approaches to Clinical Work with Military and Refugees (MP151)** ***Symphony 5*** ▪ [PAPER] **Ethical Applications of AI in Art Therapy Education, Practice, and Supervision (ET173)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 7*** ▪ [PAPER] **From Gatekeeper to Screening Tool: Trauma Identification in Community Art Therapy Settings (TA239)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 1-2*** ▪ [PAPER] **Scaffolding to Independence: ETC-Informed Strategies for Reducing Prompt Dependency in Autism (AU42)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina A*** ▪ [PAPER] **From Reflection to Resistance: Social Justice Supervision with Art Therapy Student Interns (DEI19)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 6***
T 11 – 11:50 am	**MASTER-LEVEL CLINICAL SUPERVISION SESSION** (Learn more) ▪ **Veterans** moderated by Deborah Elkis-Abuhoff ***CJs***
T 11 – 11:50 am	**SPONSORED LEARNING SESSION by ArtAICare** (Open to All Attendees) ▪ **AI and Emerging Technologies in Art Therapy: Friend, Foe, or Something in Between? *Led by Silvana Castellucchio and Dr. Bereket A. Yilma*** *This session is not eligible for CE credit* ***Symphony 3***
T 11 – 12:30 pm	**AATA STATE LEADERSHIP MEETING** *(By invitation only for AATA Chapter Leaders)* ***LeMeridien Private Dining Room***
T 11:15 am - 12:45 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Panels are conversational or discussion-based presentations led by 3 to 5 presenters. All panel sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Worth 1.5 CE credits.* ▪ [PANEL] **Pre-Art Therapy Education: Rooted Foundations for Rising Careers (ES128)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 1*** ▪ [PANEL] **The Embodied Art Therapist: Theory and Practice for a New Paradigm (PP11)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 2*** ▪ [PANEL] **The Art Truck's Here!: Art Without Agenda, Mobile Studios, and Community Advocacy (SC204)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 3***
T 12 – 12:50 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Paper presentation sessions are lecture-style educational sessions with a slide presentation. All paper sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Each are worth 1 CE credit.* ▪ [VIDEO] **Arts-based Methodologies (ABM) – Art, Wellbeing and Community (MP147)** – 1 CE credit ***Carolina A***

	▪ [PAPER] **The Metaphor Project: Metaphors as Evidence in Art Therapy (RE84)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 5*** ▪ [PAPER] **Art Therapy with an African American Female Combat Veteran (RE28)** ***Symphony 6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Making Safety Familiar: Navigating Paradoxical Experiences of East Asian/American Women through Garments (MP88)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 3-6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Exploring Existential Paradox Through Art Therapy (PP158)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 1-2*** ▪ [PAPER] **Art Therapy and Racialized Trauma: A Practical Framework for Clinical Intervention (DEI198)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 7*** ▪ [PAPER] **Art Therapy and Color Blindness (TA23)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE* ***Carolina C*** ▪ [PAPER] **From Response to Renewal: Examining Community Arts-Engagement Post-Disaster (SC157)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina D-E***
T 12 – 12:50 pm	**MASTER-LEVEL CLINICAL SUPERVISION SESSION** (Learn more) ▪ **Psychedelics and Art Therapy** moderated by Rebecca Wilkinson and Emily Segal ***CJs***
T 12 – 12:50 pm	**SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS** (Learn more) ▪ **Forensics** - Led by Casey Barlow and Evie Soape ***Symphony 3***
T 12:50 – 2 pm	**Break – Lunch on Your Own** *Head to the hotel's full-service restaurant or step outside and explore the **Uptown neighborhood**. Or take a look at **AATA's guide to exploring Charlotte**.*
T 2 – 2:50 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Paper presentation sessions are lecture-style educational sessions with a slide presentation. All paper sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Each are worth 1 CE credit.* ▪ [PERFORMANCE] **Collaging Art Therapists Identities: (Re)Searching Beyond Method (RE104)** – 1 CE credit *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina A*** ▪ [PAPER] **Art-Based Research, Response, and Recovery After Fire Disaster (RE215)** *CE credits: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 5*** ▪ [PAPER] **Newcomer Classroom Experiences Through Expressive Therapies Continuum: Perspectives of Adolescents and Adults (DEI14)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Unpacking Harm's Touch: The Opportunity of What We Witness (ES60)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 1-2*** ▪ [PAPER] **Shades of Black and White: Ethics in Community Art Programs (ET117)** ***Symphony 7*** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE*

	▪ [PAPER] **Nothing Grows Alone: Ecological Systems Takeaways on Art Therapy's Development in Singapore (MP146)** ***Governors 3-6*** ▪ [PAPER] **I Was Able to Gain Insight: Art Therapy for Burn Rehabilitation (MS162)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina C*** ▪ [PAPER] **Beyond the Mask: A Studio Approach to Mask Making with Veterans (TR231)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina D-E***
T 2 – 2:50 pm	**MASTER-LEVEL CLINICAL SUPERVISION SESSION** (Learn more) ▪ **Substance Abuse and Addiction** moderated by Patricia Quinn ***CJs***
T 2 – 2:50 pm	**SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS** (Learn more) ▪ **Ethics** – Led by Deborah Fung ***Symphony 3***
T 2:15 – 3:45 pm	**WORKSHOPS** *Ticketed events with limited seating. All workshops are worth 1.5 CE credits. Learn more.* ▪ **Listening to Fathers Unheard Voices: Group Parent-Child Art Psychotherapy involving Woodworking (CA43) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** ***Cardinal 1*** ▪ **Beyond the Snapshot: Exploring Photography as an Expressive Medium in Art Therapy (TI80) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** ***Cardinal 2*** ▪ **Collage, Self-Esteem, and Identity in the Menopausal Transition (SC132) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 3***
T 2:15 – 3:45 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Panels are conversational or discussion-based presentations led by 3 to 5 presenters. All panel sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Worth 1.5 CE credits.* ▪ [PANEL] **Exploring Embodied Methods for Online and Virtual Reality Art Therapy (TI15)** ***Mecklenburg 1*** ▪ [PANEL] **Exploring Intersections of Art and Play Therapy for Neurodivergent Children (CA234)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 2***
T 3 – 3:50 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Paper presentation sessions are lecture-style educational sessions with a slide presentation. All paper sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Each are worth 1 CE credit.* ▪ [PAPER] **Reporting Quality of Art Therapy Research: A Systematic Review from 2000-2025 (RE63)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 5*** ▪ [PAPER] **Relational Art Therapy in Carceral Contexts: Practice-Based Research with Expressive Post (FS64)** ***Symphony 6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Bridging Regulation and Readiness: The Role of Art Therapy in Pediatric Oncology (MS70)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 7***

	▪ [PAPER] **Defining Art Therapy Manualization: Rooting Manualized Art Therapy in Creativity and Individualization (TA100)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 1-2*** ▪ [PAPER] **Autoethnographic Poem Making After Fire Disaster (GM216)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 3-6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Mindfulness and Art Therapy (PP6)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina A*** ▪ [PAPER] **Joint Mirror Drawing and Crossdrawing in Art Therapy and Museums (SC181)** ***Carolina D-E***
T 3 – 3:50 pm	**MASTER-LEVEL CLINICAL SUPERVISION SESSION** (Learn more) ▪ **Dissociative Disorders** moderated by Deborah Good ***Mecklenburg 3*** ▪ **Gallery and Museum Settings** moderated by Erin Partridge ***CJs***
T 3 – 3:50 pm	**SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS** (Learn more) ▪ **Asian Culture** – Led by Maria Kim ***Symphony 3*** ▪ **Men in Art Therapy** - Led by Michael Galarraga and Mac Belgrod ***Carolina C***
T 4 – 5:30 pm	**WORKSHOPS** *Ticketed events with limited seating. All workshops are worth 1.5 CE credits. Learn more.* ▪ **Exploring Sexuality, Non-Monogamy and A-Typical Relationships (PP50) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 1*** ▪ **Threads of Wellness: Exploring Adlerian Five Life Tasks Through Slow Stitching (SC75) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 2*** ▪ **Therapeutic Containment in Medical Art Therapy (MS59) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 3***
T 4 – 4:50 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Paper presentation sessions are lecture-style educational sessions with a slide presentation. All paper sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Each are worth 1 CE credit.* ▪ [PAPER] **Community Artmaking for Ecological Grief: Imagining Climate Futures in Coastal India (SC122)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 3*** ▪ [PAPER] **Making the Power of Mandalas Accessible: Creating Mandala Community Gatherings Online (SC139)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 5*** ▪ [PAPER] **Psychedelic Art Therapy: Theory, Research, and Practice (TA163)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Addressing Transition-based Stress from Military Out-processing with Short-term Group Art Therapy (DEI186)** ***Governors 1-2***

	▪ [PAPER] **Supporting Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) in Art Therapy: A Neurodiversity-Affirming Approach (AU229)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 7*** ▪ [PAPER] **Addressing Supervisees Wounds: Application of the Trauma Informed Supervision Model (ES56)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 3-6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Art Therapy Supporting the Emotional Journey of Fertility Treatment (TR126)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina A***
T 4 – 5:30 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Panels are conversational or discussion-based presentations led by 3 to 5 presenters. All panel sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Worth 1.5 CE credits.* ▪ [PANEL] **Trauma Processing as a Heroic Journey: Analysis of Handsewn Story Cloths (TR184)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 1*** [PANEL] **BrainPalette™ + FrameShare: Translational Research and Collaboration in Art Therapy (TI190)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 2***
T 4 – 4:50 pm	**SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS** (Learn more) ▪ **Research** - Led by Kerry Kruk-Borisov ***Symphony 3*** ▪ **Veterans and Military** - Led by Deborah Elkis-Abuhoff ***Carolina C***
T 4 – 4:50 pm	**MASTER-LEVEL CLINICAL SUPERVISION SESSION** (Learn more) ▪ **Supervising New Professionals** moderated by Emery Mikel ***CJs***
T 5:15 – 6:30 pm	**MENTOR MATCH MEET-UP** This is an informal opportunity for Mentor Match mentees to connect with their mentors. ***Symphony Foyer***
T 5:30 – 7:30 pm	**Arts & Crafts Marketplace** Conference attendees will be selling their handmade crafts, art, jewelry, and more at the Marketplace. Attendees are welcome to peruse or shop at this evening event (with cash bar) – and be wowed! ***Symphony 4*** **Multicultural Quilt Project** Join us in the Open Art Studio space to help create a multicultural quilt. Drop in anytime between 5:30 – 7pm to add your creativity to this communal art project. ***Open Art Studio*** **AATA Member Author Meet-and-Greet** AATA Member Authors will be on hand to share their latest publications! Meet your favorite authors, then purchase their book on the online book retailer of your choice. Featuring: Katherine Jackson, Zachary Van Den Berg, Mia de Bethune, Kelley Linhardt, Patricia Quinn, Elliot Arylide, Peg Dunn-Snow, Jill McNutt, Krystal Demaine, Ann Marie Hines, Janae Coraggio, and Lisa D. Hinz, PhD ***Symphony Foyer***

Friday, October 16: Day 2

F 7 am – 5 pm	**Conference Registration Desk and AATA Information Desk** ***Symphony Foyer***
F 7:15 – 8:15 am	**At-the-Table Sessions with the AATA Board** Join members of the 2025 - 2026 Board for informal conversations before and after the plenary sessions! Whether you'd like to ask a question, share a suggestion, or simply stop by and meet AATA leadership face-to-face, the Board welcomes you to the table. ***Symphony Hallway (near Symphony 3)***
F 7:30 – 8:30 am	**Networking Breakfast (Sponsored by ArtAICare)** Jump start your day by catching up with other attendees—and enjoying some caffeine! ***Symphony Foyer***
F 8:30 – 10:30 am	**MORNING PLENARY SESSION** **Annual Awards Ceremony** Let's celebrate with this year's AATA honors, awards, and scholarship winners! **Multicultural Exchange Plenary: Archiving History Through Stories and Creative Expression** Through a candid conversation with art therapists and community voices, this plenary will explore the relationship between history, culture, identity, community, memory, and healing. Panelists will discuss how clients bring their personal and cultural histories into therapeutic spaces, how creative expression can help individuals and communities tell and preserve their stories, and how art therapy can center lived experience and community knowledge. *As art therapists, how do we make space for the histories our clients and communities carry, and how can art help preserve, explore, and express those stories?* The session will conclude with a collaborative art-making experience in which participants create a small visual response to the question: *"What do you want future generations of art therapists to know about what our communities need today?"* These individual artworks will become a collective visual archive of this moment in art therapy, preserving what practitioners are witnessing, thinking about, hoping for, and imagining for the future. ***Featuring Dejah Chapple, Anita Bateman, Coretta Harding, Cori Costello, Jessica Rodriguez*** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina Ballroom***
F 10:15 am – 7 pm	▪ **Open Art Studio** This is the heart of the conference—your place to process what you've learned, meet new people, learn new art techniques, or just make art! ***Symphony 4*** **Exhibit Hall** Meet conference sponsors, art supply companies, educational programs, and other exhibitors. ***Symphony 4***
F 10:15 – 10:45 am	**Networking Break** ***Symphony Foyer***
F 10:30 – 11 am	**At-the-Table Sessions with the AATA Board** Join members of the 2025 - 2026 Board for informal conversations before and after the plenary sessions! Whether you'd like to ask a question, share a suggestion, or simply stop by and meet AATA leadership face-to-face, the Board welcomes you to the table. ***Symphony Hallway (near Symphony 3)***
F 10:50 am – 12:20 pm	**WORKSHOPS** *Ticketed events with limited seating. All workshops are worth 1.5 CE credits. Learn more.*

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	▪ **When Creativity Isn't Enough: Burnout Among Black Therapists (DEI25)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 1*** ▪ **Making Your Mark: The Innate Need to Create (SC176) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 2*** ▪ **Roses in December: Navigating Bereavement with Adolescents in the School Setting (SS210) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 3***
F 11 – 11:50 am	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Paper presentation sessions are lecture-style educational sessions with a slide presentation. All paper sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Each are worth 1 CE credit.* ▪ [PAPER] **In Time's Frame: The Clinical Model of Time-Limited Art Therapy (TLAT) (TA45)** ***Symphony 5*** ▪ [PAPER] **Engaging Art Therapists Worldwide About Current And Future Trends Of The Profession (PP66)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Activist Art in Practice: Learnings from 2020 Twin Cities BLM Protest Art (AC105)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 1-2*** ▪ [PAPER] **Art+AI = DATA: Imagining the Future of Precision Medicine with Art Therapy (TI113)** ***Symphony 7*** ▪ [PAPER] **Research can be Simple: Idiom Acquisition with Autistic Adults (RE200)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 3-6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Multi-Theoretical Lens: An Integrated Approach to Teaching and Practicing Group Art Therapy (ES98)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 3*** ▪ [PAPER] **Cultural Exchange Utilizing Art Therapy within a Service-learning Framework** MP61) *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina A***
F 11 – 11:50 am	**SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS** (Learn more) ▪ **International** – Led by Bani Malhotra, Susan Anand, and Aishwerya Iyer ***Carolina D-E*** ▪ **Substance Abuse** – Led by Patricia Quinn ***Symphony 3*** ▪ **Advocacy** – Led by Kachina Mooney and Margaret Carlock This SIG is an opportunity to meet in an open-discussion space with members of AATA's Professional Affairs Committee. Bring your questions and discussion points on advocacy for the profession, including public education, licensure, insurance reimbursement, OPT, and more! ***Carolina D-E***
F 10:30 – 11:50 am	**ArtAICare Focus Group** *(By invitation only)* ***CJs***
F 11:15 am – 12:45 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Panels are conversational or discussion-based presentations led by 3 to 5 presenters. All panel sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Worth 1.5 CE credits.*

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	▪ [PANEL] **Supervisors and Educators in Conversation: Professional Identity Development (ES108)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 1*** ▪ [PANEL] **Art Therapy Meets Psychedelics: Personal and Professional Perspectives From the Field (PP187)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 2***
F 12 – 12:50 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Paper presentation sessions are lecture-style educational sessions with a slide presentation. All paper sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Each are worth 1 CE credit.* ▪ [VIDEO] **Bridging Cultures Film: Immigrant Women Navigating Loss, Uncovering Wisdom, and Belonging (SC20)** – 1 CE credit *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina A*** ▪ [PAPER] **The Creative Arts Café: Clinical use of Therapeutic Performance (SC73)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 5*** ▪ [PAPER] **Creative Arts Therapy and Self-Esteem During the Menopausal Transition: A Mixed-Methods Study (GM142)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Creative Arts Therapies Reduce Anxiety in Hospitalized Adolescents with Eating Disorders (RE109)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 3-6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Supervision within Psychotherapy Disciplines (ES57)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 1-2*** ▪ [PAPER] **Phoenix Rising: Art Therapy and Transgender Transformation (CA170)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 7*** ▪ [PAPER] **Creativity at the Threshold: Art Therapy in Hospice Care** (MS36) ***Carolina C*** ▪ [PAPER] **Finding Our Planet: A Social Empowerment Art-Therapy Group For Late-Diagnosed Autistic Women (AU47)** ***Carolina D-E***
F 12 – 12:50 pm	**MASTER-LEVEL CLINICAL SUPERVISION SESSION** (Learn more) ▪ **Mindful Self-Compassion** moderated by Patricia Isis ***CJs***
F 12 – 12:50 pm	**SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS** (Learn more) ▪ **LGBTQIA+** - Led by Zachary Van Den Berg and Kachina Mooney ***Symphony 3***
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	▪ [PERFORMANCE] **Americana Blues Performance by Global Mass Child Trauma Responder (AC205)** – 1 CE credit *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina A*** ▪ [PAPER] **Conceptualizing PID in Art Therapy Supervision with Post-graduate Art Therapists (RE72)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 5*** ▪ [PAPER] **Rooting Art Therapy Education in Self-Compassion: Overturning Over-Identification (ES225)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Group Art Therapy with/in Schools: Exploring Ethical Complexities (SS101)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 7*** ▪ [PAPER] **The Third Body: Surrealist Self-Portraiture and Queer Men in Art Therapy (DEI120)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 1-2*** ▪ [PAPER] **When Legacy Work Hurts: Timing and Considerations for Hospital End-of-Life Memorial Art (GM209)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE* ***Governors 3-6*** ▪ [PAPER] **The Art of Self Disclosure: Ethical Boundaries in Therapist Artmaking with Clients (ET235)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina C*** ▪ [PAPER] **Why the Arts Matter: The Gallery as a Community Hub (RE13)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina D-E***
F 2 – 2:50 pm	**MASTER-LEVEL CLINICAL SUPERVISION SESSION** (Learn more) ▪ **Community Art Therapy Groups** moderated by Julia Andersen ***CJs***
F 2 – 2:50 pm	**SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS** (Learn more) ▪ **Neurodivergence** – Led by Jessica Stallings ***Symphony 3***
F 2:15 – 3:45 pm	**WORKSHOPS** *Ticketed events with limited seating. All workshops are worth 1.5 CE credits. Learn more.* ▪ **Sacred Imagination: An Embodied Framework for Spiritual Meaning-Making in Art Therapy (PP222) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *CE credits: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 1*** ▪ **Digital Art Therapy: Expanding Expression for Clients with Disabilities (TI90) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** ***Cardinal 2*** ▪ **Interpreting Patient Artwork and Therapeutic Process: A Relational Psychoanalytic Clinical Approach (PS168) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** ***Cardinal 3***
F 2:15 – 3:45 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Panels are conversational or discussion-based presentations led by 3 to 5 presenters. All panel sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Worth 1.5 CE credits.*

- [PANEL] **Virtual Supervision: Bridging the Distance, Building Connection (ES123)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Mecklenburg 1
- [PANEL] **Art as Disaster Response: Arts-based Psychological First Aid and Art Therapy (TR131)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Mecklenburg 2
- [PANEL] **Breaking to Become: Kintsugi as a Framework for Graduate Medical Education (MP129)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Mecklenburg 3

F 3 – 3:50 pm

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- [PAPER] **Pulp To Paper: An Ethnography Of Paper making For Adults Bereaved By Suicide (RE95)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Symphony 5
- [PAPER] **Images of the Therapist's Self in Art-Based Supervision (ES152)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE
  Symphony 6
- [PAPER] **Bridging the Pacific: Adapting U.S. Art Therapy Training for Practice in Taiwan (MP169)**
  Symphony 7
- [PAPER] **Stories that Veterans Tell in their Vision Boards (RE188)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE
  Governors 1-2
- [PAPER] **Wires, Warmth, and Healing: A Thoughtful Approach to NICU Art Therapy Programs (MS31)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE
  Governors 3-6
- [PAPER] **Embracing the Transpersonal: Developing a Spiritualized Art Therapy (PP40)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Carolina A
- [PAPER] **Designing Art Experiences For Community Building & Belonging at Residency (SC125)**
  Carolina C

F 3 – 3:50 pm

MASTER-LEVEL CLINICAL SUPERVISION SESSION (Learn more)

- **The Art in Art Therapy** moderated by Simone Alter-Muri
  CJs
- **Immigrant and Refugee Populations** moderated by Holly Feen-Calligan
  Symphony 3

F 4 – 4:50 pm

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Student and professional presenters will share information using a traditional poster.

- Benefits of Skills-Based Art Therapy in Behavioral Settings
- Art Therapy with Grieving Children: Affect in the Dual-Process Model
- Exploring Insecure Attachment and Traditional Nigerian Artwork in a Community Art Setting
- Implementing Pediatric Group Art Therapy for Medically Hospitalized Patients with Psychiatric Comorbidity
- An Educational Participatory Action Research Into Multidisciplinary School Collaboration with Arts Therapists

Symphony Foyer

F 4 – 4:50 pm	**SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS** (Learn more) ▪ **Art** - led by Julie Ludwick and Lisa Hassler Thomas ***Carolina A*** ▪ **Disaster Response** – Led by Joseph Scarce ***CJs*** ▪ **Service Learning** – Led by Katherine Jackson ***Carolina D-E*** ▪ ***Art Therapy Journal*:** For aspiring and seasoned authors, editorial members of *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association* will entertain questions about the publication process, alleviate misconceptions, and offer advice to authors. ***Led by Emily Nolan, Sheila Lorenzo de la Peña, Sojung Park, Theresa Van Lith, James Bulosan*** ***Carolina C***
F 4 – 5:30 pm	**WORKSHOPS** *Ticketed events with limited seating. All workshops are worth 1.5 CE credits. Learn more.* ▪ **The Pale Blue Dot: Witnessing Presence and Collective Constellations through Cyanotype (SC221) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** ***Cardinal 1*** ▪ **Forest for the Trees: Ecological Mapping for Art Therapy Education and Internship (ES115)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 2*** ▪ **License to Explore: Playing the Expanded Field with Expressive Arts and Technology (TI153) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** ***Cardinal 3***
F 4 – 5:30 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Panels are conversational or discussion-based presentations led by 3 to 5 presenters. All panel sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Worth 1.5 CE credits.* ▪ [PANEL] **Supervision Through the Expressive Therapies Continuum: An Art-Based Approach (ES52)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 1*** ▪ [PANEL] **Greater than the Sum of our Parts: Collaging Identity (ES69)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 2***
F 5:30 – 6:30 pm	**AATA MEMORIAL SERVICE** Join us as we look back in loving memory to those we lost this year in the art therapy community, hosted by **Marie Deschamps.** To allow for everyone's participation, we are hoping for just a few short words from those who choose to speak. Participants may also choose to honor loved ones by writing or drawing on paper. ***CJs***
F 5:30 – 7 pm	**Arts & Crafts Marketplace (Day 2)** Conference attendees will be selling their handmade crafts, art, jewelry, and more at the Marketplace. Attendees are welcome to peruse or shop at this evening event (with cash bar) – and be wowed! ***Symphony 4***
Fri Evening	**Explore Charlotte** Enjoy the evening exploring Charlotte! Our Conference Committee's local experts have curated a list of what to do, where do eat, and how to get there! *Take a look at **AATA's guide to exploring Charlotte**. We hope you'll share your "night on the town" plans in the Whova conference app to help connect with other like-minded explorers.*

Networking Opportunities Ticketed Events Plenary and Core Sessions

Saturday, October 17: Day 3

S 7 am – 5 pm	**Conference Registration Desk and AATA Information Desk** ***Symphony Foyer***
S 7:15 – 8:15 am	**At-the-Table Sessions with the AATA Board** Join members of the 2025 - 2026 Board for informal conversations before and after the plenary sessions! Whether you'd like to ask a question, share a suggestion, or simply stop by and meet AATA leadership face-to-face, the Board welcomes you to the table. ***Symphony Hallway (near Symphony 3)***
S 7:30 – 8:30 am	**Networking Breakfast (Sponsored by ArtAICare)** Jump start your day by catching up with other attendees—and enjoying some caffeine! ***Symphony Foyer***
S 8:30 – 10:30 am	**MORNING PLENARY SESSION: Rooted and Rising** This plenary features four art therapists at various stages of their careers reflecting on their experiences in the field. The audience will hear from an art therapist close to retirement, a mid-career and early career professional, and a current art therapy student. Each will discuss their journey into art therapy and how their interests have shifted and grown along with the evolution of the profession. ***Featuring Elizabeth Hlavek, Janis Timm-Bottos, Peter Buotte, Angelica Santos, Juliette Jessop*** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina Ballroom***
S 10:15 am – 5 pm	▪ **Exhibit Hall** Meet conference sponsors, art supply companies, educational programs, and other exhibitors. ***Symphony 4***
S 10:15 am – 5 pm	▪ **Open Art Studio** This is the heart of the conference—your place to process what you've learned, meet new people, learn new art techniques, or just make art! ***Symphony 4***
S 10:30 – 10:45 am	**Networking Break** ***Symphony Foyer***
S 10:30 – 11 am	**At-the-Table Sessions with the AATA Board** Join members of the 2025 - 2026 Board for informal conversations before and after the plenary sessions! Whether you'd like to ask a question, share a suggestion, or simply stop by and meet AATA leadership face-to-face, the Board welcomes you to the table. ***Symphony Hallway (near Symphony 3)***
S 10:50 am – 12:20 pm	**WORKSHOPS** *Ticketed events with limited seating. All workshops are worth 1.5 CE credits. Learn more.* ▪ **Community as Material: Collective Art making as Art Therapy, Method, and Activism (SC238) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 1*** ▪ **Where Image Meets Movement: Exploring Interdisciplinary Collaboration Between Art and Dance/Movement Therapy (PP202) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** ***Cardinal 2*** ▪ **Trauma-Informed Hospitality and Community Engagement Through Art Therapy (TR127) – WORKSHOP IS FULL**

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Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE
Cardinal 3

S 11 – 11:50 am

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- [PAPER] **Bibliotherapy and Art Therapy: The Power of Picture Books Across All Ages (SC134)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE
  Symphony 5
- [PAPER] **Bento Box Art: A Mindfulness Group Art Therapy Approach for Medical Professionals (MS185)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Symphony 6
- [PAPER] **Reimagining Archetypes in Contemporary Art Therapy (TA227)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Governors 1-2
- [PAPER] **Sisterhood, Culture, & Care: A Multicultural Approach to Creative Self-Care in Art Therapy (MP237)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Symphony 7
- [PAPER] **Generative AI in Art Therapy for Clients with Disabilities (TI143)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Governors 3-6
- [PAPER] **Experiencing the Art Hives Community of Practice: Belonging Through Relational Learning and Artmaking (ES01)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  CJs

S 11 – 11:50 am

SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS (Learn more)

- **Neuroscience** – Led by Christianne Strang
  Carolina A
- **Students** – Led by Meg Kennedy and Savvie Eslinger
  Carolina C

S 12 – 12:50 pm

CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS

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- [VIDEO] **The Many Faces of Art Therapy - Past, Present & Future (DEI193)** – 1 CE credit
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE
  Carolina A
- [PAPER] **Art as Inside-Out Expression: The Ethics of Using Art in Therapy (RE102)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Symphony 5
- [PAPER] **Relational Art Therapy in Inpatient Psychiatry-Building Connection Within Institutional Bounds (PS136)**
  Symphony 6
- [PAPER] **Nomadism in Art Therapy and the Act of Making a Mark (ET178)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Symphony 7
- [PAPER] **Oh Baby! Processing Birth Trauma through Art Therapy: Therapist and Client Perspectives (TR189)**
  Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE
  Governors 1-2

	▪ [PAPER] **Gamifying Group Therapy: Teaching Leadership Skills to Emerging Art Therapists and Counselors (ES219)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 3-6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Past, Present, Future - Surreal, Tactile and Digital Exercises in Art Therapy Practice (PP93)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina C*** ▪ [PAPER] **In-Patient Medical Art Therapy: Practice, Considerations, and Developments, 2004-Current (MS155)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina D-E***
S 12 – 12:50 pm	**SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETING** (Learn more) ▪ **Psychedelics and Art Therapy** – Led by Rebecca Wilkinson and Emily Segal ***Symphony 3***
S 12 – 12:50 pm	**MASTER-LEVEL CLINICAL SUPERVISION SESSION** (Learn more) ▪ **Chronic (Medical) Illness** moderated by Gaelynn Wolf Bordonaro ***CJs***
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S 2 – 2:50 pm	**MASTER-LEVEL CLINICAL SUPERVISION SESSION** (Learn more) ▪ **Neurodiversity** moderated by Jessica Stallings ***CJs*** ▪ **Private Practice** moderated by Susan Kappel ***Carolina C***
S 2 – 2:50 pm	**SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS** (Learn more)

	▪ **Art-Based Supervision** – Led by Elizabeth Fotopoulos ***Carolina A***
S 2:15 – 3:45 pm	**WORKSHOPS** *Ticketed events with limited seating. All workshops are worth 1.5 CE credits. Learn more.* ▪ **The Peace Flag Project: A Community Space for Healing (SC228) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** ***Cardinal 1*** ▪ **Response Art of Response Art: Peer Model for Clinician Grief Processing (PP180) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 2*** ▪ **Reclaiming the Self: Trauma-Informed Art Therapy in Addiction Recovery (AS140) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *CE credits: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 3***
S 2:15 – 3:45 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Panels are conversational or discussion-based presentations led by 3 to 5 presenters. All panel sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Worth 1.5 CE credits.* ▪ [PANEL] **For Those Who Care: Innovative Strategies for Individual, Community, and Systemic Wellbeing (PP71)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE* ***Mecklenburg 1*** ▪ [PANEL] **Trends in Art Therapy Doctoral Dissertation Research (RE144)** ***Mecklenburg 2***
S 3 – 3:50 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Paper presentation sessions are lecture-style educational sessions with a slide presentation. All paper sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Each are worth 1 CE credit.* ▪ [PAPER] **Creative Arts Therapies Staffing and Coverage In A Pediatric Hospital (MS159)** ***Symphony 5*** ▪ [PAPER] **Stitching My Story: Reconciling Multiracial/Multicultural Identity through Folklore, Metaphor, and Quilting (MP179)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Art Therapy for Authenticity and Meaning: Processing the Existential Concerns (RE201)** ***Symphony 7*** ▪ [PAPER] **Interspecies Communication: What I Have Learned About Art Therapy from Dogs (TA82)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 1-2*** ▪ [PAPER] **Experiential Learning: Insights from Semester-Long Group Murals (ES30)** ***Governors 3-6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Art Therapy Neuroscience Suggests Help for Addiction and Trauma (AS62)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 3***
S 3 – 3:50 pm	**MASTER-LEVEL CLINICAL SUPERVISION SESSION** (Learn more) ▪ **Process Art in Supervision** moderated by Shelia Lorenzo De La Pena ***CJs***
S 3 – 3:50 pm	**SHARED INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS** (Learn more) ▪ **Children and Adolescents** - Led by Tracy Weitkamp ***Carolina D-E***

	▪ **Museums** – Led by Kathryn Snyder ***Carolina A***
S 4 – 5:30 pm	**WORKSHOPS** *Ticketed events with limited seating. All workshops are worth 1.5 CE credits. Learn more.* ▪ **Seeing With Every Sense: Using Body-Mind-Spirit When Viewing Artwork (PP174) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 1*** ▪ **Recuperation Comics: Graphic Medicine to Navigate Burnout and Recovery for Art Therapists (PP118) – WORKSHOP IS FULL** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Cardinal 2*** ▪ **The Third Language Workshop: Integrating Arts Therapists Into Multidisciplinary School Teams (SS24)** ***Cardinal 3***
S 4 – 4:50 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Paper presentation sessions are lecture-style educational sessions with a slide presentation. All paper sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Each are worth 1 CE credit.* ▪ [PAPER] **Perceptions of Arts-Based Psychosocial Support for Serving Survivors of Gender-Based-Violence in Nigeria (MP217)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Symphony 5*** ▪ [PAPER] **Art, Poetry, and Empowerment: Results from a Community-Based Situated Learning Model (RE156)** ***Symphony 6*** ▪ [PAPER] **A Single Case Study: Navigating Athlete Identity Beyond The Finish Line (SS149)** ***Symphony 7*** ▪ [PAPER] **The Pedagogy of Teaching Assessment in Art Therapy (ES111)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Governors 1-2*** ▪ [PAPER] **Bird's Nest Drawing, PCEs, and ACEs: Exploring Attachment and Experiences (DEI94)** ***Governors 3-6*** ▪ [PAPER] **Healing Over Hierarchy (DEI8)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NBCC-Approved Counselor CE; NY LCAT CE* ***Carolina A***
S 4 – 5:30 pm	**CORE PROGRAM SESSIONS** *Panels are conversational or discussion-based presentations led by 3 to 5 presenters. All panel sessions are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB). Worth 1.5 CE credits.* ▪ [PANEL] **Conflicted Identities in a Democratic Art Therapy Classroom: Arts-Based Inquiry (ES87)** *Additional CE credit eligibility: NY LCAT CE* ***Mecklenburg 1***
S 8 – 11 pm	**Closing Party (ticketed event)** This year's Closing Party theme is **Enchanted Forest Disco**—where woodland magic meets the dance floor! Inspired by the conference theme, Rooted and Rising, and Charlotte's iconic tree imagery, the evening will transform the celebration into a sparkling, forest-inspired wonderland. Come dressed in enchanted woodland style, full disco glam, or your own creative mix of both—think leafy greens, florals, shimmer, sequins, and plenty of sparkle. Purchase your tickets in advance, gather your friends, and get ready to dance the night away beneath the trees!

Tickets are $45 at the registration desk.
Symphony 5-6

Continuing Education Eligibility

Sessions eligible for Continuing Education are identified with a session number beginning with a two-letter program track code followed by numbers (listed in parentheses after the session's name). It is each attendee's responsibility to determine whether their licensing or credentialing body will accept the continuing education earned at AATA's annual conferences.

- **Art Therapy Credentials Board:** All educational sessions sponsored by AATA are accepted for Continuing Education by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB), except those sessions that are not identified with a session number, such as Shared Interest Group and Poster sessions. (e.g., RE18)
- **National Board for Certified Counselors:** AATA is also a National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC)-Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP Provider #5670) and may offer NBCC-approved clock hours for courses that meet NBCC requirements
- **State of New York:** AATA is approved by the State of New York as a provider of continuing education for Licensed Creative Arts Therapists (LCAT) in New York.

Continuing Education Certificate Requests

All attendees will receive a post-conference email with directions on how to access continuing education certificates via their MyAATA account.

Hotel Information

All sessions and events will be held at the Sheraton/Le Meridien Hotel Complex, 555 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28204. The sessions will be on one floor – on 52,000 sq. ft. of event space!

- **Quiet Room -** Board Room, 2nd Level; open 7 am-7 pm daily
- **Mother's Room -** Sheraton Room 207, see AATA Registration for access; open 7 am-7 pm daily

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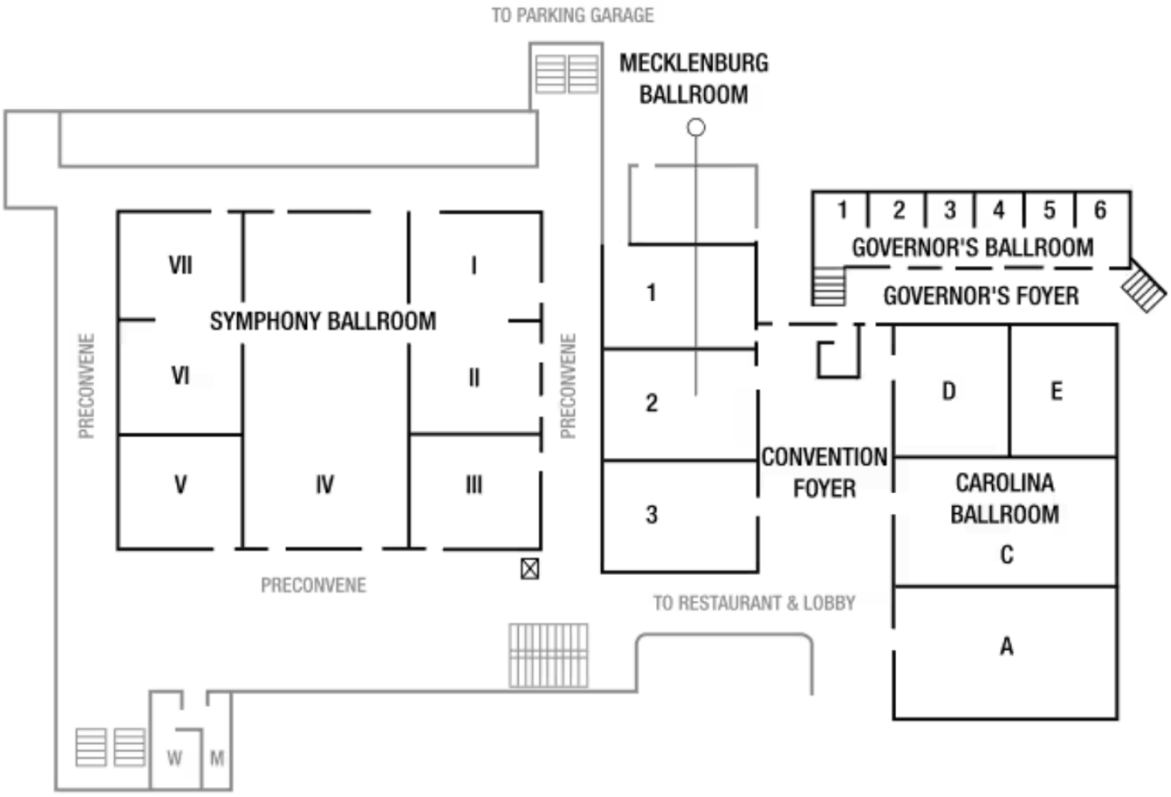

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