

# SCRATCH DAY

December 13, 2015  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

The Town School  
540 East 76th Street  
New York City



9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Registration
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:45 AM – Noon	Workshops
12:15 PM – 1:00 PM	Closing Ceremony: Project Sharing and Raffle

## Workshop Descriptions

There are one-hour workshops and double sessions, which are two hours, fifteen minutes.

### Double Sessions – 9:45 AM – Noon

#### **Move Over Xbox, Make Room for the Hummingbird Game Controller**

*Hope Chafian, The Spence School*

Learn how to use the Hummingbird microcontroller as a game controller. Let the physical world change the digital world on your screen. Learn how to program the light sensor, knob control, sound sensor, and distance sensor to control aspects of your Scratch game. Make your sprite grow larger, move faster, disappear, and so much more.

Suitable for experienced Scratchers age 10 and up. Before Scratch Day, please go to <http://finch-robots.readthedocs.org/en/latest/scratch/setup.html> and follow instructions to download and install the BirdBrain Robot Server and the Scratch 2.0 Offline Editor on your laptop.

#### **Cardboard Jam Band with MakeyMakey and Scratch**

*Karen Blumberg, The School at Columbia*

Makey Makey is an invention kit that allows you to use every-day objects and materials, such as aluminum foil, play dough and bananas, to interact with your Scratch projects. Let's construct cardboard shapes, add conductive elements, connect them to MakeyMakey, and program different instruments, sounds, and notes using Scratch to play music and form a band!

Suitable for people of all ages; no prior Scratch experience is needed

## **Make!Sense - Plug and Play with Sensors**

*Stephen Lewis, Architectronics*

Make!Sense offers a great way to invent physical interfaces for Scratch programs, and also to use sensors with Scratch in science experiments. Measure the speed of your toy car, or the soil moisture of your plants. Learn to make cool inventions out of simple materials using really interesting and fun sensors. Then control your games in unusual ways: Make the Scratch cat jump in time to your heart beat. Create a steering wheel for a race car game. Make your character dance by waving your hands. And much more...

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## **Use Scratch for Arduino to Create Weird Musical Instruments**

*Steve Farnsworth, The Dwight School*

Use Scratch to program the Arduino microcontroller to create your own uniquely weird musical instrument that can be controlled by using different kinds of sensors. Explore the world of building circuits with electronic components, wires, the Arduino and a breadboard.

Best for older Scratchers, age 12 and up; no prior Scratch experience is needed.

Before Scratch Day please go to <http://s4a.cat/> to download and install Scratch for Arduino on your laptop.

## **Making Games in Scratch**

*Rosanna Sobota, The Coding Space*

*Danielle Horn, The Coding Space*

Do you like to play video games? If you do, then you'll love making them! With no prior coding experience necessary, this introductory course will teach you the basics of how to think like a programmer through making a game you can play with your friends.

Suitable for people of all ages; no prior Scratch experience is needed

## **Scratch 3D – A Full 3D World for Scratch**

*John Goodwin, Architectronics*

Scratch3D is a 3D world-building extension that empowers you to create and think in three dimensions, with natural and realistic lighting, perspective, object creation, and physics that simulate real life. Scratch3D is an engaging and exciting way to explore the magic of creating games and stories using simulated 3D space and 3D geometries.

Suitable for experienced Scratchers age 10 and up

## **One-hour Sessions – 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM and/or 11:00 AM – Noon**

### **Make it from Scratch Jr.**

*Julianne Ross-Kleinmann, The Foote School*

Are you at the beginning stages of coding? Would you like to learn how to code (or teach it to your students)? Are you familiar with Scratch? This workshop is an introduction to coding using Scratch Jr. Learn how to create your own interactive stories and games. This is a great way for parents and teachers to introduce their children to coding and Scratch.

For younger Scratchers ages 5 to 7, their parents, and teachers; no prior experience is needed. Before Scratch Day please download and install Scratch Jr for iPad from the Apple Store or for Android tablet from Google Play

### **Game Creation with Finch Robots**

*Daniel Taylor, Mount Hebron Middle School*

*Abel Yemane, Mount Hebron Middle School*

*Dash Foley-Wilkins, Mount Hebron Middle School*

*Noah Patnaude, Mount Hebron Middle School*

Come learn how these easy-to-program robots generate excitement around learning! Mount Hebron Middle School has been working with Finch robots for over two years. Our students have spent time teaching elementary-aged students and adults, including educators. Now, they are designing robot-based board games for recreational use by our student population. Join us to PLAY GAMES, possibly design a game board and see how this robot employs the students as designers of curriculum that emphasizes both project-based and problem-based learning.

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### **Scratch Animations with MaKey MaKey Controllers**

*Erik Nauman, The Hewitt School*

*Sara Namooos, The Hewitt School*

*Ariana Sokhi, The Hewitt School*

*Jeremy Sambuca, The Hewitt School*

*Young Kim, The Hewitt School*

Sixth grade students at The Hewitt School would like to show you how you can make animations in Scratch and control them with a MaKey MaKey controller. Our animations are about using computers responsibly but you could make one about anything you want!

For people of all ages, no prior Scratch experience is needed

## **Introduction to Turtle Art**

*Sean Justice, Teachers College, Columbia University*

Turtle Art is a computational painting application that uses visual blocks, like Scratch. This workshop introduces Turtle Art through a playful exploration of color and shape. With Turtle Art, drawing and painting become visual experiments with geometry and pattern at the intersection of art and computer programming.

For people of all ages; no prior experience is needed, but children younger than about 8 years old might require adult assistance.

Before Scratch Day go to <http://turtleart.org>. Click "email us" to request a copy of the software, which you should download and install on your laptop.

## **Scratch Jr - Welcome to Coding!**

*Jennifer Lau, Greenwich Public Schools*

Create stories and/or games using this very friendly, intuitive intro to Scratch. Create a story about your pet! Make a race between a Bear and a dog! Explore a spooky nighttime forest. We will start with some easy instructions and templates so you and your child will be off and running quickly.

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## **Making Extensions for Scratch**

*Gregory Wickham, Independent Programmer*

This session will teach you how to make extensions for Scratch by using JavaScript. You will be able to control the appearance and other aspects of a web page. You will also be able to create new blocks that increase the mathematical power of Scratch or add other features. Examples of possible Scratch extensions include an International Space Station Tracker and a Text to Speech synthesizer. Led by a self-taught twelve-year-old programmer.

For experienced Scratchers who also know some JavaScript

## **Programming Interactive Games in Scratch Jr.**

*Alana Zussman, The Dwight School*

*Matthew Moran, The Dwight School*

This hands-on workshop will introduce young programmers to key elements of game design in Scratch Jr. You will explore visual block coding and learn to creatively communicate a story through multi-layered levels.

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