What is the Arts Academy?

The Arts Academy is an organization designed for students with a strong interest and ability in music or art. Many Arts Academy students intend to pursue a career in a music or art related field.
Academy Information

• Implemented in 2008-2009 school year
• The Arts Academy has approximately 100 students (visual and/or performing artists in grades 10-12).
• The Arts Academy program was developed uniquely for Lancaster and has been extremely well received within the educational and arts communities.
Coursework:

• Academy students complete a specific course curriculum that prepares them to major in art or music in college.
Visual Arts Coursework:

- Visual Arts students are required to take:
  - Studio in Art (9th grade)
  - Academy Seminar (10th grade)
  - Drawing and Painting (10th grade)
  - Portfolio Development (11th grade)
  - AP 2D Drawing and 2D Design (12th grade)
  - Internship in an art related field (12th grade)
Performing Arts Coursework:

- Performing Arts students are required to participate in a performing ensemble each year and take the following courses:
  - Music Theory I (10th grade)
  - AP Music Theory (11th grade)
  - Senior Performance Project (12th grade)
  - Internship in a music related field (12th grade)
Events and Activities:

Student Performances and Exhibits:
- Sophomore/Junior Recital and Art Show
- Senior Recital
- Jury Performances for all Music Students
- Senior Art Exhibit
- Arts Academy Gallery Exhibits
- Community Spotlight Performances at Kleinhans
- Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre
- Festival of the Arts
- Senior Graduation Ceremony
- Community Events and Volunteer Opportunities
Sophomore-Junior Recital and Art Show
Senior Art Exhibit
Senior Recital
Dinner Theatre
Festival of the Arts
Events and Activities:

Presentations by nationally & internationally known artists & musicians:
- Philip Burke (world-famous caricature artist)
- John D’Arcangelo (costume designer)
- Errol Daniels (photojournalist)
- Philip Rothman (composer for movies/films)
- Jud Heussler (Kiss 98.5)
- Ben Lipitz (Pumbaa from Lion King Musical)
- musicians from Michael Buble’s band
- college professors and representatives
Monthly Meetings
Events and Activities:

Educational Visits and Trips:
- Job shadowing experiences
- Internships
- College visits
- Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra concerts
- Albright-Knox/Burchfield Penney Art Gallery
- Live broadcasts of the NY Metropolitan Opera
- Shea’s Performing Arts Center musicals
- Corning Museum of Glass
- Cleveland, OH
- New York City
- Social Events: Lasertron, Skyzone, Parties at LHS
Community Involvement
New York City Trip
Benefits of the Arts Academy

• Benefits for students
  – Career path identification and college readiness
  – Real-world experiences that enhance classroom instruction
  – Improvement in responsibility, professionalism, communication skills, and confidence
  – Development of critical thinking and creative problem solving skills
  – Learning to prepare for long term projects and work under pressure
  – Collaboration with professional artists, teachers, and peers
  – Building a network of support
  – Creating lifelong friendships in a small learning community
  – Development of a professional portfolio
Quotes from our Graduates

• “The skills we learned...were relevant and I use them still today! An extreme benefit was the internship, though. They let me have real world experience that I carried to my internship in LA!” Victoria, Class of 2013

• “EVERYTHING WAS HELPFUL!!! ...I felt so much more prepared than other students entering school.” Dan, Class of 2011

• “I had an amazing internship that really helped me want to be a teacher. The internship helped me get an idea of what student teaching was going to be like.” Shannon, Class of 2012

• “The academy assisted in my communication skills. My internship helped me get a position on campus.” Sydney, Class of 2014

• “AP Theory prepared me for the placement exams at many of my auditions, and performing a senior recital made me feel confident going into my audition at Eastman.” Katelyn, Class of 2013
How do students join the Arts Academy?

• Visual Arts students must be enrolled in Studio in Art as a freshman.
• Performing Arts students must be enrolled in band, choir, or orchestra as a freshman.
• The application process takes place at the end of the first semester of 9th grade and includes: submitting an application and essay, securing teacher recommendations, completing an interview with the Academy directors, and submitting artwork or performing a short musical excerpt at the end of the interview.
Contact:

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