



The Penn Fine Arts & Communications Academy



Welcome PHM
Forum Members



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Student Enrollment:

Visual Art = 752

Theater = 83

Dance = 248

Communications Courses: 291

Music:

Choir = 290

Orchestra = 154

Band = 335

Other Music = 41



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Visual Art Highlights

Scholastic Art Award Winners

Honorable Mention Winners (22)

Olivia Adam – Design

Mariah Anderson-Mixed Media

McKenzie Blankenbaker-Drawing

Emma Daggy-Mixed Media

Sydney DeMeyer-Sculpture

Brianna Edgerly-Photography

Payton Holland-Sculpture

Bryce Holt-Printmaking

Mic Hughes-Sculpture

Emmi Meyer-Design

Lacey Milcherska-Photography

Eliana Peterson-Drawing

Jason Reinoehl-Drawing

Emily Schultz-Photography

Taylor Sharpe-Photography

Leigha Sparrow-Mixed Media

Sabrina Thayer-Design

Akane Tokusumi-Printmaking

Noemi Toroczka-Printmaking

Katie Turner-Photography

Katie Turner-Design

Emily Wennerstrom-Drawing



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Visual Art Highlights

Scholastic Art Award Winners

Silver Key Winners (17)

Deniz Arikan-Photography

Sid Clark-Sculpture

James Darr-Sculpture

Amelia Frasier-Photography

Isabella Giansesi-Design

Kira Goudy-Drawing

Mackenzie Griman-Sculpture

Miranda Hans-Photography

Jack Hollowell-Photography (2)

Emily Latham-Sculpture

Matt Rzeszutko-Printmaking

Courtney Seigel-Digital

Eric Spaargaren-Design

Medeline Strintz-Photography (2)

Sabrina Thayer-Design

Madason Whittaker-Printmaking

Kacey Wood-Photography



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Visual Art Highlights

Scholastic Art Award Winners

Gold Key Winners (16)

Deniz Arikan-Photography
Joseph Emery-Sculpture
Jack Hollowell-Photography
Bryce Holt-Drawing
Abby Jones-Photography (2)
Bobby Mammolenti (2)

Michaela Palicki-Photography
Courtney Seigel-Photography
Ashley Szumski-Photography (3)
Akane Tokusumi-Drawing
Breyanne Urbin-Printmaking
Austin White-Digital



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Theater Highlights

Five Major Productions this year

Including our Musical Production of *Mary Poppins*, which opens this Friday at 7pm.

Come see our students fly this weekend!



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Dance Highlights

Two Productions this year

Including our *Dance Classic*, which runs for two nights in May and involves 248 Students.



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Choir Highlights

Viva Voce

Created this year by Director of Choirs, Andrew Nemeth
Dedicated to the performance of choral music by contemporary
composers.

Collaboration with Advanced Jazz Ensemble for a performance
of Mass in Blue by English Composer Will Todd (who recently
visited Penn and worked with our students)



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Choir Highlights

All State Choir Members

Three students were selected to perform as part of the Indiana All-State Choir in January. They were Jill Reabe, Kaczanowski, and Brian Loring.

Sixty-two Students will be traveling to Ireland for performances later this month.



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Orchestra Highlights

**Advanced Orchestra placed 6th last year in the Indiana
Orchestra State Finals**

**Advanced Orchestra performed (by invitation) at the
Indiana String Teachers Association Clinic in November at
Ball State University**



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Orchestra Highlights

Three students participated in the All State Orchestra in January (Jewon Oh, Chelsea Chen & Mitchell Spangler)

Jewon Oh won the South Bend Youth Symphony Concerto Competition. He will perform the first movement of the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto with the orchestra this spring.

Peter Rutkowski won the Symphony of the Lakes (Warsaw) Concerto Competition and will perform as a soloist with the orchestra in May.

Trevon DeLeon won a position with the National Youth Orchestra. This group will rehearse together and perform a two-week tour of Europe. All expenses are paid for students who earn a place in this ensemble.



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Band Highlights

Advanced Concert Band (Symphonic Winds) was the co-champion of the 2015 Indiana State Concert Band Finals Contest – First Championship ever won by a Penn Band.

Marching Band Placed 7th in Class A at the Indiana State Marching Band Championships in November

Advanced Jazz Ensemble will perform in the Annual Swing Central Jazz Festival in Savannah, Georgia later this month – One of only 12 groups invited nationally by audition.



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Band Highlights

Symphonic Winds invited to share a concert last fall at IPFW. This group also had the opportunity to work with composer John Mackey on two of his compositions.

Eleven students selected for this year's All State Band (more than Penn has ever had in the past). Mitchell Spangler, Jesh Kim, Morgan Kochanowski, Chris Mazurek, Hillary Carnall, Peter Lehmann, David Richards, Michelle Tapp, Jacob Powell, Abigail Pitts, Gannon Bennett



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What's New?



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Capstone Course in Fine Arts

The Capstone Course gives students the opportunity to create projects that will offer ultimate relevance to the student's college and career goals.



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What's New?

Capstone Project

At the heart of this course is the Capstone Project. This project is designed in collaboration with the student and instructor, and will focus on a topic aligned to the student's college and career goal.



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Where are we going?

Examples of Capstone Projects:

Building a Visual Art Portfolio – For College Admission

Preparing a Dance Audition – For College Admission and/or Public Recital

Preparing a Theater Audition – For College Admission

Preparing a Vocal Audition – For College Admission and/or Public Recital

Preparing an Instrumental Audition – For College Admission and/or Public Recital

Internship in a local arts related organization or business

Cadet teaching internship (music, art, theater, dance)

Communications internship (TV Stations, Radio Stations, Other Media Outlets)

Significant Leadership in Theater or Dance Productions



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March is Fine Arts & Communications Month at Penn High School

March 4th, 5th & 6th – Musical Production Mary Poppins

March 8th – String Orchestra and Concert Orchestra

March 10th – Fine Arts Festival

March 17th – Percussion Concert

March 18th -19th - ISSMA Middle School Band/Orchestra Festival

March 22nd – Viva Voce/Advanced Jazz Performance of Mass in Blue



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[How Playing an instrument benefits your brain-Anita Collins](#)



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Questions?



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