

Executive Summary 2021-2022

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THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
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Overview

The Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) returned to full, in-person learning during the 2021-2022 school year, providing a rich tapestry of arts education experiences for over 350 young people from the localities of Chesapeake, Franklin, Isle of Wight, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Southampton, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

The six disciplines of GSA (Dance, Instrumental Music, Musical Theatre, Theatre/Film/Design Tech, Visual Arts, and Vocal Music) worked throughout the year to build community partnerships, produce live arts experiences, and prepare students for for success at the post-secondary level, all in line with the mission of GSA:

The Governor's School for the Arts is a center for innovation that develops excellence, nurtures creativity, inspires artistic vision and builds communities with a passion for the arts.

Class of 2022

The GSA Class of 2022 is comprised of 78 graduates, two of whom are National Merit Semifinalists. Collectively, these graduates earned **\$11,774,546** in scholarship awards and will pursue a variety of opportunities including entering the arts industry directly from GSA, attending two and four year institutions, and participating in apprenticeship/training programs.

Students will be attending 35 different institutions of higher learning to include: Berklee College of Music, Boston Conservatory, Carnegie Mellon University, Cleveland Institute of Music, Howard University, New York University, Pratt Institute of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Ringling College of Art and Design, School of Art Institute of Chicago, and many more.

Departmental Highlights

Dance

Performances

Inaugural Senior Showcase (Capstone)

Neon Festival

Two Main Stage Dance Concerts

Collaboration with Visual Arts for Two Fashion Shows

Master Classes

American Ballet Theatre

Boston Conservatory

Dance Theatre of Harlem

Nashville Ballet

Nutmeg Ballet Conservatory

Richmond Ballet

Shenandoah University

Additional Highlights

- Six Alumni Returned to Teach in the Department
- 1,550 Community Service Hours Performed by the Department
- 26 Students Inducted into the National Honor Society of Dance Arts



Instrumental Music

Performances

18 Senior Recitals (Capstone)
Neon Festival
Six Chamber Music Concerts
Two Main Stage Orchestra Concerts
Two Jazz Concerts
Three Pre-Concert Showcase Performances at Chrysler Hall
Side-by-Side Performance with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra
Side-by-Side Performance with the Roy Muth Big Band
Collaboration with Vocal Music for Two Operas
Collaboration with Visual Art for Wearable Art Fashion Show
Numerous Small Ensemble Performances to Support Community Events

Master Classes

Akropolis Reed Quintet
Alexi Kinney (Violin)
Hannah Collins (Cello)
James Madison University
Joe Burstaller (Trumpet)
Natasha Paremski (Piano)
Rachel Ordaz (Piccolo)
Sally Beamish (Composer)
Silviu Ciulei (Classical and Flamenco Guitar)
Trio Gala
United States Air Force Jazz Band

Additional Highlights

- 2,720 Private Lessons and 1,972 Small Ensemble Coaching Sessions Throughout the Year
- Advanced Jazz Combo Won the Chantilly Invitational Jazz Festival
- 9 Students Selected for All-Virginia Band and Orchestra (Highest Total for Any High School)
- Students from the department selected as winners of the following competitions:
Clareidoscope High School Competition, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Talent Hunt (both Lambda Omega and Gamma Xi Chapters), Peake Arts Alive Instrumental-Strings Competitions, and Scherzo Music Club Competition.

Musical Theatre

Performances

Senior Cabaret (Capstone)

Performance with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra

Urinetown: The Musical (5 Performances)

Legally Blonde (5 Performances)

Performance with Kristen Chenoweth and Renee Fleming and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra

Students in *Forever Plaid* and *Over the Rainbow* with Virginia Musical Theatre

Master Classes

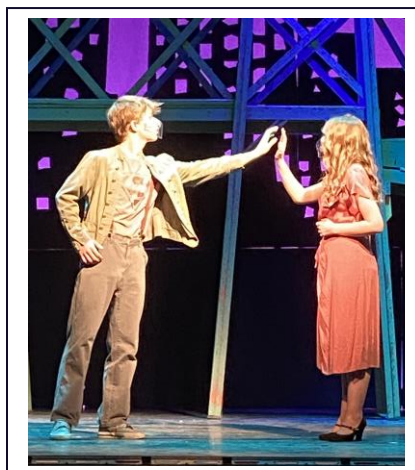
Sound Waves Speech Therapy, LLC

Rob Fisher (Grammy Award Winner)

Matt Kunkel

Additional Highlights

- Partnership with Virginia Musical Theatre for an Internship Program and Virginia Musical Theatre Awarded \$10,000 in Scholarships to Students in the Department
- Partnership with the Neptune Festival (Awarded \$23,000 in Support)



Theatre/Film/Design Tech

Performances

Student Directed One-Act Plays (Capstone)

No Child

The 39 Steps Live Radio Play

Eurydice

Collaboration with Vocal Music and Musical Theatre for *The Piano Lesson*

10th Annual Student Film Festival

Master Classes

Douglas Hudson (Movement)

Kat Padua (Animation)

Inheritance Project

Virginia Arts Festival

Virginia State Company

Additional Highlights

- Film Students Participated in the Hampton Roads 48 Hour Film Project



Visual Art

Exhibitions

16 Senior Art Shows (Capstone)

Neon Festival

Neptune Festival

Stockley Gardens Art Show (Fall and Spring)

Hampton Roads Student Gallery Arts Alive

Fall Juried Art Show at Origin Gallery

In the Garden at Origin Gallery

34th Annual Spring Juried Art Show at Commune NFK

Wearable Arts Fashion Show (Collaboration with Instrumental Music and Dance)

U-Nite Fashion & Design Show at Barry Art Museum (Collaboration with Dance and ODU)

Master Classes/Community Partnerships

Alternatives World Changers

Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters

Chrysler Museum of Art

Dafna Kaffeman

EVMS Art Therapy

EVMS Pediatrics

Joe Wardell (Muralist)

Matthew McGuinness (Muralist)

Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority

Teens With A Purpose

Additional Highlights

- Represented GSA at the Gubernatorial Inauguration
- Introduced Branding Class to Teach Marketing and Logo Design to Students and Students Held Two Pop-Up Branding Markets.
- Interactive Media Design Class created Malyshka (an Interactive Game), which has received over 9,000 Downloads and 16 Positive Reviews from Critics.
- Student-Generated Yearbook Honored with Best Cover Award
- Students selected to create art for VIBE District, CHKD
- Students Awarded the Top Prizes at All of the Juried Exhibitions Entered
- 14 Students Inducted into the National Art Honor Society
- Selected to Create Artwork for the NEON District

Vocal Music

Performances

Senior Recital (Capstone)

Ceremony of Carols

Liederabend: An Inclusive Evening of American Compositions

Featured Guest Artists at the Gubernatorial Inauguration

The Old Maid and the Thief (Collaboration with Instrumental Music)

Trial by Jury (Collaboration with Instrumental Music)

Collaboration with Theatre/Film/Design Tech for *The Piano Lesson*

Master Classes/Community Partnerships

Conductor Benjamin Rous

Dr. Jamison Walker

Dr. Sonya Baker

Metropolitan Opera

Virginia Arts Festival

Virginia Opera

Virginia Symphony Orchestra

Will Liverman

Additional Highlights

- Students Selected to Sing for the Black Sacred Music Concert, The Hermitage Museum, Virginia Arts Festival, and The Metropolitan Opera's Virtual Choir
- All Students Participating in the State Level of the National Association of Teachers of Singing Either Placed or were Recognized with Honors for Excellence
- 4 Students Invited to the National Finals of the National Association of Teachers of Singing
- Students Performed for Patients and Visitors at Sentara Heart Hospital



GSA Foundation

The GSA Foundation Board continued to work to support the mission of GSA. The Foundation raised over \$175,000 in gifts that directly benefit GSA students and programs. These gifts funded the following:

- Audio Engineering Equipment
- Camera Lens for Film Program
- Gimbal for Film Program
- Glass Class at Chrysler Hall
- Lighting for Miner Hall
- Portable Practice Room for Instrumental Music
- Rehearsal Curtains for the Musical Theatre Studio
- Sound Board for the Black Box Theater
- Visual Arts Computer

Additionally, the Foundation awarded \$34,150 in scholarships to the Class of 2022.

Corporations and Foundations that assisted in these efforts include:

- Bank of America Charitable Foundation
- Capital Group Charitable Foundation
- PRA Group
- The Helen G. Gifford Foundation
- The Thistle Foundation
- The Warden Foundation

