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 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
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