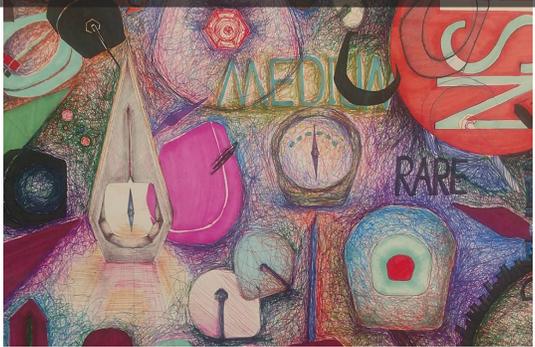




“You don’t often get to pick the community where your child grows up. This is an opportunity to do that, and there is no other community I would choose.”

- Liz, Academy Media Arts Parent



The Chicago Academy for the Arts

ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The nation’s premier performing and visual arts high school. Preparing future leaders in the arts and beyond.

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QUICK FACTS

- The Academy is among the top-ranked private high schools and is the **#1** arts high school in Illinois (Niche, 2018).
- The 39 students comprising the Class of 2018 collectively earned over **\$10 million** in college scholarships.
- Over the past five years, students have scored an ACT composite average of 24.7, nearly **19% higher** than the Illinois average.
- Over **70%** of our college acceptances between 2010 and 2018 were to institutions ranked in the “Top 300 Colleges and Universities in America” by *Forbes* magazine.
- About **50%** of Academy students commute from outside the City of Chicago.
- Students participate in more than **100 productions** throughout the course of the school year, including concerts, plays, readings, screenings, recordings, and exhibitions.
- About **2/3** of Academy graduates go on to careers in the arts, while **1/3** pursue the sciences, the humanities, business, and more.

ARTS DEPARTMENTS

Vocal Jazz Showcase, 2016



The Tempest - Shakespeare Festival, 2017

DANCE

The Academy Dance Department is recognized as one of the leading preparatory institutions for the top dance companies in the country. Students take a foundational class in ballet every day, delving deep into classical technique. Students also study jazz, modern, pointe, and pas de deux. Academy dancers will have the opportunity to audition for The Academy's repertory company, and perform in Chicago and beyond.

MEDIA ARTS

Media Arts majors explore their vision within the following distinctive disciplines: as animators, writers, and filmmakers. The program includes classes in animation, poetry, fiction, screenwriting, cinematography, and fictional, documentary, and experimental video. Above all, the Media Arts Department focuses on storytelling. The process-based program values workshop, a weekly critique session, and is designed to hone a student's voice and ideas—and their ability to communicate both to an audience.

MUSIC

The Music Department curriculum is firmly rooted in the traditions of classical music, jazz, and composition, and is comprised of high-level private study, academic music courses, chamber ensembles, jazz ensembles and performances, and masterclasses with world-renowned artists. The focus of the Music Department is private instruction, and each student has two weekly 45-minute private lessons.



*The Academy is a whole arts and academic experience, and my son is getting a well-rounded education. Beyond the dance studio, he's received musical theatre training, voice training, and much more. **The opportunities are there for anyone.***

—Kelly, Dance Parent



Senior-Choreographed Dance Concert at The Athenaeum Theatre, 2017

MUSICAL THEATRE

In the Musical Theatre Department, students master storytelling in three different disciplines: voice, dance, and acting. Performance is a key part of learning, and students have ample opportunity for it. The Musical Theatre Department produces three to four mainstage shows per year, including two musical productions and several plays as part of the Shakespeare Festival collaboration with the Theatre Department.

THEATRE

The Theatre Department engages students in a unique project-based curriculum that focuses on theatre and performance studies. In addition to regular and intensive work in acting studio, Theatre students will explore up to twenty topics in the discipline, including all facets of stagecraft and scene design, directing, makeup, auditioning and professional business, dialects, stage combat, improvisation, on-camera, playwriting, circus, and more.

VISUAL ARTS

Within the Visual Arts Department framework of studio practice, critique, and exhibition, students develop skills to articulate their ideas and process, and are encouraged to become self-directed in pursuing their own subject matter and concept areas in their artwork. Each student takes classes in drawing and design, and selects from electives in printmaking, painting, sculpture, and interdisciplinary arts.



*I feel like I was given the independence I needed for the real world. There is no padding at this school, no constant monitoring or micromanagement. You are put into an environment with expectations, and if you don't meet them, you are not letting down the faculty, you are letting down yourself. **It's all about you and your ability to work for your future.***

—Elenna, Music

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

From musical collaborations with Grammy Award-winning artists to presentations for juries comprised of film industry professionals, Academy students become comfortable working with professional arts organizations and artists from across the country and beyond. These partnerships create dynamic programs for students that live at the intersection of the classroom and community, facilitating a third space for teaching and learning, rooted in cultural connections and civic engagement throughout Chicago.

Students are also active in leadership roles outside of class and undertake significant student-led projects, including the annual **AIDS Benefit**, which routinely raises over \$10,000 for HIV/AIDS research and support, and **Special Connections**, a program that provides arts experiences for young people with special needs.



“*The commitment The Academy makes to its students and their families is everlasting. I would like more parents considering this school to realize that the full potential of their teenager can be achieved with the patience, acceptance, and inclusion found within this very special place.*”

-Michelle, Visual Arts Parent



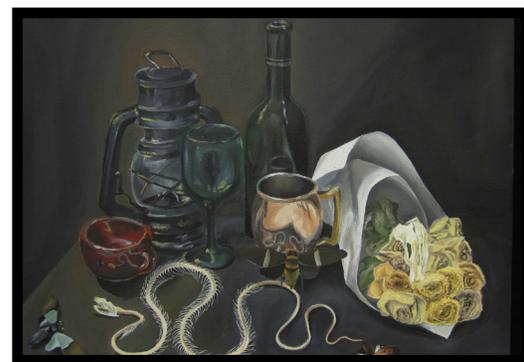
Repertory Dance Company at The Harris Theater, 2017



Music students perform at the 2018 Annual Gala



Children of Eden, 2017



“Essence in Muse” by Violet Moyer

“*What attracted me to the school was the community, and to this day it is still what I love the most. I was really looking for a school that would immerse me into a community, and The Academy’s is sacred. Someone always has my back.*”

-Jacques, Visual Arts

ADMISSIONS

The Academy's admissions process consists of two-phases: an audition for one of the school's six arts departments, and—for students who pass—an academic review. We know the process can be daunting but we are here to help your family every step of the way. The best place to start is by simply getting to know us better.

Please contact the Academy Admissions Office at **312.421.0202** with any questions, and keep the important dates below in mind.

Find more information, news, and important registration details at chicagoacademyforthearts.org.

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“ As we complete the school year and reflect on the growth, accomplishments, and connections our daughters have made, it feels very much like **a place like no other** in preparing them for a demanding future.”

-Gary, Dance Parent



Music Department Jazz Concert at Jazz Showcase, 2018

ADMISSIONS CALENDAR

AUGUST

1 Application Open for 2019-2020 School Year

SEPTEMBER

15 Saturday Program Begins
27 Academic Night

OCTOBER

5 Music Department Concert with Open House
13 Dance Department Rehearsal with Open House
13 Musical Theatre Department Fall Production with Open House
17 Conversation with the Head of School
25 Academic Night
26 Midyear Consideration Applications Due
27 Audition Day #1

NOVEMBER

3 Dance Department Rehearsal with Open House
9 Music Department Concert with Open House
9 Visual Arts Department Exhibition with Open House
10 Theatre Department Fall Production with Open House
15 Conversation with the Head of School
17 Media Arts Department Fall Showcase with Open House

DECEMBER

8 Audition Day #2
15 Independent School Entrance Exam

JANUARY

3, 4, & 5 Independent School Entrance Exam
11 Priority Consideration Application Deadline
11 FACTS Application Deadline

12 Audition Day #3
17 Academic Night
31 Priority Application Academic Paperwork Due

FEBRUARY

1 Visual Arts Department Exhibition with Open House
2 Independent School Entrance Exam
9 All-School Showcase
22 Round Two Application Deadline

MARCH

1 Admission Decision Notifications Sent
3 Saturday Program Begins
29 7th Grade Preview Day

APRIL

19 7th Grade Preview Day

“ The faculty really push us toward our chosen paths and work to figure out our strengths. At the same time, **they are always pushing us to do more.**”

-Sydney, Dance

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