



“Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.”

-- Thomas Merton

On behalf of the Delbarton Arts Council (DAC), it is our pleasure to welcome your family to Delbarton and the Arts at Delbarton. Whether your son is new to the arts or is a seasoned artist, there are so many ways for him and for you to get involved through music, performing arts, theatrical production and set design, visual arts or one of the many Delbarton publications. Participation in the arts at Delbarton will greatly contribute to your son’s educational experience and will, no doubt, provide much enjoyment in the process. The Delbarton Arts community is a warm and vibrant one and we look forward to helping you become involved!

Opportunities for musicians and singers include:

- Choral groups: Schola Cantorum (traditional secular and religious choral music), Benedictiones (a cappella-style pop, jazz, rock and barbershop music), and Arma Lucis (liturgical music)
- Instrumental Ensembles: Brass, wind, woodwind, jazz and percussion ensembles.
- Orchestras: Abbey (advanced orchestral arrangements) and Young Abbey (emerging string players).
  - All of the instrumental ensembles and orchestras are open to our Delbarton boys in all grades as well as adult community members and students from other schools.
- Rock Band Club: open to Delbarton male vocalists and musicians
- Winter Musical Pit Band: Provides music accompaniment for the winter musical
- Delbarton Coffeehouse events: open to individual and ensemble performances

Performing Arts opportunities include:

- Delbarton Theater: The Abbey Players stage three major productions every year
  - Fall Dramatic Production
  - Winter Musical Production
  - Spring One Acts Festival featuring student written and directed one-act plays
- Delbarton Stage Crew: Works “behind-the-scenes” to enhance the overall production value of each show. The Stage Crew team constructs all set designs, and plans and programs all the required lighting and sound effects, facilitates scene changes, and supports the cast in rehearsals and all live performances of the Abbey Players’ productions. Past contributions include constructing a 19,000 gallon pool on stage for the fall production of ***Metamorphoses***.

The Arts community is very inclusive and female students from local area schools are welcome and encouraged to audition for the many female roles that these productions make available. Audition information will be posted on the Delbarton website prior to tryouts for each production. Please visit often for updates and announcements.

Visual Arts:

- AP Art classes and regular exhibits of student and faculty works.

Delbarton Publications:

- Archway – the Delbarton yearbook provides ample opportunity for writers, editors, and graphic artists among other roles
- Courier – the Delbarton newspaper
- Delta – the Delbarton literary magazine

More detail regarding the Arts at Delbarton can be found at [www.Delbarton.org/theater](http://www.Delbarton.org/theater) and [www.Delbarton.org/music](http://www.Delbarton.org/music). You can also follow Arts happenings at Delbarton on Twitter - @DelbartonArts

Delbarton Arts Council Parent Involvement: Parents of students in the arts are a critical part of the creative process! Parents work together with faculty and students to encourage and recognize participants in the Arts and to promote and support Arts related events.

There will be a Performing Arts Kick-off Picnic on the evening of September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center. If your son is even a little bit interested in any of the arts options, we hope you and he will join us! There will be Arts parents and students on hand to discuss the many exciting opportunities and how to juggle homework, sports, and arts endeavors. Many Delbarton students successfully enjoy all as a result of helpful scheduling designed to make this possible.

For parents interested in learning more about getting involved in the Arts, please feel free to contact Lynn Alexy or Deirdre Quinn to discuss how you can get involved. Please also reach out to one of us if you have not received a welcome email from David Blazier, the Performing Arts Department Chairperson ([dblazier@delbarton.org](mailto:dblazier@delbarton.org)). Mr. Blazier has asked all interested students to complete a [SHORT survey](#) (click through to reach the survey) in order to assess interest. We welcome your ideas and your participation and look forward to meeting you! **Remember to mark your calendars now for the welcome picnic on Tuesday, September 3, 2019!**

Welcome to DelbARTon Arts!

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