

Theatre Department

Hands-on learning experiences

Cathedral High School's Theatre Department believes in offering quality instruction in all areas of theatre performance. The Cathedral program is considered a performance rather than a lecture program. Hands-on production experience is paramount in the learning process. Emphasis is placed on commitment, responsibility, cooperation, and teamwork, as well as developing a knowledge of and appreciation for the theatre arts.

Everyone can be involved

Having as many students involved as possible is the basic premise of the Cathedral theatre program. Any student who wants to be involved, may be involved. Participation, acceptance, and acknowledgment are very important to high school students. Therefore, **NO STUDENT IS EVER TURNED AWAY FROM A CATHEDRAL PRODUCTION.** Productions for each season are chosen to reflect this policy.



Students take ownership

Theatre faculty members encourage students to take ownership in all aspects of the program. A carefully constructed framework of experience, training, and experimentation helps provide the leadership, knowledge, life skills, and appreciation of the arts to successfully enable students to contribute to cultural society.

Main stage productions

Cathedral's Theatre Department stages four major productions annually, including one show specifically designed to give newcomers their first speaking role at the school.

Black Box Series

The theatre department provides opportunities for students to use the Black Box space for student-produced projects.

Irish Improv High School League

Students compete on two teams that battle for points and laughs in improvisational situations, including games, songs, and unique scenes.

Courses offered

- Introduction to Acting I and II
- Advanced Acting I and II
- Technical Theatre I and II
- Advanced Technical Theatre I and II
- Directing I and II
- Costuming I and II
- Theatrical Make-up
- Independent Study: Auditioning
- Independent Study: Set & Lighting Design for the Theatre (Honors)



Outreach

Special matinees/aid for elementary/jr. high students
Free tickets for underprivileged and/or "at risk" students
Fundraising "benefit" productions for Day Nursery
Clothing drive for Turkish earthquake relief
Supplies drive for St. Vincent Hospice
Sponsorship collection for American Heart Assoc. 5K walk
100 volunteer hours at St. Vincent DePaul Society
Clothing drive for charity auction, Officer's Wives Club
Costuming for Carmel Community Players
Toy drive for Kosovo orphans
Sponsorship for Ball State U. Theatre
Sponsorship for Teen USA
Aide for Eagle Scout projects
Food drive for Lord's Pantry
Magic show for Indiana Wish Foundation
Sponsorship for Utah Valley University Theatre
Costume donation to Chapman Middle School, SLC
Costume aid for CCP
Software fundraising and donation for UVU
Heartwalk
Juvenile Diabetes Drive
Christmas Family Sponsorship at St. Gabriel
Aid to 3 elementary school theatre programs
Aid to Hasten Hebrew for Holocaust program
Costumed Roncalli's Music Man
Costumes for three adult theaters
Sponsorship for Purple Bench Productions
Sponsorship for BMOC at IU (Breast Cancer Research)
Sponsorship for Ka-tet Theatre Productions
Service Learning with St. Gabriel School
United Way/Keybank "Back Pack Attack"
Shoe donation for Tech. H.S. Football
Service project with St. Michael/St. Gabriel for Living Way of the Cross
Participated in Blanket Making Blitz for Southern Indiana tornado victims
Student volunteers and designers for St. Simon's theatre program 2017, 2018
St. Malachi play props and technical support 2018
St. Simon Musical 2019
Geurrin High School musical 1029 props
Park Tudor fall production 2019 technical support
Phoenix Theatre 2019 props and technical support