

MERCY ACADEMY

Theatre Department

- Three performances each year, including one musical with a live orchestra.
- Travel opportunities to perform and compete locally, nationally and internationally.
- Elective classes in technical theatre, musical theatre and performance that students can begin as early as freshman year.
- Masterclasses with successful playwrights built into curriculum and performances.
- Student participation in lighting, sound, costumes, makeup, set builds, script writing, musical accompaniments, directing, acting, dance and more!
- Active partnership with Actors Theatre of Louisville.

Accomplishments

- Five years performing at the KY Thespian Festival, receiving superior ratings.
- KY Chapter Select title awarded for *Señora Tortuga*, a bilingual musical, qualifying performance in the International Thespian Festival.
- Student recipients of superior ratings in individual acting events at the state and national level, qualifying them to perform at International Theatre Festival.
- Acceptance to perform at the renowned Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland for two years.
- Performance of a devised piece entitled, *Mercy Me*, written and directed by a local theatre maker.
- Creation of an original work, *Liz's Circus Story*, alongside playwright, Liz Fentress.
- Tour of an adaptive fairy tale to local elementary schools, developed by a local theatre maker, Georgette Klier.
- Collaboration with UofL Autism Training Center and KY Autism Training Center on benefits of improv group therapy sessions.
- Presentations at the American Psychological Association annual conference, as well as at professional development for KY Theatre Association.
- Amanda Simmons selected to speak at the closing ceremony and be on panels for the Fringe Festival by the administration of American High School Theatre.