

DLS & CHS THEATRE

COMPANY

De La Salle High School



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2023-2024 Season

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

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Mark your calendar and get ready for a full season of performances from the students onstage as well as behind the curtains.



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THE CLUB

International Thespian Society (ITS) has been honoring student achievement in theatre since 1929.



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A photograph of four young women in an art studio. They are smiling and posing for the camera. The woman on the far right is wearing a grey t-shirt and has blue and yellow paint on her fingers. The woman next to her is wearing a white t-shirt and has blue paint on her fingers. The woman in the center is wearing a patterned shirt and has paint on her fingers. The woman on the left is wearing a black shirt and has paint on her fingers. They are standing in front of a wooden workbench with various art supplies, including paint cans, brushes, and a tray. In the background, there is a red toolbox, a pegboard with tools, and a wall with decorative gears and a sign that says "COMP".

WHAT TO EXPECT

Theatre Company is a shared community between De La Salle High School and Carondelet High School. We bring people together onstage and backstage to create shows that are a source of pride for all involved. DLS & CHS Theatre Company provides a safe and inclusive space that works to make sure all artists have a home on campus. The Theatre Company encourages students to explore interests in both performing and producing shows while building community.

Technical Director Justin Cesarin

Crews

Theatre Company CREWS are comprised of six students. Crews meet after school, 2-4 times a week.

- **Lights:** Students gain the knowledge and skill to design, set up, and run lights for stage productions.
- **Sound:** Students learn to use digital sound mixing and sound editing software to create and enhance the soundscape for a live theatrical production.
- **Sets:** Students design, plan, and build dynamic sets that immerse the actors and audience into new spaces.

- **Props:** Student artists create and collect the character-driven pieces utilized on stage. Everything from magic wands and swords to ray guns and puppets.
- **Hair and Make-up:** Students create theatrical looks from the historical to the fantastical using stage and special effects make-up techniques.
- **Costumes:** Students sort, collect, design, and create costumes based on cast and genre.



Costumes/Make-up Supervisor Michelle Koski

Artistic Director

Meredith Barnidge

Auditions

TIPS

- Be kind and gracious to all.
- Arrive on time.
- Arrive prepared: check the Theatre Company webpage for material.
- Wear comfortable clothes.
- Know the character you are creating: read the entire play.
- Make choices: your audition should reveal your ability to make physical and vocal choices that show character.
- Be off-book (not required, but frees you up to move around on stage).
- Be open to suggestions.
- Work well with others.
- "There is a part for every person. Not every person is right for every part." Know yourself.
- If you are not cast – audition for the next show.

Fall Production

- Auditions are held Monday-Thursday 3:15-5:30 pm.
- Students sign up for a time that fits their schedule.

Spring Production

- Auditions are held for three consecutive days, 3:30-5:30 pm.
- Students must attend vocal, choreography, and acting audition sessions.
- Callbacks are on Friday from 3:15-5 pm.



COMPANY THEATRE OPPORTUNITIES

COMPETE

TROUPE 445

Company members who are eligible may join the International Thespian Society (ITS). ITS is an internationally recognized honor society for high school theatre students. It is a division of the Educational Theatre Association. Thespian troupes serve students in grades 9-12; students earn membership in the society by participating in high school theatrical productions.

Inductees must have a minimum of one hundred hours of quality work toward a production in cast/crew or any combination of cast/crew to qualify for ITS.

In ITS we compete against other schools in the areas of acting, design, dance, duet, song, publicity, etc. ITS offers national college audition workshops, scholarships, and feedback from professionals. If a student receives a superior score at the state level, they advance to the national and then the international level.

Dues are a one-time fee of \$35. Travel expenses are not included.



**INTERNATIONAL
THESPIAN SOCIETY**

HONORING STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT IN THEATRE



COMMUNITY

24 HOUR PLAYS

The 24 Hour Play brings together creative communities to produce plays that are written, rehearsed, and performed in 24 hours. This opportunity is open to all DLS and CHS students. All members of our communities are invited to see the final works on stage.



The Club Meets on Tuesdays @ lunch in the Theatre (DLS)

CLUB

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Club activities are separate to Theatre Company performances.

Field Trips: As a club, we go on field trips to see local professional and high school productions around the East Bay and beyond. Bi-annually trips to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival are a club favorite!

Social Events: We host karaoke, improv, and lip sync battles before home football games. As a club, we organize meeting areas for various school socials and dances.

We join DLS in Day of Service and lend a hand to the community. Our services vary from clean-up to collection boxes, to working with kids at the Monument Crisis Center.

The Theatre Company is run by elected student leaders who plan events, lead prayer, and organize the biggest event of the year – The Companies. The Companies is a formal event featuring student bands, short film contest winners, performances, and awards.

COMPANY THEATRE OPPORTUNITIES

FUN

IMPROV

Improv is open to all students. We meet during lunch. The schedule is set each year and can be found on the [De La Salle Arts](#) webpage. Once skills and games are ready for a showcase, we organize a public performance. Shows are presented in a game style with two teams competing against each other for audience applause. The games, scenes, words, and actions are unscripted and vary each day. All are invited. No experience necessary.

SHORT FILM FEST

Get your ideas on the big screen. Each year the Theatre Company hosts a short-film festival for students to explore cinematography. All works may be submitted to the [Winton Arts Film Festival](#) sponsored by CHS. Prizes are awarded.



PUBLICITY

DESIGN

Students who take graphic design as a course – or students who have a love of design – are invited to submit posters for publication. Specification for projects are released at the start of production. Works will be published on the school's website, programs, and around both the De La Salle and Carondelet campuses.



SUMMER CAMP

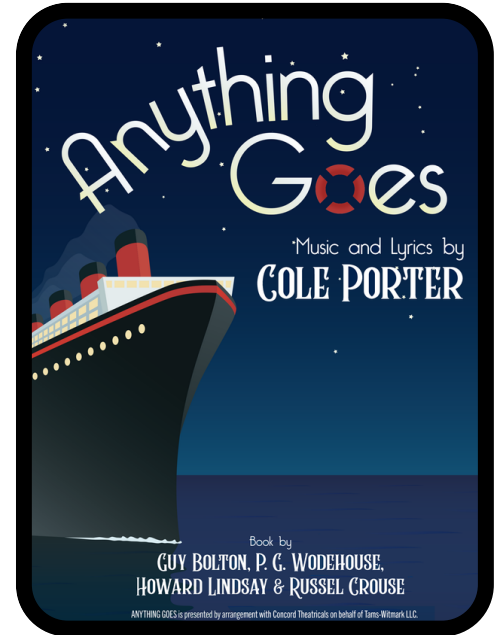
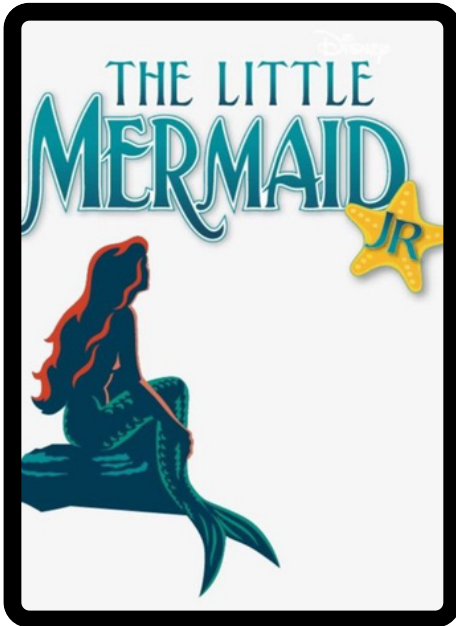
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Camp time! Theatre Company offers summer camp for rising 6th – 9th graders. Theatre Company students run activities to welcome new artists to the community. Our two-week [improv summer camp](#) is fun and engaging. It also instills great listening skills, public speaking, team-building, and creative thinking. Make new friends while exploring comedy. Then, bring family and friends at the end of camp to watch an improv showcase performed on the De La Salle stage.



COMPANY

2023-24 DATES



August 18 & 19: Black Box Production
“The Little Mermaid Jr.”

September 23: **ITS Leadership / Tech Conference**

November 30 December 1, 2, 7, 8, 9 **Fall Production**
“The Westing Game”

December 4 - 8 Spring Production Auditions & Crew Sign Ups

April 4 - 7 **ITS State Competition in Upland, CA**

April 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 : **Spring Musical**
Anything Goes”

