

# Park Tudor Fine Arts



## VISUAL ARTS

Students in grades 1–6 are provided a well-rounded general arts program that touches upon both 2-D and 3-D design in a variety of media. In grades 7–8, students begin taking arts as electives and may select from a broad range of offerings.

Students in grades 9–12 have a robust offering of Visual Art electives in Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Adv. Studio Art, Graphic Design, Photography, and AP Art History, providing students both breadth and depth in their areas of interest. Students learn to prepare their work for exhibitions. In addition, students participate in both formal and informal portfolio development sessions in preparation for college.

## ACTING, DIRECTING, & TECHNICAL THEATRE

Students in grades 6–12 develop their performance skills in the black box studio theatre space, in script and theory exploration, workshops, rehearsals and class productions. Throughout their course of study, students will learn directing theory, voice and movement for actors, and analysis of script and live productions. The Frederic M. Ayres, Jr. Auditorium, a state-of-the-art performance venue, offers young actors, directors, designers, and technicians a professional environment in which to practice their craft.

There are numerous co-curricular performance opportunities throughout a students' career in musical theatre in the Middle and Upper School—an annual play, and Student-Led one-acts, where students are entirely responsible for the production process from page to stage.

## TECHNICAL THEATRE

In grades 7–12, students learn real world, behind the scenes aspects of producing live theater with a set, sound, and lighting design. Students apply their skills while working on the annual Upper School Fall Play, Upper School Spring Musical, and Middle School Spring Musical, in addition to various concerts and performances.

## MUSIC

Students in grades JK–6 are provided a well-rounded general music program in which a vertically-aligned curriculum prepares students for success in vocal and instrumental music.

Students in grades 7–12 can select from a broad range of classes from Concert Choirs, Madrigals, Applied Musical Theatre, Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band and Renaissance Ensemble.

All students experience performances which range from annual holiday concerts, semi-annual Middle and Upper School concerts, the Upper School Spring Musical, and Applied Music Theatre performances at The Cabaret in downtown Indianapolis.

In addition, students can participate in both formal and informal audition preparatory sessions designed for the college application process.

## PRIVATE STUDY IN MUSIC, DANCE, AND PERCUSSION

Park Tudor offers private lessons in piano; voice; string instruments; acoustic, bass, and electric guitar; ukulele; drums/percussion; and dance.



## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

In grades 5–6, all students are introduced to instrumental music, at which point they explore playing in Band and Orchestra Ensembles. Band and Orchestra are electives for grades 7–12.

Performance opportunities include—but are not limited to—5th & 6th grade concerts and semi-annual Middle and Upper School Band and Orchestra concerts. Additional extracurricular offerings are:

- **Renaissance String Ensemble** – The Upper School Renaissance Ensemble performs chamber music and rehearses weekly to perform for numerous school and community functions throughout the year.
- **Pep Band Ensemble** – The Upper School Pep Band performs at many home football and basketball games and pep rallies.
- **Jazz Band Ensemble** – The Upper School Jazz Band students rehearse weekly to perform at jazz festivals, school assemblies and special community concerts.
- **Drumline Ensemble** – The Upper School Drumline is currently a club that meets weekly and performs at home games and special school events.

## MUSIC READINESS PROGRAM

Designed as a rich exploration into the essentials of music theory and performance, students in JK2–SK are offered a strong foundation for all future musical learning with the Music Readiness Program. Stimulating music games and activities are designed to teach the fundamentals of the universal language of music. Students will enjoy learning to read/write music, explore rhythm instruments, and understand keyboard geography & techniques.

## THE YOUNG STRINGS PROGRAM

This program is specifically designed for young children to learn the fundamentals of playing violin or cello with an immediate emphasis on chamber music that nurtures the fun and enjoyment of making music with friends.

## SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

Students develop self-confidence and the skills of self-expression through oratorical events. Members volunteer their public speaking skills on campus as announcers, speakers, and emcees. In addition, students compete locally and nationally in Dramatic & Duo Interpretations, Impromptu, Original Oratory, Congress Debate, Extemporaneous Debate, and Lincoln–Douglas Debate—among many others. Park Tudor is a member of the National Forensic League and the Indiana High School Forensic Association.

## INDIANA STATE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Park Tudor students in grades 5–12 participate in the annual ISSMA solo and ensemble contest. Students perform piano, voice and instrumental solos and ensembles at the district and state levels of competition.

## SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING

Middle and Upper School students participate in the annual Scholastic Art and Writing competition. Students are adjudicated in a regional contest and may advance to the national contest.

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