

Empowering Greatness: Performing Arts

Why Performing Arts?

Music is a universal language. It spans every community, every culture, every walk of life. It brings people together and it brings us joy. The performing arts have great value beyond the stage—and at Cathedral, students can engage in rich programs that build their confidence and resilience, teach crucial skills, and foster deep community.

The research is clear ... performing arts students are more likely to have:

- higher academic success
- better attendance
- enhanced problem-solving skills
- confidence and better social skills
- greater participation in academics and creative endeavors

For some students, it can change their life.

"Music was my only outlet after I lost my father unexpectedly. He was a music educator, so it was also a way to honor him. I was involved in choir, theatre, and dance at Cathedral—it always felt like a second home to me, and I was encouraged to chase my dreams. I learned so many life lessons from those experiences. Now I'm pursuing musical theatre at Indiana University, working with the creative team at Cathedral, and I recently secured my first professional audition."

—Sir Jonathan Thompson '22

More than 375 CHS students with diverse interests create and learn together in performing arts classes and clubs—and the successful programs continue to grow.



That is why Cathedral is committed to providing the best experience possible to these students who pursue the arts while learning invaluable life lessons.

If you have questions or would like to make a donation to this project, please contact **Nicole Farrell '98 Beasley, 317.968.7383** or **nbeasley@gocathedral.com**.