



The Fine Arts Academy - Vocal Art

Overview

The Fine Arts Academy Vocal Art Program gives students opportunity to fully develop their musical skills. Through a series of vocal technique classes, students will receive personalized instruction on developing their singing voice. They will be able to use and refine their new skills and knowledge in daily Concert Choir rehearsals. Other performance oriented courses offer students experience in preparing solos for public performance and performing in small groups. Students will develop musicianship skills including knowledge and practice of music theory, ear training and songwriting.

Beyond the school day, students will experience a broad range of performance opportunities including performing as the Luther North Concert Choir, participating in the Luther Singers, competing in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest, and auditioning for the IMEA District and All-State Choirs.

There will also be frequent collaboration with students involved in the other strands of the Fine Arts Academy. Interdisciplinary projects and a variety of arts related field trips will round out the overall Fine Arts Academy experience.

LNCP Fine Arts Academy students will be equipped to pursue music as a college major and career. If their career path takes them somewhere other than music, they will have experiences that are of value in any field and will continue to enjoy music for life.

Through our partnership with the National Academy Foundation, students learn real-life lessons that are consistently connected to the curriculum inside their classrooms. This program requires that students build a strong academic foundation in the arts which prepares them for post-secondary studies in any area of art and other disciplines as well. The Academy of Fine Arts is committed to having students graduate ready for college and professional success beyond high school.

Paid Internships

In the summer of their junior year, Fine Arts Academy students have the opportunity to have a real world, applied learning experience. These students not only see how their classroom lessons relate to the workplace, they also develop important professional relationships that can be of lasting value in the years to come.

Corporate Partnership and Support

Through the Vocal Art Program at the Fine Arts Academy, leaders in the art world partner with Luther North College Prep by securing workplace learning opportunities, volunteering in classrooms, acting as mentors, and serving on the advisory board. National partnership with the National Academy Foundation position many of these local companies to engage their employees in the Academy, assisting students to ready them for college and careers and providing their companies with an important workforce investment for the future.

Freshman Schedule

A Vocal Art student will take the following

courses freshman year:

Computer Apps 1 (0.5 credits)

English I (1 credit)

Spanish I (1 credit)

Algebra I (1 credit)

PE (0.5 credits)

Biology (1 credit)

Geography (0.5 credits)

Religion (0.5 credits)

Introduction to Fine Art (0.5 credits)

Vocal Technique I (0.5 credits)

Concert Choir I (1 credit)

Winterim (0.5 credits)



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Curriculum

Courses are project based and student focused, using a variety of instructional methods to engage students as much as possible with the subject matter at hand. After an introduction to a new technique, students are actively learning by replicating that technique themselves.

These courses were developed in conjunction with the common core curriculum subject matter experts, classroom teachers, and instructional design specialists.

The Vocal Art Program courses include:

- * Introduction to Fine Arts (freshman)
- * Vocal Technique I (freshman)
- * Concert Choir I (freshman)
- * Vocal Technique II (sophomore)
- * Vocal Technique III (sophomore)
- * Concert Choir II (sophomore)
- * Vocal Solo Performance (junior)
- * Madrigals (junior)
- * Concert Choir III (junior)
- * Vocal Musicianship (senior)
- * Songwriting (senior)
- * Concert Choir IV (senior)

Freshman Courses

A freshman schedule will include the following four academy courses:

Introduction to the Fine Arts

This course involves the student in the study of the areas of Fine Arts. Students will experience how different art forms interact with one another while still maintaining their individuality.

Vocal Technique I

Students will work to establish or expand upon a strong foundation of music theory and vocal technique. Vocal topics addressed will include posture, breathing, phonation, vocal production, resonance, diction and musical interpretation. The study and practice of music theory will enhance sight-singing skills.

Concert Choir I

This course is designed for students who are successfully able to perform choral literature of intermediate and advanced difficulty. Continued study of sight singing, ear training, and vocal and choral techniques is included as well as increased attention to musical interpretation. The bulk of activities, however, consists of preparation of selections for chapel services, concerts, and solo and ensemble competitions.

Post-Secondary Majors

Students who choose the Vocal Art Program will be prepared to continue their post-secondary studies in the following majors:

- * Music Performance
- * Music Education
- * Music Composition
- * Music Therapy
- * Performing Arts Management

Experience in the Vocal Art Program helps prepare students for one of these college majors but also would be considered valuable experience for any other career path.

Careers

From these majors, there is a wide variety of career opportunities, such as:

- * Music Teacher
- * Singer/Performer
- * Composer/Songwriter
- * Music Therapist
- * Music Director/Conductor