



# The Academy for Visual & Performing Arts **THEATRE PROGRAM**



**“ACT WELL YOUR PART; THERE ALL THE HONOUR LIES.”**

*Alexander Pope*

## THE PROGRAM

The Academy of Visual and Performing Arts Theatre Program was nominated for the Varsity Brands School Spirit National Awards in 2016 for the Performing Arts Achievement Award and Spirit of Inclusion Award. The program is divided into three separate areas of emphasis based on the student’s individual background and goals. The Acting Program is designed to advance students in the craft of theatre. The student will receive a solid foundation in all aspects of theatre. The Musical Theatre Program is concentrated study in singing, acting, and dance for students interested in pursuing performance careers in musical theatre. The Technical Program provides instruction on directing, stagecraft, and design.

All academy students will have performance opportunities ranging from in-school programs to events in the community. Upon completion of the Theatre Program, the students will be eligible for performance-based scholarships to college as well as the opportunity to gain a head-start should their interest be a major/minor in theatre.

## AREAS OF EMPHASIS

	ACTING	TECHNICAL THEATRE	MUSICAL THEATRE
9th Grade	Drama I	TechPro I	Musical Theatre I
10th Grade	Drama II	TechPro II	Musical Theatre II
11th Grade	Drama III Honors	TechPro III	Musical Theatre III Honors
12th Grade	Drama IV Honors	TechPro IV Honors	Musical Theatre IV Honors

\*Courses subject to change

# EDUCATE MOTIVATE INSPIRE



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## ABOUT THE LEAD TEACHER

Mrs. Cristina Pla-Guzman has been working in the performance field for the last eleven years. She has her Bachelor in Fine Arts and graduated Magna Cum Laude in Acting from Florida International University. She studied Dialects and Voice with Lesley-Ann Timlick, Music Theatre with Elise Augenblick, and Movement with Katherine Kramer. She has taken part in the Collaboration Workshop with Allison Bergman from Carnegie Mellon, and a Performance Art Workshop with Sayda Trujillo from Dell' Arte.

She has performed in over 50 performances. Her favorites include "Cabaret" where she played Fraulein Kost, "Urinetown" where she played Penelope Pennywise, "Tartuffe" where she played Madam Pernelle, and "Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical" where she played Sunshine.

Her educational theatre credits include membership in the Theatre Education Association; International Thespian Society Troupe Sponsor, Theatre Instructor; Director in summer performances at the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood Fine Arts; a Substitute Musical Theatre Instructor at Actor's Playhouse; and a Theatre and Vocal Ensemble Instructor at Goodlet Children's Theatre.

Cristina Pla-Guzman is a winner of the national Stephen Sondheim/Kennedy Center Inspirational Teacher for 2016 as well as the Varsity Brand School Spirit National Award for 2016 Top-Notch Teacher. Along with her national awards, she was honored as the MPHS Educator of the year in 2012-2013, as well as, the Educator Cervantes award through Nova Southeastern University. She was also awarded at Florida International University for her service in Theatre (2006).

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Perform/Participate in School Performances
- Membership in the International Thespian Society all four years
- Performance in District Competition both in Performance and Technical Adjudication
- Participation in Florida State Conference with Performance and Technical Adjudication
- Scholarship opportunities: Junior and Senior year
- Assistance in college audition progress

## AUDITION GUIDELINES

Prior to enrolling in the second year drama class, students must audition for the Theatre Program.

Applicants will:

- 1) Participate in a practical session including theatre games and improvisations. Students are advised to use creativity, imagination, and concentration.
- 2) Be interviewed individually.
- 3) Perform in the Annual Gala where they would be formally accepted into the program.
- 4) If auditioning for the musical theatre emphasis, the student must prepare a selection from an American musical.

Additional fees may be incurred as part of this program.