Lower School Performing Arts | K-5













FALL PERFORMANCES

Harker Day
Santana Row's Light Up the Night
Winter concert
Big Assembly Day
Holiday concerts for grades 1-3
Grade 5 show, a musical
extravaganza

SPRING PERFORMANCES

Kindergarten show Spring concerts Dance concert Leadership dedication

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With emphasis on collaboration, inclusion and a joyful rehearsal process, it's no wonder that students call our program their "happy place"!

~Laura Lang-Ree, K-12 Performing Arts Chair



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At Harker, performing arts is a way of life, K-12. And nothing is more important to our program than nurturing our youngest performers at the lower school. Our faculty love helping the shy child develop confidence and a love for music, as well as encouraging and challenging our most precocious singers, dancers and instrumentalists. Our seven full-time professional performing arts teachers provide a wealth of opportunities both on stage and behind the scenes, during the academic day and in our robust after-school program. Nothing is more important than nurturing our youngest performers and taking them all the way through to graduation within our incredibly robust performing arts program.

ACADEMIC DAY CLASSES

K-3

Students build a strong music foundation, preparing them for a future in vocal and instrumental music. Our students participate in yearly productions empowering them to be confident on stage and performing in front of an audience. Our kindergartners perform in a spring musical, and our first graders perform in annual holiday shows. Through our performing arts program, we instill a passion for music that students carry with them throughout their lives.

GRADE 2 AND GRADE 3

Classes are designed using a three-dimensional approach: learning music literacy, learning about music, and experiencing music-making. Students continually work to develop proper technique through singing a variety of repertoire that they enthusiastically perform throughout the year.

GRADES 4-5

In grade 4-5 performing arts classes, students take a multidimensional approach to both music and theater. Lessons are designed to develop creativity and fundamental musical/theater skills and instill a lifelong appreciation of the performing arts through experiential learning. Students in grade 4 perform for families in the spring on Grandparents' Day. Grade 5 students participate in a full-length musical theater production and sing for the grade 5 promotion at the conclusion of the year.

"When I sing or dance, I feel happy and it makes me feel warm inside."

-London A., grade 3

AFTER-SCHOOL CLASSES

Our robust after-school programs offer classes in choral music, dance, technical theater and instrumental music. These classes teach students the technique of each discipline, allow them to explore their creativity and give them the opportunity to perform.

- Choir cultivates a passion for choral music and gives students the skills they need to continue their musical pursuits in middle school in Dynamics, Concert Choir, Harmonics, Razzmatazz and Vivace.
- Dance offers students the opportunity to explore movement, be creative, and have a great time, learning new skills in our specialty dance classes or being a part of our annual dance concert. Students in each grade level can take dance after school and develop at a rate that's perfect for their age. A variety of specialty classes are also offered for the more advanced dancers, from leaps and turns, to tap and jazz. Dance Fusion is an audition-only troupe, consisting of skilled dancers who work together at a fast pace to learn and perform routines with high energy, precision and enthusiasm at many high-profile events both on campus and in the community.
- Technical Theater: Students who are curious about behind-the-scenes work have the opportunity to take one of our hands-on technical theater courses. Here they learn and practice backstage skills, participate in builds and can eventually crew our performances.









"I love wearing costumes and getting the nervous and excited feelings." -Luyue L., grade 1