

## Upper School Arts Program

The Upper School has a wonderfully vibrant and varied arts program, supported by a host of talented arts faculty members. With so many opportunities for boys to become involved in the arts, both within and outside of the classroom, we are providing this brief overview to help you consider which arts programs your son may want to explore during the upcoming school year.

All boys are involved in the arts through classes in Music, Visual Art and Design, Film and Theatre Arts. Parents will be given information about these classes at Curriculum Night in the fall. Outside of the classroom, boys have a variety of choices for pursuing arts.



### Music

Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble: All Year 1 boys are able to be members of the full Concert Band. Boys in Years 2 to IB2 are able to audition for the Symphonic Band and boys in FY to IB2 are able to audition for the Wind Ensemble. Each of these ensembles performs at a number of recitals both at and outside of UCC during the school year.

Jazz Bands: Boys interested in jazz music may audition in September for the Junior, Intermediate or Senior Jazz Band, depending on their skill level. There are many performances both at and outside of UCC during the school year.

Bluenotes: Those boys interested in singing in the Upper School choir, the Bluenotes, may audition in early September. The Bluenotes rehearses during lunch breaks, and performs at many UCC events during the school year.

Music Camp: Detailed information about Music Camp will be provided in the Fall.

### Theatre

Boys from all years are able to participate both onstage and behind the scenes in the many plays that run in conjunction with BSS throughout the school year. The plays will be announced in early September, with auditions in mid-September. All boys may join the varsity IMPROV Club during the September clubs' fair. This team meets on a weekly basis, and has the opportunity to share their skills at assemblies and the annual Nuit Bleue - Spring Arts Festival in April.

### Visual Art and Design



Boys who would like to participate in visual arts and design activities outside of the classroom may join the Art and Architecture club, Photography club or Horizons Art Program. They may also volunteer as a designer or photographer for the annual *College Times* yearbook, or become involved with any of a number of other graphic design, theatre set design, or other art and design projects.

### **Film**

The College Film club is open to boys from all years who are interested in making short films. They meet every Thursday after school with a faculty advisor, and use UCC's state of the art equipment to make their stories come to life on film.

Several boys from this club have also started a program called College Film Outreach and this group aims to assist local charities by creating promotional materials.

### **Literature**

The Upper School provides many opportunities for boys to explore their writing talents outside of the classroom. They may contribute to the annual *College Times* yearbook, and to any of the 5 student-only publications: the *Blazer*, *Blue and White*, *Convergence*, *iDiv Times* (solely for Y1 and Y2 writers), and *Blue Page*. Their poetry and prose is eligible to be selected for the annual *Quiddity* book.

### **Model UN and Debating**

The Upper School has Model UN and Debating which allow boys to develop their skills at expressing themselves in new and individual ways. Boys from all years may participate in any of these clubs where they will meet regularly with a faculty adviser to learn and practice their skills, and attend numerous events at and away from UCC during the school year.

We hope that this brief overview of the Upper School's Arts program has been helpful as you prepare for your son's upcoming school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

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