

FINE ARTS

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PORTSMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



MISSION & PHILOSOPHY

Honoring God joyfully

PCA's mission is to maximize each child's God-given potential. In the Fine Arts department, our goal is to cultivate artists of excellent craft and character who reflect God's image through joyful creative expression. PCA has developed its fine arts curriculum to best meet the needs of students seeking to pursue further study at the college level. Our program combines up to eight visual arts courses with offerings in music and theatre to create a diversified program that welcomes all types of interests.

What we attempt to do is give students the skills to prosper, life-long, in the arts. We do this on canvases, stages, and in the classroom. The arts are core to our humanity, and, when you develop those skills, you're really developing the whole person. Students can discover their interests in drawing, painting, photography, acting, singing, instruments, and more. Developing the student's sense of creativity increases their ability to effectively articulate their perspective, and ultimately strengthens their ability to impact the world for good.





MUSIC

PCA actively cultivates the skills necessary for excellent musicianship. Music is not for a select few, but is accessible to each student as a foundation to his or her education. Musicians improve and progress as they move through the PCA program. Musical skills are enhanced and developed in every class period and at every rehearsal. Advanced musicians at PCA have been selected for All-State ensembles and participate in other state-wide music festivals as well.

Excellence is pursued at all levels as students seek to understand the relationship between their faith and the arts. Musical participation is cooperative as we all seek to encourage those around us, while striving for the best in every rehearsal. Students at every level are encouraged to create music individually and as a group. Joy characterizes our music classes!

PCA is one of few schools in the Seacoast to offer an orchestra at the Upper School level. Chorus, jazz band, and worship team are other opportunities Upper School students enjoy. Music is not required at our Upper School, but 20% of our Upper School students choose to participate in music ensembles. Advanced high school instrumentalists play alongside professional musicians in the pit orchestra for our spring musical.



JULIE STEVENS '23

4-Year All-State Violinist
Worship Band Lead Vocalist



CORT BAUSSMANN '21

4-Year All-State Trumpet Player
Attending Berklee College of Music



VISUAL ART

The Visual Arts program at Portsmouth Christian Academy integrates the study of aesthetics, art criticism, art history, and art production. Students engage in making art, viewing and discussing art, reading and writing about art, learning about the context in which art has been created, and pondering fundamental questions about art.

Making art is central in the education of all students. In the early grades, art-making is a primary vehicle through which children can most fluently tell stories, relate experiences, imagine, convey messages, express feelings and give ideas concrete form. But at any age or level of sophistication, making art involves a complex and integrative process through which students learn to observe, recall, find relationships, make choices, accept or reject alternatives, respond, value, and make decisions. In the Upper School art courses, students engage these concepts at a deeper level and apply them to a more skill-based curriculum including observational drawing, photography, printmaking, painting, ceramics, and design.

At PCA, perhaps the most important aspect of the art curriculum is the process it takes to get there. Problem solving, creative thinking and personal expression are skills that art education develops and that will serve each student long after the work is done.







EMILY KOMERSKA '21

4-Year Spring Musical Cast Member
Theatre Minor, University of New Hampshire

THEATRE

Opportunities in theatre abound at PCA, especially at the Upper School level. Students can audition for parts in the Winter and Spring productions, or can opt to join the backstage crew as a technical assistant or stage-hand.

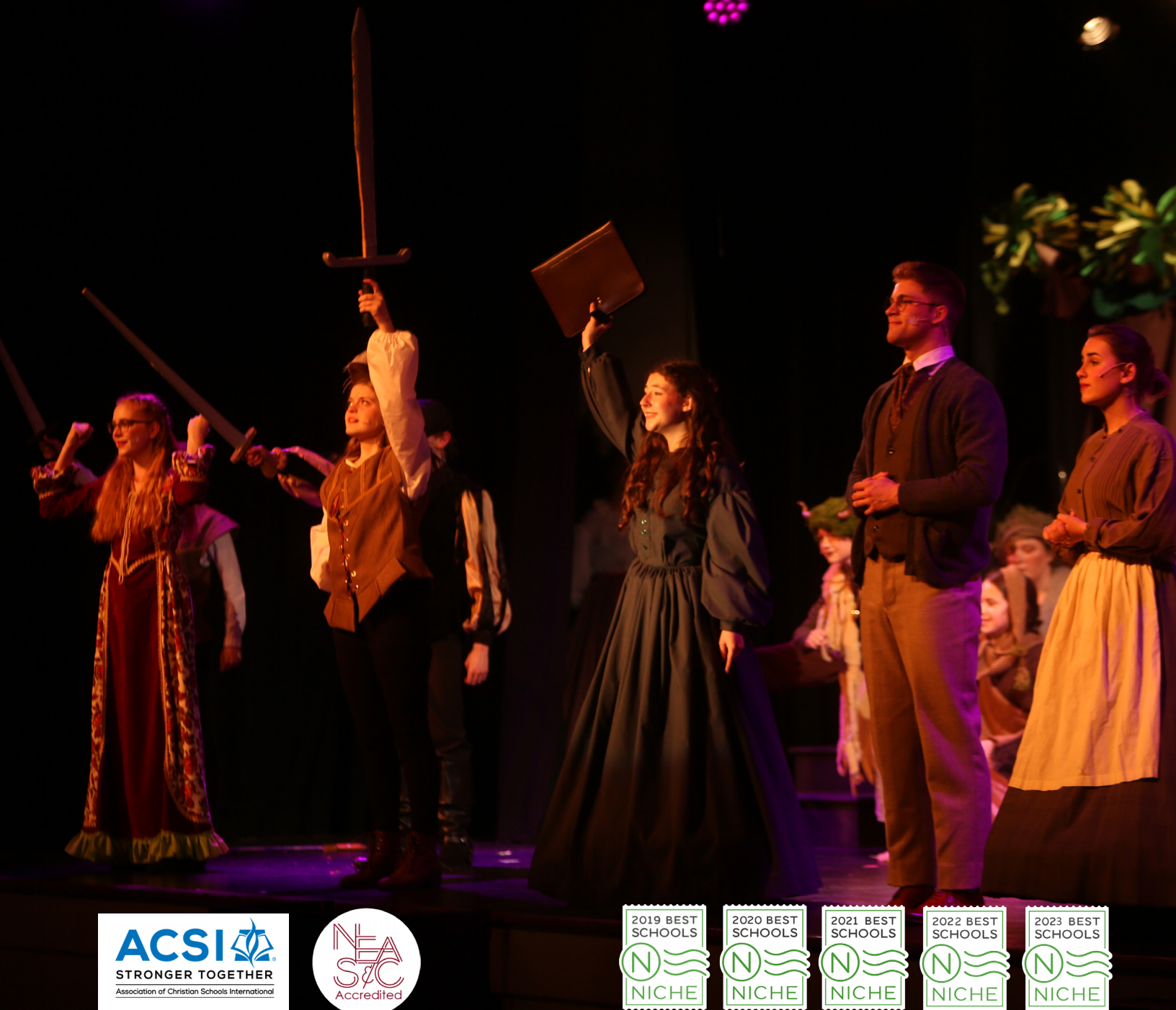
The Upper School Theatre program puts on several shows throughout the academic year, including a Black Box theatre show, a spring musical, and participation in the One Act Play Competition between local high school theatre programs across the Seacoast.

Our shows have received regional recognition for acting, set design, costumes, and technical production.

Past Theatre Performances:

Welcome to Four Way
The Little Mermaid
The Music Man
Charlotte's Web
Androcles and The Lion
The Curious Savage
Cinderella
Narnia
Little Women
...and many more!





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