

## Recent



## Awards

**Robert Eklund Award—Alberta International Band Festival—Most Outstanding Concert Band**

**Rose Bowl Award—Alberta International Band Festival—Most Outstanding Jazz Ensemble**

**Alberta International Band Festival—Most Outstanding Jazz Combo.**

**Numerous individual awards in music - Alberta International Band Festival and Kiwanis Music Festival**

**Provincial Kiwanis Music Festival - First Place – Women's Choir**

**First Place— U19 National Choir Festival**

**The Olga Nickle Memorial Foundation Scholarship- Women's Choir**

**Kiwanis Music Festival - First Place - Concert Choir**

**Provincial Kiwanis Music Festival -Runner up - Concert Choir**

**Calgary Foundation/ Ester Honens Scholarship- Concert Choir**

**Kiwanis Music Festival - First Place - Women's Ensemble**

**Calgary Stampede Western Art Show—multiple First, Second and Third place winners**

**Cardel Homes Art Scholarships**



**Many** students from William Aberhart have received scholarships to pursue the study of Fine Arts in prestigious institutions including: ACAD, McGill, The Juilliard School, Berklee School of Music, UBC, the University of Manitoba, the University of Calgary, the University of Alberta, ACAD, OCAD, NASCAD. Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Red Deer College and others.

## Music Program

Our award winning Music Program offers comprehensive studies in instrumental and choral music, in both classical and jazz genres. This is a performance-based program with a variety of performance ensembles, including a Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, several Jazz Ensembles, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Choral Ensemble/Vocal Jazz, chamber ensembles and jazz combos.

Students have the opportunity to work with the finest local clinicians on a regular basis within their music classes. Guest conductors, as well as internationally renowned guest artists work with our students on a regular basis. Performances are held in the best concert venues, including the Rozsa Centre and the Jubilee Auditorium. Festivals, camps (retreats) and trips are annual components of the program. The William Aberhart Music Parents' Association (WAMPA) provides organizational and financial support to our music program.

Graduates of the William Aberhart Music Program can be found in many of the leading university and college programs across Canada and the United States, performing professionally in a myriad of settings, teaching music privately and in school programs, operating recording studios, performing in amateur community ensembles, and in a variety of other music-related careers and activities.

Recent travel opportunities for William Aberhart Music students have included Nova Scotia, Spain, Whistler, Germany, Ottawa, Montreal, New York and New Orleans.



## Excellence in Fine & Performing Arts



### "Semper Paratus"



## William Aberhart

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## Excellent Staff & Programs



The Fine and Performing Arts Program at William Aberhart High School has a strong tradition of excellence. It is a comprehensive program, offering mainstream & enrichment programming in the Visual Arts, Dance, Drama and Music.

The Drama, Dance and Music Programs are performance based, offering students a wide range of performance opportunities in a variety of venues. In addition, our Visual Arts students have regular opportunities to exhibit their work.

Our Fine and Performing Arts faculty are all specialists in their areas of discipline. They regularly participate in professional development activities locally, nationally and internationally in order to improve their skills. Many of the Fine and Performing Arts faculty contribute to the greater arts community by being active on committees, boards, community arts organizations and other arts-related activities.

## FAPA Staff Members

<b>Visual Arts</b>	<i>Ms. Sharon Marriott</i> <i>Ms. Lorraine Noble</i>
<b>Dance</b>	<i>Ms. Shanley Owen</i>
<b>Drama</b>	<i>Ms. Marie doAmaral</i>
<b>Musical</b>	<i>Ms. Shanley Owen</i>
<b>Theatre</b>	<i>Mr. Nathan Gingrich</i>
<b>Music</b>	<i>Ms. Monique Olivier</i> <i>Mr. Nathan Gingrich</i> <i>Mr. Kevin Willms</i> <i>Ms. Jackie Trowbridge</i> <i>(administrative assistant)</i>

## Program Descriptions

### Dance Program

The William Aberhart Dance program is a performance-based class that focuses on the fundamentals of movement and proper technique, along with the exploration of artistic movement through choreography. Students will enhance their learning and appreciation of dance through history, terminology, technique and critical viewing of performances. The students will also experience a variety of dance genres including: Hip Hop, Jazz, African, and Contemporary.

All dancers perform in a final production at the end of the semester. This professional show is a collective of all choreography produced throughout the term to highlight the hard work, dedication and talent the dance program represents at ABE.



### Drama Program

The focus of the three year drama program at William Aberhart is performance and the development of an appreciation for theatre as a process, and as an art form. Students are introduced to theatre skills and different theatre styles through an interactive and physical acting training program. They have the opportunity to publically perform both student directed and teacher directed theatre projects. Drama students acquire the performance and production skills necessary to release their creative voice and artistic vision. They are exposed to professionals from the theatre community and they attend theatre productions around the city. William Aberhart drama students are active participants in the Calgary High School Drama Festival at the University of Calgary. Advanced Acting is a full scale production of a scripted play that students can audition for. Students can also enrol in a technical theatre program that supports all of the drama, dance and musical theatre productions.

## Visual Arts Program

The Visual Arts at Aberhart is a highly developed program for students who are interested in exploring varied mediums and career paths. Students are encouraged to extend their current abilities regardless of levels of expertise. Whether the goal is to learn basics or to strive for portfolio development for Art College/University, there is a stream within our program that will suit the purpose of each student.



Our basic classes will introduce students to elements and principles of Art. Focus is given to a clear understanding of colour theory, line and composition while developing abilities to manipulate tools and mediums for desired results. Students will learn to see with an artist's eye and interpret this vision into 2 or 3 dimensional format.

Intermediate to advanced classes will continue to explore other mediums while honing skills of tools used. Students will have more opportunity to decide which mediums they prefer and to spend more time in those areas. In the Special Projects classes, students are able to work on building a portfolio and/or submitting pieces for scholarships or to just focus entirely on one medium.

The Sculpture classes are for those students who prefer interpreting their ideas in 3D. As in other basic classes, they

begin with introductions to mediums, tools and techniques including some jewelry making. Intermediate classes and advanced classes allow students to explore a variety of projects related to the mediums and leading up to more sophisticated interpretations.

