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Getting Involved

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As school life gets busier and busier, getting involved around campus can seem like a daunting task. There are so many clubs, sports, and activities available, so here is a straightforward guide for how to get involved with one of the funnest programs on campus: the music program!

There are a variety of semester classes available in the music building. Whether you're an actor, a vocalist, or an instrumentalist, there is sure to be something for everyone during the school day! If you have yet to commit to a second semester elective, now is a good time to start considering the different musical options.

First, Band and chorus are open to musicians of any level of experience, where both rehearse a handful of songs during the semester to perform at the winter and spring concerts in the PAC.

Second, Intro to rock band provides hands-on learning experiences of rock band instruments, where students build a repertoire of mixed-genre songs to play together. Next, In guitar theory and piano theory courses, beginner students can learn how to play these instruments, or improve their skills if they are experienced. Specifically in piano theory, students learn the basics in music theory, from understanding chords and scales to learning how simple melodies are composed.

Just as a side note, if a student demonstrates exceptional, in-depth understanding in any of these classes, they are likely to be recommended for the most demanding course in the field of music:AP Music Theory. This course focuses on music theory in the common practice period, offering students opportunities to hone skills such as sight singing, chord analysis, and dictation. Students enrolled in this class must take the AP exam in May, after many months of hard work!

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(continuing) After school, there are a plethora of extracurricular musical ensembles to participate in. These include, but are certainly not limited to, Big Band, Combos, and Vocal Jazz all in the jazz program, as well as a number of audition-based district and state ensembles that offer students some great opportunities to play at a more challenging level of both concert and jazz music with experienced students from other schools.

Coming up, All State Jazz auditions are on October 18th, and District II Band and chorus auditions are on October 24th. Vocal jazz auditions are going on all throughout October, and combo auditions will be some time around the end of the semester. Stay tuned, because extracurricular musical ensembles are a great way to challenge yourself and get to know the music program better!

If you have any interest in music, the FA music program is a great place to be involved. Stop by Gibson Hall some time, and broaden your horizons by taking a music class or joining an ensemble!

EARLY DAYS OF AMELIE

"Amélie is an extraordinary young woman who lives quietly in the world, but loudly in her mind. She covertly improvises small, but surprising acts of kindness that bring joy to those around her. But when a chance at love comes her way, Amélie realizes that to find happiness she'll have to risk everything and say what's in her heart." (Playbill.com)

On September 19th, FA students arrived at the music building to audition for this year's all school musical: Amelie! After weeks of familiarizing themselves with the audition songs and practicing their lines, students performed in front of the musical directors. The audition showed how much the students cared about the musical and the piece itself—they were not only talented but also seemed very excited to be a part of it! Callbacks were held the next day to solidify roles, which were officially assigned on 9/11 after careful consideration. September, which was the first month of rehearsals, consisted of learning the most important yet difficult songs put together to build Amelie. October will begin the next phase; staging.

Here, we would like to appreciate the level of attention and hard work done behind the scene—not only are the casts working hard, but our show's crew members are doing just as much! Lights, Set, and Backstage are starting the early stages of bringing the show to life through creating costumes, special effects, and scene props. To add on one surprising news, FAs very own pit band the name of the band), will be playing live music throughout the duration of the show. Of course, their rehearsals are underway as well. So, now that you've learned this much about the one and only musical happening at FA in two months, aren't you excited to watch the magic happen? Come see the show November 14th, 15th, and 16th to show support for our dedication!

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