

Student Profile for Applicants to CAPA

The CAPA Vocal Department is structured for those who have a passion for singing, and are seeking training with top professionals in the field of vocal music. Our program focuses on developing young vocal artists through a comprehensive and rigorous 6-12 curriculum, emphasizes formal training in the areas of music history, theory, and performance; through solo and ensemble singing of diverse repertoire. While we do not instruct our students in popular music as heard on the radio, we expect our them to work hard in their musical studies, giving them the opportunity to face any musical challenge or experience; including the music that they enjoy.

The curriculum is designed to give our students the competitive advantage for their future as blossoming artists; whether they decide to pursue music or not as a major beyond high school during their post-secondary years. It is not necessary that they take private lessons, or have studied subjects such as music theory prior to admission. However, music theory is a part of the curriculum for all enrolled students in both the middle, and high school cohorts, and we suggest websites and resources to help newly enrolled students catch up with those students who attended CAPA during middle school.

The CAPA Vocal Department affords multiple opportunities of diverse repertoire in one of the ensemble offerings in high school, including: Show Choir, Jazz Choir, Chamber Choir, and Gospel Choir. In addition, all eleventh and twelfth grade students participate in Opera Workshop; ninth through twelfth grade students will are members of Concert Choir; and all ninth grade students participate in Freshman Choir

The Vocal Department works collaboratively with other departments at CAPA, including the Dance, Instrumental, Theater, and Production Technology departments. The department also remains actively involved with the arts community throughout the Pittsburgh area, including partnerships with Pittsburgh Opera, Pittsburgh Festival Opera, Jr. Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, Duquesne University, and The Heritage Gospel Chorale of Pittsburgh.

Middle School Arts Classes

8:20-10:28 am

High School Arts Classes

12:53-3:46 pm