

## GCHS Arts - Past, Present and into the Future



Greeley Central High School has over a century-long history of outstanding individual and group accomplishments and performances in the fine arts. One historic photo shows the 1898 cast of the Greek classic “Medea” and yearbooks from the turn of the century reveal active choirs, bands, and visual artists. Local, state, regional, and national awards for excellence are the norm for Wildcat arts students. Stability in instruction and leadership is also an important factor in the on-going success of the arts programs here. Our arts faculty have a combined 62 years of teaching arts at GCHS.

Following its long history of excellence in the arts, in 2006 GCHS created the Performing and Visual Arts Magnet Program as part of its already vigorous academic offerings. Art Magnet students may take part in extensive experiences in the art emphasis of their choosing and may enroll in strands which include: Band, Choir, Orchestra, Theatre/Dance, and the Visual Arts. Along with expanded course work, the Performing and Visual Arts Magnet Program is designed to create well-rounded students who can successfully compete in the global market by developing the rigor, discipline, and dedication the arts require. The Performing and Visual Arts magnet Program creates the foundation for GCHS to continue its long and storied history of arts and academic excellence – now and into the future.

## Greeley Central High School Music/Theatre/Visual Arts Calendar 2022-23

### NOVEMBER

Nov. 2 AMP Middle School Visit Day @ the Castle 10-2:30pm  
Nov. 2-4 Fall Play: Puffs  
Nov. 9 Java and Jazz, Atlas Theatre  
Nov. 13 FT-Meowolf (freshmen only)  
Nov. 14 Combined League Honor Jazz Band  
Nov. 17 Combined League / All State Orch Auditions DUE  
Nov. 17 Thespian Cabaret 6pm  
Nov. 20-24 Thanksgiving Break  
Nov. 25 Greeley Parade of Lights  
Nov. 28 Festival of Trees @ UCCC  
Nov. 30-Dec.1 Winter Dance Concert (Chappelow opens show)

### DECEMBER

Dec. 1 FT- MVHS Orchestra Festival  
Dec. 2 One Act Festival, 1pm & 6pm  
Dec. 5-7 D6 Large Group Festivals, Choir/Band/Orch  
Dec. 7-9 CSU Honor Band  
Dec. 6 Wildcat Orchestra Festival  
Dec. 7-9 CO state thespian convention, Denver  
Dec. ? FT- Orchestra D6 Large Group Festival  
Dec. 12 Music Concert I (Jazz)  
Dec. 13 Music Concert II (Instrumental)  
Dec. 14 Music Concert III (Vocal)  
Dec. 18 AMP Holiday Extravaganza 1 Act/Sing along, 6pm  
Dec. 19-20 Spring Musical ‘Guys/Dolls’ Auditions  
Dec. 20 Last Day of School for Students

### JANUARY

Jan. 8 School Improvement Day  
Jan. 9 Students Report  
Jan. 10 Musical Read-Through 4pm, Rqrd Parent Meeting 6:45pm  
Jan. 15 No School- Martin Luther King Day  
Jan. 16 Combined League Orch @UCCC  
Jan. 17 Combined League Honor Choir @ UCCC  
Jan. 24 All-City Band @ West  
Jan. 25-27 Music CMEA Conference

### FEBRUARY

Feb 1-3 Colorado All State Orchestra @ CSU  
Feb. 5 School Improvement Day- No School  
Feb 8-10 All-State Choir, Denver (overnight)  
Feb. 16 Big Band Boogie Ball @ Zoes  
Feb. 19 No School - Presidents Day  
Feb. 20 Combined League Honor Band @ UCCC  
Feb. 21 All-City Orchestra @ GWHS  
Feb. 23-24 CU Honor Band  
Feb. FT- DAM/CO Scholastics



### MARCH

Mar. 1 FT-UNC High School Theater Day  
Mar. 1 Dist. 6 & Friends Youth Art Walk, DT Greeley, 5-8pm  
Mar. 2 Solo/Ensemble Festival (district-wide)  
Mar. 6-9 Spring Musical ‘Guys & Dolls’ 1pm & 7pm Sat.  
March 11-15 Spring Break  
March 20 Music Concert (Instrumental)  
March 21 Music Concert (Vocal) @ Bethel Baptist Church  
March 25 School Improvement Day- No School  
March 30 Instrument Try-Out Day

### APRIL

April 5 AP Art and Design Exhibit, Atlas Theater, 5-8  
April 12 Orchestra “lock-in”  
April 15-19 Celebrate Arts at the Castle (Lunch)  
April 24 Thespian Awards Banquet  
April 25-26 No School  
April 23 Gala Tech Rehearsal, Seminar  
April 30 Arts Magnet Gala, UCCC  
April FT-MeowWolf (Seniors)

### MAY

May 2-3 Senior Stage Production Class Capstone  
May 7 Spring Music Concert I (Bands)  
May 8 Spring Music Concert II (Orchestra)  
May 9 Spring Music Concert III (Vocal)  
May 18 Instrumental Music Festival @ Elitch

*\* All events in GCHS auditorium begin at 7 pm unless otherwise noted*

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**Greeley Central High School 2023-2024**

## El programa de artes en GCHS - pasado, presente, y hacia el futuro



Greeley Central High School tiene una historia de más de un siglo de logros en las bellas artes. Los estudiantes del programa de artes en Greeley Central siempre han gozado del reconocimiento para excelencia a nivel local, estatal, y nacional.

Siguiendo su larga historia de excelencia en las artes, en 2006 Greeley Central inició el “Performing and Visual Arts Magnet Program” como parte de su extensa selección de cursos académicos. Los estudiantes del Arts Magnet Program pueden tomar parte en una variedad de experiencias en el área de énfasis que elijan: banda, coro, orquesta, teatro/baile, o artes plásticas. El Arts Magnet Program es diseñado para crear estudiantes equilibrados con el rigor, disciplina, y dedicación para competir en el mercado global. El Performing and Visual Arts Magnet Program sirve de base para que Greeley Central continúe su larga historia de excelencia en las artes e instrucción académica – ahora y en el futuro.





## Arts Magnet Faculty



**Jodi Moore** received her Bachelors of Arts in Art Education and a Masters in Special Education from the University of Northern Colorado and has taught for 21 years. She has taught Visual Arts and Special Education classes at the middle school level in the Adams 12 School District. In the fall of 2006 Mrs. Moore began teaching in Weld County District 6 and taught Reading, Math Interventions, 3rd grade and Art.

This is her 7th year teaching Art at Central High School. She teaches Ceramics and Sculpture in the Arts Magnet Program. Mrs. Moore also Coaches the C volleyball team at Greeley Central. In her spare time she enjoys creating pottery, watching movies, gardening, reading history books and listening to music and playing with her three dogs. She also enjoys time spent with her husband and two children, camping, fishing and playing cards. She is extremely excited to teach what she is passionate about and share that passion in her High School Ceramics and Sculpture classes at Greeley Central!



**Brion Humphrey** is the Theatre Teacher and Thespian Troupe Director for Greeley Central High School's Arts Magnet Program in Northern Colorado. In addition to teaching, Mr. Humphrey is an author, director, actor, and a founding company member and "theatrical clown" with Soul Penny Circus in Denver. This summer, he had the privilege to clown around with Soul Penny Circus, which also features his wife

and 10-year-old son, at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland! Brion earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Directing from the California State University, Fullerton in 2001, and his Master's degree in Theatre Education from the University of Northern Colorado. His credits include UNC's Little Theatre of the Rockies production of *Catch Me if you Can*, Openstage Theatre's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* (Rosencrantz), and Longmont Theatre Company's *The Lion in Winter* (Director). When he is not in the theater, he is likely playing with his two brilliant young mischief-making boys, and watching horror movies with his enchanting wife.



Starting in 2009 as director of Bands at Central; **Mr. Doug Farr** holds a Bachelors of Music Education from the University of Utah, and a Masters of Music Education from Boston University. Prior to joining the Greeley staff Mr. Farr taught for 3 years in Utah and 6 years at Pahrump Valley High school in Southern Nevada where he was recognized as teacher of the year in 2005. He led his band to several wins in marching

and jazz throughout the state of Nevada. As a performer Mr. Farr has Performed since 2012 as principal Timpanist with the Greeley Chamber Orchestra including a featured solo for typewriter. As a percussionist Mr. Farr toured with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's Orchestra at Temple Square, performed with the University of Utah Philharmonia, Wind Symphony, Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band and Percussion Ensembles. He has also performed with the Longmont theater company, American West Symphony, Henderson Philharmonic, Pahrump Nugget All Stars jazz band, Toney Paul swing Band, Ivory Johnson, Jared Allen, T minus 5, Random Access and has been an active sub for several bands. He is currently studying Klingon and hopes to become multilingual in all of the Major fantasy tongues.



In her fourth year of teaching but second year at Greeley Central, **Liz Richardson** directs three levels of Orchestra ensembles and teaches Music History, Piano, and Digital Music . Playing music in ensembles has been a huge part of her life since 5th grade and she loves being able to share her love and passion for music with students as they grow. She graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelors in Music

Education with an instrumental concentration, and loves teaching private viola, flute, and piano lessons along with her GCHS classes. In the Colorado State University Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra, Ms. Richardson performed at state and national conferences. Outside of teaching band and orchestra she has presented at music education conferences, adjudicated solo and ensemble festivals, is a member of the Colorado Music Educators Association and the American String Teachers association, and currently performs with the Fort Collins Wind Symphony. In addition to enjoying , Ms. Richardson loves plants, hiking, coffee, paddle boarding, and attempting to bake.



**Janet McGlaughlin** is excited for her seventh year with Greeley Central High School Arts Magnet teaching Photography, Graphic Design and Yearbook. She received her Bachelor of Fine Art with emphasis in drawing from Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, and Master of Fine Art with emphasis in photography from Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California. Since that time, she has

worked as an artist and art educator for students in kindergarten through university level. She feels lucky to share her passion for art and traditional photographic processes with students at GCHS on a daily basis. Outside of the classroom Janet spends her time camping, skiing, and traveling with her husband and two daughters.



**Joni Wilson** has worked at Greeley's only secondary Arts Magnet school since 2016 as the Painting and AP Art & Design teacher. She earned her Arts Education Degree from UNC with an emphasis in Painting. Joni will be teaching all Painting levels, Drawing 3, and AP Art & Design. She is the co-chair for Greeley's Youth Arts Month Arts Walk that happens every first Friday of March throughout downtown Greeley. She has had

many exhibits in the Northern Colorado area. In addition to loving and teaching the visual arts Mrs. Wilson enjoys being a mom, hiking in the mountains, walks with her dog, cooking, reading, and nerding out on coffee with her husband.



**Karen Dyra** has earned a Bachelors of Science in Art Education with an emphasis in painting from Northern Illinois University and a Master of Arts in Art and Design from University of Northern Colorado. She has worked for Greeley-Evans District 6 since 2012, previously working at Greeley West High School, Jefferson High School, and Bella Romero. Ms. Dyra teaches drawing 1 & 2, as well as graphic design.

Along with being an art educator, she has also had several individual and collaborative art shows around the Greeley area. She specializes in drawing and painting, but also enjoys fiber arts such as crochet. In her free time she likes to be outdoors, hiking, kayaking, and camping, but also enjoys lounging around her hammock.



## Arts Magnet Faculty



**Kevin Rohnke** is beginning his 16th year as part of the Arts Magnet team,teaching Art History and AP Art History. Mr. Rohnke was an art history major at Colorado State University before he graduated with a degree in Wellness Program Management. In addition to art history, he teaches physical education at Central. His passion for art and the study of its history has led him to some of the most famous art and architecture capitals in the world. These include the land of ancient Maya, Rome, Florence, Paris, Amsterdam, London, New York, Chicago, and numerous Native American Regions of the United States.



**Rich Green** is in his 18th year teaching and 12th year at Greeley Central High School where he teaches three vocal music ensembles, AP Music Theory, Guitar 2, and Arts & Culture. Mr. Green received his master's and bachelor's degrees in music education with a vocal emphasis from the University of Northern Colorado. In addition to teaching, Mr. Green has sung with the Colorado Conductors Chorus and the Greeley Chorale, conducted area honor choirs, and has presented sessions at the Colorado Music Educators Association's annual conference. He also currently serves in the music ministry at Bethel Baptist Church in Greeley.



**Christy O'Connell-Black** began her dance training with traditional Irish Step Dancing in Plymouth, MI where she traveled the country competing, taking second place nationally at age 7. After dancing professionally with Michigan Classic Ballet Company she attended the University of Northern Colorado, while serving as ballet mistress for the Colorado Ballet Theatre. She received her B.A. in Dance Performance and Choreography in 2002 and her M.A. in Theatre Education in 2010. Christy is fortunate to serve as Greeley Central High School's Arts Magnet Program Coordinator (2007) and as GCHS's dance instructor (2008). Christy also works as adjunct faculty for UNC's College of Performing and Visual Arts. Outside of her school dance life - you can find her dancing alongside her husband, Monte, and daughter, Laynian. She is grateful to work alongside her creative and collaborative AMP family, while teaching future artists of the world!



## Interested in Joining this One of a Kind Program?

*Applications for students interested in THEATER, DANCE, VISUAL ART, or MUSIC are now available for the 2023/2024 school year.*

- *Recognition on diploma and transcript*
- *Arts and Culture Class specifically designed for freshmen Artists*
- *Engagement, collaboration, and interaction with the arts by creating, performing, and connecting with like-minded students and faculty*



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