

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 2021-22

OCTOBER

- Oct. 2 Greeley Invite Marching Competition
- Oct. 6 Fall Music Concert I (Instrumental), 7pm
- Oct. 7 Fall Music Concert II (Vocal), 7pm
- Oct. 11 NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 12 School Improvement Day
- Oct. 20 St. Vrain Marching Competition
- Oct. 27-30 Fall Play: Twelfth Night, 7pm
- TBD Field Trip- Denver Art Museum (AP)

NOVEMBER

- Nov 4-6 Western States Honor Orchestra @ UNC
- Nov. 4 Java and Jazz, Atlas Theater, 7pm
- Nov. 15 Combined League Honor Jazz Band
- Nov. 18-19 Winter Dance Concert/One Act
- Nov. 22-26 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 27 Greeley Parade of Lights

DECEMBER

- Dec. 2-4 CO state thespian convention
- Dec. 8 Music Concert I (Instrum.), 7pm
- Dec. 9 Music Concert II (Vocal), 7pm
- Dec. 10 Thespian Troupe Holiday One Act/Carols
- Dec. 13-14 Spring Musical Auditions, After School
- Dec. 15 DanceBloc Auditions, after school
- Dec. 16 Last Day of School

JANUARY

- Jan. 4 Students Report
- Jan. 10 Combined League Honor Band, all day UCCC
- Jan. 17 No School- Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 19 All-City Band, UCCC; Combined League orchestra location TBD
- Jan. 20-22 All-State Choir, Denver (overnight)
- Jan. 26-29 CMEA

FEBRUARY

- Feb 3-5 Colorado All State Orchestra @ CSU
- Feb. 7 School Improvement Day
- Feb. 12 Big Band Boogie Ball @ UNC Ballroom



- Feb. 21 No School - Presidents Day
 - Feb. 23 All-City Orchestra @ UCCC
- MARCH**
- Mar. 3 Music Concert, Bethel Baptist Church, 7 pm
 - Mar. 4 UNCO High School Theatre Day, FT
 - Mar. 4 Youth Art Walk, DT Greeley businesses
 - Mar. 9-12 Spring Musical: The Addams Family
 - March 14-18 Spring Break
 - March 26 D6 S/E @ Central
 - March 28 School Improvement Day
 - March FT- CO Scholastics/DAM

APRIL

- April 1 AP Studio Art Show- First Friday
- April 22 Thespian Overnight
- April 25 No School for Students
- April 21 Arts day at the Castle
- April 26 Arts Magnet Gala, UCCC
- April 29 GCC dress rehearsal
- April 30 Greeley Children's Chorale Concert

MAY

- May 5-6 Senior Stage Production Class Capstone
- May 11 Spring Music Concert I (Instrumental), 7pm
- May 12 Spring Music Concert II (Vocal), 7pm
- May 19 Last Day of Classes

* All events in GCHS auditorium begin at 7 pm unless otherwise noted
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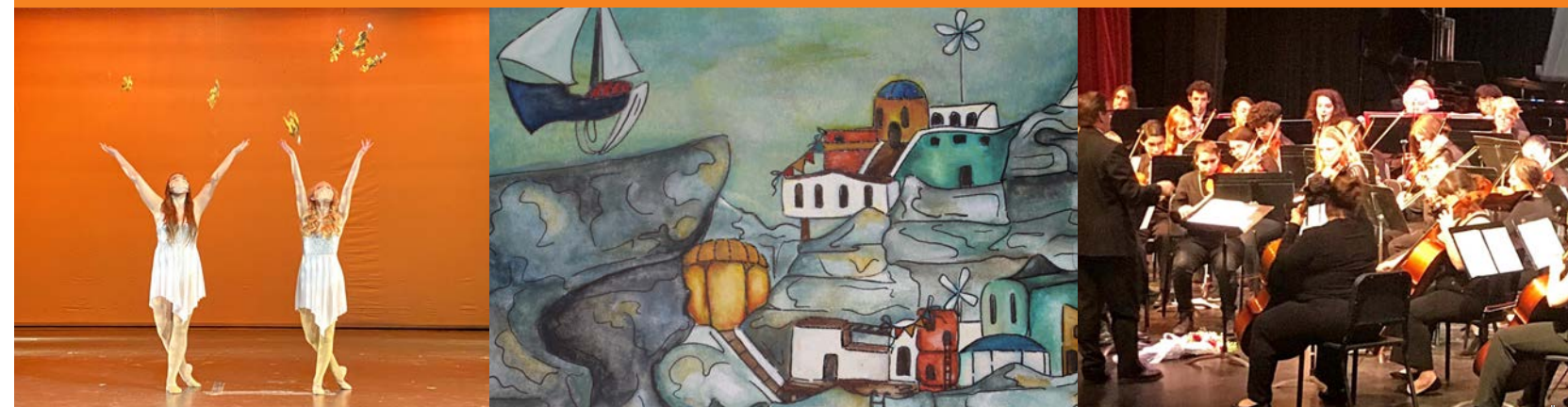
The Arts at the Castle

Greeley Central High School 2021-2022

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



Brian J. Humphrey is the Theatre Teacher and Thespian Troupe Director for Greeley Central High School's Arts Magnet Program. In addition to teaching, Mr. Humphrey is an author, director, actor, and most recently, a founding company member and sailor clown with Soul Penny Circus in Denver. Brian 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 theatre, he is likely playing with his two brilliant young mischief-making boys, and watching horror movies with his enchanting wife.



Christy O'Connell-Black began her dance training with traditional Irish Step Dancing in Michigan, receiving second place nationally at age 7. After dancing professionally with Michigan Classic Ballet Company, she attended the University of Northern Colorado, receiving her B.A. in Dance Performance/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 (2008) and dance instructor (2009) as well as adjunct professor for UNC's College of Performing and Visual Arts. She continually works to support strong dance education in schools by working with the CO Dept. of Education and coordinating the Master of Arts in Dance Education at UNC and is a proud board member of the Greeley Arts Legacy. Christy choreographs for a wide variety of dance organizations and musical theatre ensembles while sharing her passion for dance with her students at GCHS. She spends her downtime dancing with her daughter, Laynian, and husband, Monte.



Starting his 13th year 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 for the last 9 years 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 Philharmonic, Wind Symphony, Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band and Percussion Ensembles. He has also performed with the 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.



Mrs. 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 19 years. She has taught Visual Arts and Special Education classes at the middle school level in the Adams 12 Five Star School District from 2000-2005. In 2006, Mrs. Moore began teaching in Weld County District 6 and taught Reading, Math Interventions, 3rd grade and Art at Madison Elementary, Frontier Academy Elementary and Jackson Elementary. This is her 5th year teaching Art at Central High School. In her spare time she enjoys time spent with her husband and two children camping, fishing and playing cards. She also enjoys creating jewelry, pottery, watching movies, gardening, reading history books and listening to music and walking her dogs. 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!



Dusty Munger is in his 11th year teaching and second year at Greeley Central where he directs the Orchestras, Music Technology, and Class Guitar. Dusty received his Bachelor degrees in Guitar Performance and Music Education from Mesa State College and completed Suzuki registration for Double Bass. Mr. Munger performs as a freelance bassist/guitarist in the greater metro area and maintains an active private lesson studio. Mr. Munger previously served as the bass coach for the C*ASTA Middle School String Camp (now Camp Con Brio) and Western Slope Representative for Colorado American String Teachers Association. Dusty enjoys getting lost in the woods for a weekend with his kids.



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, starting as a paraeducator at Greeley West High School, then moving to an art teacher position at Jefferson High School from 2013-2019, then the art teacher at Bella Romero (4-8) from 2019-2021, and is beyond excited to begin her journey as part of Greeley Central High School's Arts Magnet Program. 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.

For more information on arts programming at GCHS, call 970-348-5093 or email cblack@greeleyschools.org



Arts Magnet Faculty



Joni Wilson earned her Bachelors of Arts Education with an emphasis in Painting from the University of Northern Colorado. She has been teaching visual art in Colorado for twelve years. This year Joni will be teaching all Painting levels, and AP Art & Design. She is the co-chair for Greeley's Youth Arts Month Arts Walk that happens each first Friday of March throughout downtown Greeley. She has had many exhibits of her paintings in the Northern Colorado area. In addition to loving and teaching the visual arts Mrs. Wilson enjoys being a new mom, hiking in the mountains, walks with her dog, cooking, reading, and nerding out on coffee with her husband.



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 16th year teaching and 10th year at Greeley Central High School where he directs the vocal music ensembles, teaches Music History and AP Music Theory, and serves as the music chair for the Arts Magnet Program. 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 on the Greeley Children's Chorale board of directors and helps lead the music ministry at Bethel Baptist Church in Greeley.

Janet McGlaughlin is excited for her fifth 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 travelling with her husband and two daughters



Joy Goetz Connors began her undergraduate studies at the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio where she did coursework in music education with emphasis on voice, piano, and choral music. Ms. Connors pursued a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Anderson University and she received a Master's degree in Music Technology from Indiana University. Ms. Connors served as an adjunct faculty member at IUPUI School of Music, Indianapolis, where she taught piano classes and music education classes. For the last thirty plus years Ms. Connors has been an active public-school music educator, choral director, bell choir director, vocal coach, soloist, pianist, organist a church music director in Ohio, California, and Indiana. A self-proclaimed "music geek", she was twice awarded the Lilly Endowment teacher creativity fellowships. In 2018 Ms. Connors relocated to Colorado where she continues to work in the field of Music Education. She presently is the Director of Education and a piano instructor at Flourish Music Academy in Greeley. In her spare time Ms. Connors cares for her two beautiful Boston terrier dogs and loves to hike!

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 2021/2022 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

