2019-20
HARVARD-WESTLAKE
PERFORMING ARTS
UPPER SCHOOL MUSICAL, INTO THE WOODS
Fri 11/8 at 7:30 pm, Sat 11/9 at 7:30 pm, Sun 11/10 at 3:30 pm, Mon 11/11 at 5:30 pm (reserved for students and faculty/staff)
Rugby Auditorium at the Upper School
$15 (reserved seating; tickets required)
With music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine, Into the Woods has received multiple awards, including Tonys for Best Score and Best Book and Drama Desk Awards for Outstanding Musical, Lyrics, and Book. The show follows beloved fairy tale characters as they set out to make their wishes come true, only to discover that some stories don’t turn out as expected.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL, VIOLET
Fri 11/22 at 7 pm, Sat 11/23 at 7 pm, Sun 11/24 at 1 pm
Saperstein Theatre at the Middle School
$12 (reserved seating; tickets required)
Inspired by Doris Betts’s short story “The Ugliest Pilgrim,” Violet is a moving musical featuring show-stopping anthems ranging from American roots to folk to gospel. Violet won the Drama Critics’ Circle Award and Lucille Lortel Award for Best Musical in 1997 and was nominated for a Tony in 2014. With a score from Tony-winning composer Jeanine Tesori and book and lyrics by the acclaimed Brian Crawley, Violet has astounded critics and audiences alike over more than two decades.

UPPER SCHOOL FALL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT
Fri 11/22 at 7:30 pm
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in North Hollywood
Join our three outstanding classical instrumental music ensembles in the acoustically stunning Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Camerata Strings, Wind Ensemble, and Symphony will perform a wide array of pieces from their semester’s work.

UPPER SCHOOL ART OF DANCE SHOWCASE
Tue 12/3 at 4 pm
Chalmers Dance Studio at the Upper School
Come to this intimate performance featuring the Art of Dance 1 and Art of Dance 2 classes, including a variety of dances choreographed and performed by the students themselves.

UPPER SCHOOL WINTER JAZZ CONCERT
Fri 12/6 at 7:30 pm
Rugby Auditorium at the Upper School
Join the award-winning Harvard-Westlake jazz program for the annual fall semester concert, featuring both large and small ensemble jazz and an exciting repertoire of pop, R&B, bebop, and classic big band jazz.
FEAST OF TRADITIONS FEATURING THE HARVARD-WESTLAKE UPPER SCHOOL JAZZ SINGERS
Sun 12/8 at 5 pm
St. Saviour’s Chapel at the Upper School
The Harvard-Westlake Jazz Singers debut this contemplative offering of poetry, prose, and sweet music with a live jazz combo.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT
Fri 12/13 at 7 pm
Saperstein Theatre at the Middle School
Join us for an evening of instrumental music performed by middle school musicians in Beginning Strings, Beginning Band, Concert Strings, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and the Middle School Symphony.

ADVENT, THE UPPER SCHOOL WINTER CHORAL CELEBRATION
Sat 12/14 at 7:30 pm
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in North Hollywood
The combined upper school choirs offer music exploring themes of advent, contemplating arrival, emergence, and birth and the dawn that follows the darkness.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER CHORAL CONCERT
Thu 12/19 at 7 pm
Saperstein Theatre at the Middle School
Join us for an evening of choral music performed by middle school singers in Boys’ Chorus, Girls’ Chorus, Wolverine Singers, Vocal Ensemble, and Madrigals.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTING CLASS SCENE NIGHT
Tue 1/14 at 7 pm
Katzenberg Black Box Theatre at the Middle School
Ninth grade Acting class students perform prepared scene work and monologues as a culmination of their semester’s work.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTEMPORARY DANCE WORKSHOP SHOWCASE
Thu 1/16 at 7 pm
Saperstein Theatre at the Middle School
Join us for a short presentation of original choreography by the students of Contemporary Dance Workshop 1 and 2.

MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BIG BAND CONCERT
Fri 1/31 at 7 pm
Saperstein Theatre at the Middle School
The Middle School Jazz Band presents their winter big band and jazz combo concert.
MIDDLE SCHOOL RHYTHM SECTION WORKSHOP SHOWCASE
Fri 2/7 at 4 pm
Katzenberg Black Box Theatre at the Middle School
Time to rock and roll! Students from Rhythm Section Workshop classes along with special guests will perform a variety of songs. This year will feature a performance of side two of the Beatles' *Abbey Road* in its entirety to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the album’s release.

UPPER SCHOOL WINTER PLAY, STREET SCENE
Fri 2/7 at 7:30 pm, Sat 2/8 at 7:30 pm, Sun 2/9 at 3:30 pm
Rugby Auditorium at the Upper School
$15 (reserved seating; tickets required)
Ninety years ago, Elmer Rice won the Pulitzer Prize for this searing look at the great experiment that is the American melting pot. A fresh take on this unsettling piece of social commentary reminds us to look more deeply into each other’s hearts—and our own.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMBER MUSIC AND SOLO CONCERT
Sun 2/9 at 1 pm
Saperstein Theatre at the Middle School
The Harvard-Westlake Middle School Symphony and select classical pianists perform a variety of advanced chamber music and solo works.

UPPER SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT
Fri 2/21 at 7:30 pm
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in North Hollywood
Come hear the Symphony Orchestra, Camerata Strings, Wind Ensemble, and other HW students play a variety of classical instrumental music.

UPPER SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT II
Sat 2/22 at 4 pm
Feldman-Horn Gallery and St. Saviour’s Chapel at the Upper School
Experience more exciting chamber music from HW Symphony musicians in two historic spaces on the US campus.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOCAL SOLO SHOW
Sun 2/23 at 1 pm
Saperstein Theatre at the Middle School
This concert features individual and group vocal performances carefully selected by audition. Performers are all in advanced middle school choirs.

UPPER SCHOOL DANCE CONCERT
Fri 3/13 at 7:30 pm, Sat 3/14 at 7:30 pm, Sun 3/15 at 3:30 pm
Rugby Auditorium at the Upper School
$15 (reserved seating; tickets required)
Come see this kinetic show performed by our Advanced Dance students and created in collaboration with student choreographers. You won’t want to miss this exquisite performance of thought-provoking, entertaining dance.
MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE PRODUCTION
Fri 3/20 and Sat 3/21 at 7 pm
Saperstein Theatre at the Middle School
$12 (reserved seating; tickets required)
This thrilling performance is conceptualized and created by the performers themselves. Students collaborate as an ensemble in an extensive creative process to brainstorm the show’s central theme, develop a meaningful dance narrative, and figure out how to tell the story through their choreography. You will see a wide range of dance styles performed by our most advanced dancers in this 60-minute work of art.

UPPER SCHOOL JAZZ COMBO CONCERT
Sat 3/21 at 7:30 pm and Sun 3/22 at 4 pm
Rugby Auditorium at the Upper School
Join the Harvard-Westlake jazz program for their annual jazz combo concert featuring the DownBeat Award–winning Jazz Explorers (named best student jazz combo in the U.S. in 2019) and several other excellent student-led jazz combos. The bands will play clever arrangements of jazz classics as well as original music composed by student musicians. This is the jazz program’s final performance prior to their European jazz tour of Poland and the Czech Republic this spring.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT
Sat 4/24 at 7 pm
Saperstein Theatre at the Middle School
Middle school musicians in Beginning Strings, Beginning Band, Concert Strings, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and the Middle School Symphony perform their year-end classical music concert.

UPPER SCHOOL SPRING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT
Fri 4/26 at 7:30 pm
Emmanuel Lutheran Church in North Hollywood
Come hear students in the classical instrumental music program play their final performance of the year.

UPPER SCHOOL ART OF DANCE SHOWCASE
Tues 4/28 and Wed 4/29 at 4 pm
Chalmers Dance Studio at the Upper School
Students in the upper school dance program perform an exciting presentation of their semester’s work.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING PLAY, ARSENIC AND OLD LACE
Thu 4/30 at 7 pm, Fri 5/1 at 7 pm, Sat 5/2 at 7 pm, Sun 5/3 at 1 pm
Katzenberg Black Box Theatre at the Middle School
$12 (reserved seating; tickets required)
Mortimer Brewster is living a happy life with a steady job and a new fiancée. But while visiting his sweet spinster aunts to announce his engagement, he is shocked to discover that they have been poisoning lonely old men for years! When Mortimer’s manicatal brother returns on the night that the aunts were planning to bury their newest victim, Mortimer must rally to help his aunts and protect his fiancée—all while trying to keep his own sanity. An uproarious farce, Arsenic and Old Lace has become a timeless favorite.
UPPER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING BIG BAND CONCERT
Thursday 4/30 at 7:30 pm
Rugby Auditorium at the Upper School
Music directors Shawn Costantino and Starr Schaftel Wayne join forces to present all four of the Harvard-Westlake large jazz ensembles at HW. Come celebrate a year of amazing work in the classroom, on the stage, in the recording studio, and overseas! The final on-campus jazz event of the year features four jazz big bands playing modern and classic jazz with a big band sound.

UPPER SCHOOL MAJOR WORKS CONCERT FEATURING HIWATHA’S WEDDING FEAST WITH THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, CAMERATA STRINGS, WIND ENSEMBLE, AND COMBINED CHOIRS
Fri 5/1 at 7:30 pm and Sat 5/2 at 7:30 pm
Emmanuel Lutheran Church of North Hollywood
This performance of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor’s late Victorian-era masterpiece features the upper school symphony and string groups.

UPPER SCHOOL COMEDY IMPROV SHOW FEATURING THE JACKANAPES
Fri 5/8 at 4 pm and 7 pm
Rugby Auditorium at the Upper School
$5
Laugh with the Jackanapes as they improvise scenes and songs based on audience suggestions. Anything can happen!

UPPER SCHOOL COMEDY IMPROV SHOW FEATURING THE ORANGAGANG
Sat 5/9 at 2 pm
Drama Lab at the Upper School
$5
HW’s newest improv ensemble performs scenes and songs based on audience suggestions. Come enjoy the fun!

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING CHORAL CONCERT
Sat 5/9 at 7 pm
Saperstein Theatre at the Middle School
Join us for our year-end concert performed by our Middle School Boys’ Chorus, Girls’ Chorus, Vocal Ensemble, and Madrigals.

UPPER SCHOOL COMEDY IMPROV TROUPE THE SCENEMONKEYS’ ANNUAL MOTHER’S DAY SHOW
Sun 5/10 at 5 pm
Hollywood Improv (tickets sold at venue)
HW’s advanced improv ensemble celebrates Mother’s Day with their performance at the world-famous comedy club the Hollywood Improv. Bring your mom for dinner and a show!
MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTING CLASS SCENE NIGHT  
Tue 5/12 at 7 pm  
Katzenberg Black Box Theatre at the Middle School  
Ninth grade Acting class students perform prepared scene work and monologues as a culmination of their semester’s work.

UPPER SCHOOL COMEDY IMPROV SHOW FEATURING THE SCENEMONKEYS  
Fri 5/15 at 4 pm and 7 pm  
Rugby Auditorium at the Upper School  
$5  
HW’s advanced improv ensemble creates scenes and songs on the spot based on audience suggestions. Come enjoy the wild creativity, joyful storytelling, and nonstop hilarity!

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTEMPORARY DANCE WORKSHOP SHOWCASE  
Wed 5/20 at 7 pm  
Saperstein Theatre at the Middle School  
Join us for the second semester presentation of original choreography by the students of Contemporary Dance Workshop 1 and 2.

MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL JAZZ IN THE BLACK BOX CONCERT  
Thu 5/21 at 7 pm  
Katzenberg Black Box Theatre at the Middle School  
The final jazz performance of the year, Jazz in the Black Box, features the Middle School Jazz Combos and Middle School Big Band with guests the Upper School Jazz Explorers. The Black Box Theatre is transformed into a jazz club—don’t miss it!

HARVARD-WESTLAKE PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL  
Thu 5/21 at 7:30 pm, Fri 5/22 at 7:30, Sat 5/23 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm  
Rugby Auditorium at the Upper School  
$10 (reserved seating; tickets required)  
Witness part of the next generation of literary voices during our annual world premiere of student-written one-act plays.

SENIOR CLASS MUSICAL SHOWCASE  
Tue 5/26  
Senior Art Exhibition at 5 pm  
Senior Music Showcase at 7:30 pm  
Rugby Auditorium and Feldman-Horn Gallery at the Upper School  
Along with a beautifully curated senior art exhibition in Feldman-Horn, this musical and visual arts collaboration features vocal solos and senior members of the orchestras, choirs, and jazz ensembles playing in Rugby Auditorium.
TICKETS
For tickets, go to hw.com/boxoffice. If a ticket price is not listed for a performance, you do not need a ticket; the show is free. All performances are open to the public.

PARKING AND DIRECTIONS
There will be signs on campus for parking and to direct you to the performance.
For campus maps, see hw.com/maps

PERFORMING ARTS AT HARVARD-WESTLAKE
Harvard-Westlake’s performing arts department is comprehensive and multidisciplinary. We recognize the value of artistic expression in developing knowledgeable, empathetic arts advocates and creative, vibrant contributors to society. The performing arts program at Harvard-Westlake is rooted in process over outcome, ensemble over self, and a thorough study of both the theoretical and practical aspects of the performing arts. Harvard-Westlake offers comprehensive arts education from beginning to pre-conservatory levels in dance; drama; instrumental music: classical, jazz, and commercial; music production; music theory; and vocal music.
For more information, see hw.com/performingarts

PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER PROGRAM
Harvard-Westlake offers a wide range of summer performing arts classes. Rising fifth to seventh graders can take classes in dance, theater, vocal performance, and instrumental performance in our North Faring Exploration program, while advanced dancers can experience a week of master classes in our Summer Dance Intensive, part of the Coldwater Prep program. For more information, check out hw.com/summer

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