

HARVARD
WESTLAKE
SCHOOL

2023-2024

PERFORMING ARTS





FRIDAY

10/6

7:30 PM

UPPER SCHOOL

JAZZ BAND COMBOS + JON HATAMIYA BIG BAND

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Join the Harvard-Westlake jazz program to hear the top two combos, featuring the DownBeat Award-winning Jazz Explorers (named best student jazz combo in the U.S. in 2019) and the Advanced Jazz Combo. Following these two combos, the Jon Hatamiya Big Band will play a set of original, contemporary music.

THURSDAY

10/26

4:00 PM

FRIDAY

10/27

7:30 PM

SATURDAY

10/28

2:30 PM / 7:30 PM

UPPER SCHOOL PLAY

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

By William Shakespeare

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Both Beatrice and Benedick have sworn up and down that they shall never marry. But they doth protest too much.... Everyone around them can see through their endless sparring to the heart of the matter: they are actually in love. One of Shakespeare's most popular comedies, *Much Ado* is a madcap romp through stratagems and rumors that lead to near-catastrophe and inevitable romance.

TICKETS: \$15

(FREE FOR STUDENTS & FACULTY/STAFF; TICKETS REQUIRED)

THURSDAY
11/9
4:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL *ONCE ON THIS ISLAND*

Book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ti Moune, a peasant girl, rescues Daniel, a rich kid from the other side of the island, and they fall in love. Meanwhile, the gods who oversee the island bet on which is stronger, love or death—with Ti Moune's life hanging in the balance.

TICKETS: \$15 (FREE FOR STUDENTS & FACULTY/STAFF; TICKETS REQUIRED)

WEDNESDAY
11/15
7:30 PM

UPPER SCHOOL FALL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Our outstanding classical instrumental music ensembles—the Upper School Symphony and Harvard-Westlake Chamber Orchestra—perform a wide array of pieces from their semester's work.

FRIDAY
12/1
7:30 PM

UPPER SCHOOL WINTER JAZZ CONCERT

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.

THURSDAY
12/7
7:30 PM

UPPER SCHOOL WINTER CHORAL CONCERT

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT
THE UPPER SCHOOL

Wolverine Chorus, Bel Canto, Chamber Singers, and Jazz Singers perform a diverse selection of choral treasures.

FRIDAY
12/8
7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT
THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The middle school classical ensembles, including Beginning Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Beginning Strings, Concert Strings, and the Middle School Symphony, perform in this winter showcase.

THURSDAY
12/14
7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER CHORAL CONCERT

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT
THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Join us for an evening of choral music performed by middle school singers in Treble Chorus, Tenor Chorus, Wolverine Singers, Vocal Ensemble, and Madrigals.



FRIDAY

1/12

4:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL SOLO SHOW

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT
THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

This solo recital features advanced classical instrumentalists from the middle school.

WEDNESDAY

1/17

4:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTING SCENE NIGHT

KATZENBERG BLACK BOX THEATRE
AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ninth grade acting students perform prepared scene work and monologues as a culmination of their semester's work.

THURSDAY

1/18

7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONTEMPORARY DANCE WORKSHOP SHOWCASE

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students of Contemporary Dance Workshop 1 & 2 perform a wide variety of contemporary dance styles, from jazz and hip-hop to ballet and modern, in this exciting evening of original choreographic works. Follow us on Instagram: @hwmsdance

FRIDAY

1/19

7:00 PM

UPPER SCHOOL ACTING I: VOICE & MOVEMENT SHOWCASE

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT
THE UPPER SCHOOL

Upper school students share their culminating performance from this semester-long course focused on developing the creative expression of body and voice. The class will present scenes and monologues from classical and contemporary works, as well as original pieces developed by the students.

SATURDAY

1/20

7:00 PM

UPPER SCHOOL ADVANCED PERFORMANCE STUDIES PRODUCTION

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT
THE UPPER SCHOOL

Advanced upper school acting students present a full-length play (title to be announced). Students collaborate on all facets of production for this culminating project.

FRIDAY

1/26

7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL JAZZ BIG BAND CONCERT

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT
THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Winter Jazz Big Band Concert features the Middle School Jazz Band performing big band jazz music along with the Middle School Blue Note Combo and Middle School Jazz Explorers performing classic jazz combo music.

THURSDAY

2/8

4:00 PM

FRIDAY

2/9

7:30 PM

SATURDAY

2/10

7:30 PM

SUNDAY

2/11

2:30 PM

UPPER SCHOOL MUSICAL

SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET

Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by Hugh Wheeler

Based on the play of the same name by Christopher Bond

Inspired by the Victorian-era penny dreadful *String of Pearls*

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

In the shadowy streets of Victorian London ghosts wander, justice is elusive, morality is blurry—and a good meat pie is hard to find. After being unjustly imprisoned, Sweeney Todd escapes back to London seeking the family he was forced to leave behind...and revenge on the judge who falsely convicted him. Allied with his former landlady of questionable repute and sinister baking skills, he reclaims his barber's razor and sets out to avenge himself on the world. Come try a little taste of this bloody, shocking, musically thrilling tale of Sweeney Todd...if you dare!

TICKETS: \$15

(FREE FOR STUDENTS & FACULTY/STAFF; TICKETS REQUIRED)

FRIDAY

2/9

7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHAMBER MUSIC & SOLO CONCERT

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students from the Middle School Symphony perform classical solo, chamber music, and orchestral works.

SATURDAY

2/24

2:30 PM

UPPER SCHOOL

CHAMBER MUSIC & SOLO CONCERT

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Students from the Harvard-Westlake Chamber Orchestra perform classical solo, chamber music, and orchestral works.

SUNDAY

2/25

1:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL

VOCAL SOLO SHOW

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

This concert features individual and small group vocal performances carefully selected by audition. Performers are all in advanced middle school choirs.

SATURDAY

2/24

7:30 PM

SUNDAY

2/25

5:30 PM

UPPER SCHOOL

JAZZ COMBO CONCERT

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 small ensembles. The bands will play clever arrangements of jazz classics as well as original music composed by student musicians.

FRIDAY

3/8

7:30PM

SATURDAY

3/9

7:30PM

UPPER SCHOOL DANCE CONCERT

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Dance magnifies the human spirit. Come witness spirit in motion as we celebrate diversifying the concert stage with classical, contemporary, and cultural dance.

TICKETS: \$15

(FREE FOR STUDENTS & FACULTY / STAFF; TICKETS REQUIRED)

FRIDAY

3/15

7:00PM

SATURDAY

3/16

7:00PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE PRODUCTION

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

This fully produced dance concert is conceptualized and choreographed by the students of Dance Production in collaboration with Dance Director Joe Schenck. Dances of all styles are featured as the dancers take the stage, tell their stories, and express themselves through movement. Follow us on Instagram: @hwmsdance

THURSDAY

04/18

4:00PM

FRIDAY

04/19

7:00PM

SATURDAY

04/20

7:00PM

SUNDAY

04/21

1:00PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING PLAY (TBD)

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

TICKETS: \$15

(FREE FOR STUDENTS & FACULTY / STAFF; TICKETS REQUIRED)

FRIDAY

4/26

4:00PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL RHYTHM SECTION WORKSHOP SHOWCASE

KATZENBERG BLACK BOX THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

It's time to rock and roll! Students from Rhythm Section Workshop classes along with special guests perform a variety of songs from blues to jazz to rock and roll.



FRIDAY

3/15

7:30PM

UPPER SCHOOL SPRING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Our outstanding classical instrumental music ensembles—the Upper School Symphony and Harvard-Westlake Chamber Orchestra—perform a wide array of pieces from their semester's work.

THURSDAY

3/21

7:30PM

UPPER SCHOOL ENGLAND CHOIR TOUR FAREWELL CONCERT

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

A concert featuring Wolverine Chorus, Bel Canto, Chamber Singers, and Jazz Singers playing music they will perform on tour in England March 22–29, 2024.

LIGHTS

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

FRIDAY

4/19

PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL SERIES A PREMIERE

Original one-act plays are written by students and presented by student actors, directors, and crew. In addition to presentations in Rugby Auditorium, some performances are set elsewhere on campus, using the school as the stage.

RUGBY AUDITORIUM & OTHER
LOCATIONS AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

SATURDAY

4/20

PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 2:30PM

PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL SERIES A REPRISÉ

Original one-act plays are written by students and presented by student actors, directors, and crew. In addition to presentations in Rugby Auditorium, some performances are set elsewhere on campus, using the school as the stage.

RUGBY AUDITORIUM & OTHER
LOCATIONS AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

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PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL SERIES B PREMIERE

Original one-act plays are written by students and presented by student actors, directors, and crew. In addition to presentations in Rugby Auditorium, some performances are set elsewhere on campus, using the school as the stage.

RUGBY AUDITORIUM & OTHER
LOCATIONS AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

THURSDAY

4/25

7:00PM

UPPER SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES

Our outstanding classical instrumental music ensembles—the Upper School Symphony and Harvard-Westlake Chamber Orchestra—present a wide array of pieces for their final performance of the school year.

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT
THE UPPER SCHOOL

FRIDAY

4/26

7:30PM

UPPER SCHOOL JAZZ PERFORMANCES

See the upper school jazz bands (with a guest appearance from the Middle School Jazz Band) in their last appearance of the year.

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT
THE UPPER SCHOOL

UP

FREE ADMISSION

**SUNDAY
4/21**

PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 2:30PM

PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL SERIES B REPRISE

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**RUGBY AUDITORIUM & OTHER
LOCATIONS AT THE UPPER SCHOOL**

**SATURDAY
4/27**

2:00PM

UPPER SCHOOL SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

Fresh from our England choir tour, our upper school choirs join forces to perform music inspired by the English choral tradition.

**RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT
THE UPPER SCHOOL**

**SATURDAY
4/27**

6:00PM

CLOSING BBQ

Enjoy dinner with the performers.

UPPER SCHOOL QUAD



**FRIDAY
5/10**

7:00PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

**SAPERSTEIN THEATRE
AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Combined Band Ensemble, the Symphonic Band, the Combined String Ensemble, and the Middle School Symphony perform in the middle school's final classical instrumental concert of the year.

**FRIDAY
5/10**

4:00PM & 7:00PM

**FRIDAY
5/17**

4:00PM & 7:00PM

UPPER SCHOOL IMPROV SHOWS

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Come enjoy the wild creativity, joyful storytelling, and wacky hilarity as HW's improv troupes create scenes and songs based on audience suggestions. Expect the unexpected—and a whole lot of laughs!

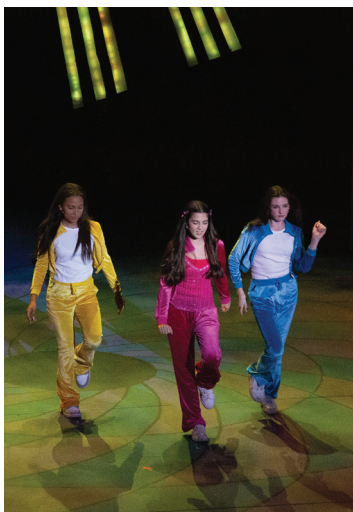
THURSDAY
5/16

7:00 PM

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPRING CONTEMPORARY
DANCE SHOWCASE**

**SAPERSTEIN THEATRE
AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Students of Contemporary Dance Workshop 1 & 2 perform a wide variety of contemporary dance styles, from jazz and hip-hop to ballet and modern, in this exciting evening of original choreographic works. Follow us on Instagram: @hwmsdance



FRIDAY

5/17

7:00 PM

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
JAZZ BIG BAND &
COMBO CONCERT**

**KATZENBERG BLACK BOX THEATRE
AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The Middle School Jazz Explorers and Blue Note Combo along with the Middle School Jazz Band play in a jazz nightclub-style setting.

THURSDAY

5/23

7:00 PM

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPRING CHORAL CONCERT**

**SAPERSTEIN THEATRE
AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Join us for an evening of choral music performed by middle school singers in Treble Chorus, Tenor Chorus, Wolverine Singers, Vocal Ensemble, and Madrigals.

THURSDAY

5/23

4:00 PM

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
ACTING SCENE NIGHT**

**KATZENBERG BLACK BOX THEATRE
AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Ninth grade acting students perform prepared scene work and monologues as a culmination of their semester's work.

THURSDAY

5/23

7:00 PM

**UPPER SCHOOL
ACTING SHOWCASES**

**RUGBY AUDITORIUM
AT THE UPPER SCHOOL**

Come support our final projects from a year of hard work and for the first time being fully produced on our mainstage!

THURSDAY

5/23

4:00 PM

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
INTRODUCTION TO
CONTEMPORARY DANCE
SHOWCASE**

**SAPERSTEIN THEATRE
AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Introduction to Contemporary Dance students take the stage in an exciting performance of music and movement.

TUESDAY

5/28

7:00 PM

SENIOR SOLO NIGHT

**RUGBY AUDITORIUM
AT THE UPPER SCHOOL**

This is the last chance for HW seniors to take the stage with any material they would like to present! From singing to dancing to comedy to a hot mic, please enjoy this two-act night of saying goodbye to our senior performers.



TICKETS

For tickets, go to hw.com/boxofficetix
If a ticket price is not listed for a performance,
you do not need a ticket and 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/about/directions-maps

UPPER SCHOOL CAMPUS

3700 COLDWATER CANYON AVENUE
STUDIO CITY, CA 91604

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS

700 NORTH FARING ROAD
LOS ANGELES, CA 90077

PERFORMING ARTS AT HARVARD-WESTLAKE

The performing arts department recognizes the value
of artistic expression to the healthy development of the
individual and the well-being of society. The study and
practice of the performing arts encompasses creativity,
technique, fundamental knowledge of classical works, a
contemporary perspective, and an understanding of form.
Harvard-Westlake's middle and upper school performing
arts programs are dedicated to exploring and nurturing
the creative process of students as individual performers
and ensemble members.

For more information, see hw.com/arts/performing-arts

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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