



**SC Governor's School  
for the Arts and Humanities**

# DRAMA



## THE IDEAL STUDENT

The Drama Department seeks passionate, hard-working, imaginative students who are excited to push their perceived limits, discover new potential, and collaborate with others in their pursuit of becoming pre-professional actors.

## PROGRAM OFFERINGS

### Residential High School Program

A two-year program for high school juniors and seniors. Tuition is free for accepted students. Students apply in 10th grade.

### Academy Program

A two-week summer program for rising 10th grade students who apply in 9th grade.

### Arts Odyssey Program

A one-week summer program for rising 8th and 9th grade students who apply in 7th or 8th grade. Students do not audition for this program.

## AUDITION PROCESS

Applicants for the Residential High School and Academy programs will perform monologues, sing a song, and engage in a personal interview with a panel of theatre professionals. Review the complete application and audition requirements at

The **Drama Program** provides an intensive training experience that prepares emerging actors for careers on stage and screen. Students take classes in acting, movement, dance, voice, speech, singing, performance, and special topics, led by accomplished professionals in each specialty. Students perform in a variety of settings including scene presentations, showcases, workshops, cabarets, and main stage productions. Seniors have a chance to participate in the Unified Theatre Auditions in New York and Chicago, where they audition to attend the nation's top colleges and conservatory theatre programs.

"The important thing is not how much previous experience students have. It's about the depth of their desire, the scope of their creativity, their compassion for those around them, and their drive to prepare the mind, body, and spirit for the high calling of being an actor and an artist."

- Daniel Murray, Drama Department Chair

## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

- **Wrenn Schmidt** (Drama 2011) has appeared in such films as *13 Hours* and *I Saw The Light* alongside Tom Hiddleston, as well as in the FX series *The Americans*, and is a series regular in *Outcast*. She now appears alongside Jeff Daniels as a regular on Hulu's *The Looming Tower*.
- **Danielle Brooks** (Drama, 2007) was nominated for a 2016 Tony Award for her performance as Sophia in the Broadway revival of *The Color Purple* and received a Grammy Award for the Best Cast Recording of a Musical. Brooks also plays the beloved character Taystee in the Netflix original series *Orange is the New Black*.
- **Brandon Hall** (Drama, 2011), graduate of The Juilliard School, stars in the CBS series *God Friended Me*. He was series regular on the TBS comedy *Search Party* and was cast as the lead in an ABC sitcom called *The Mayor*.
- **Patina Miller** (Drama, 2002), received a Tony Award for her lead in *Pippin*, portrayed Commander Paylor in *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Parts 1 and 2*, and press coordinator Daisy Grant in the second season of CBS's *Madam Secretary*. She currently stars in the PBS drama *Mercy Street* as Charlotte Jenkins.



# 2020-2021 STUDENT PROGRAMS



The South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities cultivates young artists from across the state through pre-professional training in the areas of Creative Writing, Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts. Students learn from world-renowned faculty who are established, practicing artists. Nestled behind Falls Park in scenic downtown Greenville, students live in a safe and supportive environment where they have everything they need to pursue their artistic passion and discover who they are as individuals and as artists. Any South Carolina resident in grades 6-10 can apply to the Governor's School's various programs.

## RESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOL

As a public, residential high school, students explore and refine their talents in a one-of-a-kind, master/apprentice community while receiving a nationally recognized academic education that fulfills the requirements for a South Carolina high school diploma.

Juniors and seniors, as well as exceptional sophomores in Music and Dance, live on campus for the typical school year.

Students apply in the 10th grade for Creative Writing, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts and in the 9th or 10th grade for Dance. All students choose one art area and explore various mediums or disciplines within that area with established arts faculty. Students audition to attend and must be a South Carolina resident to apply.

- Recognized as one of the top high schools in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Daily Beast*.
- SAT/ACT scores rank consistently above state and national averages.
- Designated as an "Exemplary School" for 2017-2019 by the Art Schools Network.

**Application Fee: \$50 • Tuition: Free**  
**Meal Plan: \$3,450\***  
**Residence Hall Fee: \$150**

*Full and partial scholarships are available based on validated financial need.*

*\*Fees are based on previous year and are subject to change.*

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### Arts Odyssey • June 14 - 19 or June 21 - 26

A one-week program for rising 8th and 9th grade students. Offers Creative Writing, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts.

- Students apply in 7th and 8th grades
- Program Fee: \$500,\* no application fee

### Academy Program • July 5 - 18

A two-week program for rising 10th grade students. Offers Creative Writing, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts. Students audition to attend.

- Students apply in 9th grade
- Program Fee: \$950\* plus \$25 application fee

### Summer Dance Program • June 14 - July 18

A five-week intensive program which offers pre-professional training in ballet and modern dance for rising 7th-12th grade students. Students audition to attend. This program also accepts out-of-state students.

- Students apply in 6th-11th grades and must be 12 years old by June 1, 2019
- Program Fee: \$2,100\* plus \$25 application fee

*Full and partial scholarships are available for all summer programs based on validated financial need.*

*\*Fees are based on previous year and are subject to change.*

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

- **October 4, 2019:** For Early Decision Dance
- **November 30, 2019:** For Application Fee Waiver
- **December 13, 2019:** For Arts Odyssey
- **January 8, 2020:** For Residential High School, Academy, and Regular Decision Dance

APPLY ONLINE AT  
**SCGSAH.ORG**

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