

AUDITIONS

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The Cleveland School of the Arts is pleased to announce that auditions will be held on Saturday, March 13th and 20th for students interested in applying for the **2010-2011 school year**. The audition process takes about **2-3 hours** for students as parents are expected to remain in the school building as auditions are being held. A student can only audition in one area of his or her choice. No appointments are necessary.

KINDERGARTEN—3RD GRADE: K-3 Auditions will be held for the Lower Campus. Parents have an application and some questions to answer as students will be judged on creativity, movement, communication skills and willingness to learn.

BRING

1. A **copy** of the **most recent report card** for our records
2. A **copy** of the most **current IEP** if a student requires special educational services
3. A **Recommendation** completed by current **arts area teacher**

PREPARING FOR THE AUDITION

ART: Bring a recent work that your child is proud of from a portfolio or a sketchbook. Cartoon drawings should not be included. At the audition, materials will be provided and you will be asked to draw a "still life" from observation. Your work will be judged on composition, use of space and execution. (Grades 4 – 11)

DANCE: Girls must wear leotards and tights. Boys must wear shorts and white t-shirts. The audition will have two sections: technique and improvisation. Students will be instructed through a technique class of ballet, modern and jazz. Judges will consider body structure, movement, flow, coordination, rhythmic awareness, and most importantly, the ability to learn. A ballet barre will be provided. (Grades 4 – 11)

THEATRE: Students should come prepared with a memorized 2-3 minute monologue from a play, novel, poem, etc. Two copies of the selection should be provided for the judges. Voice, diction, projection, range (the ability to be heard), movement, characterization and improvisation will all be observed by the judges. (Grades 4 – 11)

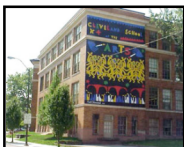
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: (String, Percussion or Wind instruments): Please bring your instrument and music, if possible. Be prepared to play a short piece. Piano and drums will be provided. You will also be asked to sight read a selection. (Grades 4 – 11)

VOCAL MUSIC: Be prepared to sing a song of your choice and bring a copy of the sheet music, for this song if possible. Rap is not acceptable. You will be asked to sing a familiar song such as "America". Intonation, voice quality, pitch, consonants, vowels, breath support and personality will be observed by the judges. (Grades 4 – 11)

LITERARY ARTS: Please bring a portfolio of three pieces of writing (stories, poems, narratives, reports, essays, articles or plays). You will be asked to write on a subject chosen by the Director of the Writing Program. Work will be judged on originality of response, completeness, organization, vocabulary, sentence structure and mechanics. (Grades 9 – 11 Only)

PHOTOGRAPHY: Bring recent work that your child is proud of from a portfolio or a sketchbook including photography. At the audition, materials will be provided and you will be asked to create a photographic composition. Your work will be judged on composition, value, tone, the use of space and execution. (Grades 9 – 11)

WHEN SATURDAY, MARCH 13th & 20th
8:00 AM and 1:00 PM



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The **Cleveland School of the Arts** is a specialty arts school in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District that incorporates all aspects of the arts into its teaching approach. Started in 1981, the school currently enrolls over 1000 students in grades pre-K through twelve. The school is distinguished by its strengths in both academics and arts. In 2009, we received the National Panasonic National School Change Award. In addition to a college preparatory academic curriculum, all students participate in an arts curriculum of their choice: literary arts, dance, music, theatre, or visual arts. Currently we are in the planning stages for a new Pre-K through 12th grade facility that will be located in Cleveland's University Circle, maintaining our current linkages with the city's major cultural and art institutions.

CSA draws students from all areas of the city. In spite of the fact that the majority of students come from families living at or below the poverty level, over 80% go on to institutions of higher learning. CSA students have the highest attendance rates, achievement test scores, graduation and college acceptance rates in the district. Student pride in accomplishment is abundantly evident.

Friends of Cleveland School of the Arts was established in 1982 to provide and fund arts education opportunities at CSA. The Friends organization has raised over \$17 million dollars to support innovative artistic and academic programming for our students. Funds raised have provided program enhancements, and support for exhibits, productions, international tours, and other student events. The Friends of CSA also recently completed a matching 1.5 million dollar endowment campaign through the "Talented Students in the Arts Initiative" of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and the Surdna Foundation. CSA is one of only five schools nationwide to receive this honor. Today, Friends of CSA works in strategic partnership with many generous local, regional and national contributing funders to raise awareness, advocacy and funding in order to build a Premier Arts School.



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