

"TRUTH IN BEAUTY"

The Amplifier

A trimester newsletter from the Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance



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The Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Alliance—GCFAA—strives to assist the Director of Fine Arts, Mark Duray, and other faculty of the department of Fine Arts in any way that is needed. GCFAA serves our young artists as the organization providing crucial time, talent, and treasure necessary to support the efforts of our student-artists. The GCFAA also helps to increase awareness of our fine arts program and the powerful value that it brings to our community. GCFAA consists of parents and friends of the Guerin Catholic Community here in the neighborhood and beyond. We solicit members of the committee, find coordinators for the various events, and invite all to be a part of the Fine Arts Alliance through direct involvement, prayer, support, or financial donation. We need YOU!

Save the Date!

Open Mic

Oct. 27 @ 7pm

Join us in the Cafetorium for Open Mic night. Bring your latest poem, comedic sketch or song of choice to share!

Student Studio

Oct. 17 @ 2 & 7pm

Oct. 18 @ 4:30pm

A Bench in the Park
directed by Nick Kennedy and Luke McLean.

Winter Play

TBA

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
directed by Mike Panasuk.

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Meet the Ensembles!

Guerin Catholic is blessed to have students in over eight ensembles, as well as several other visual art programs.

GoldenVoice

GoldenVoice is a mixed choir of primarily sophomores through seniors performing a variety of repertoire from traditional sacred pieces to twenty-first century works. They have received ISSMA Gold ratings for many consecutive years, and given stellar performances, including one at the World Trade Center Memorial.

Sounds of Providence

Sounds of Providence is a chamber group comprised of primarily upper classmen. They focus on acapella works and renaissance chamber works.

Cecelia

Cecelia is our all women's chorus. Making their debut a few years ago, the women of Cecelia strive to bring truth in beauty to the fine arts department through their beautiful singing, following in the footsteps of their patroness.

Guerin Catholic Girls Next Door

The Guerin Catholic Girls Next Door (GCGND) is an entirely student led women's acapella group. Started in 2011, they have continued to grace Guerin Catholic with a collection of mash-ups and traditional pieces, all with a modern acapella flair.



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Guerin Catholic Gentleman's Choral Group

The Guerin Catholic Gentleman's Choral Group was started in 2010 by a few of Guerin's former musicians. An all male, student led acapella group, they too have graced Guerin Catholic with swoon-worthy performances ranging from classic Christmas carols to a Disney Medley Mash-up.



Orchestra

Guerin Catholic's Orchestra, directed by our own Joey Garcia, has been rapidly growing over the past few years. These talented string players have a wide repertoire ranging from classic pop tunes by Coldplay, to traditional chamber orchestral works.



House Band

Our House Band is sure to get you excited! These talented musicians give their full effort towards creating a sound that is sure to excite and transport into the magical world that is music.



Band ~NEW!

Please give a warm welcome to our newest ensemble, the Band. Open to all students, this band has made it's debut at sporting events and is sure to be a great success. They meet as a zero hour every day of the week and strive for a sound that will not disappoint.



Rejoice! Choral Festival

On September 27, 2015, Guerin Choir Students from all choirs and choir classes, hosted the grade school choirs from the four deanery elementary schools. Elementary and high school children worked together throughout the day on five wonderful pieces, each directed by one of the schools directors. After a lunch break and some fun outside, all were brought back together to receive festival t-shirts and come together in one large group to practice and then perform. A concert of all 300 plus voices was given to parents, friends and patrons. It was a wonderful event and day in which the Spirit of Truth, Beauty and Service was exemplified!.



Up Next: Student Studio

October 17, 2015 at 7pm

October 18, 2015 at 2pm

Guerin Catholic Cafetorium

Join us on October 17-18 for this year's fall student studio production: "A Bench in the Park," directed by Nick Kennedy and Luke McLean. This mysterious tale follows the life of a lonely bench hidden amongst the trails of a local park whereby strangers meet and come to know that they have more in common than they ever imagined.

Where Are They Now? Checking in with our Alums

Lauren Bowers

Class of 2010



Lauren Bowers was no stranger to the Guerin Catholic Fine Arts Department during her time at Guerin Catholic. Throughout her four years she participated in many plays, GoldenVoice, Sounds of Providence, and many musicals. Her most notable Guerin Catholic roles were Rube in *Dames at Sea* in 2009 and the Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical* during her senior year in 2010. After graduating from Guerin Catholic, she attended Hanover College where she participated in sacred choral groups, small jazz ensembles, and voice lessons. Though she was not involved in music theater, she still made sure to keep music as one of her passions while attending the college. She graduated from Hanover in 2014. We checked in with Lauren to see her life with music and fine arts post her higher education:

“After graduating in 2014, I moved back home and started working at Angie’s List in downtown Indianapolis. During those first few months at my new job in my post-grad life, I felt a void; my days were monotonous and consisted of a repetitive schedule of wake up, work, dinner, sleep – and repeat. It was around that time that Willie Wood reached out to me to let me know that he was directing a musical at a local community theater called Footlite Musicals. Willie directed the production of *Dames at Sea* that I starred in my senior year at Guerin, and he has been an influential person in my musical theater experiences. He let me know that he was directing the holiday classic, *White Christmas*. I chose to audition for the show because I truly desired to have music in my life again and to find a community of people to spend time and grow with. I was cast in a small part in *White Christmas*, but I couldn’t have been more grateful.

That small part changed my life; it gave me the creative outlet that I needed to balance my daytime desk job. My involvement in *White Christmas* inspired me to continue my pursuit of theater at Footlite and I’ve since performed in two more shows: *Hairspray* (Spring 2015) and *Nice Work If You Can Get It* (Fall 2015). *Nice Work* was a special show for me, as the production was an Indianapolis premiere – the show is a jukebox musical written around well-known songs by George and Ira Gershwin. I played the leading female role and it was a incredible experience. My experiences at Footlite thus far have taught me so much about musical theater, introduced me to some truly wonderful people, and expanded my day-to-day life beyond a typical 9-to-5 schedule. Many thanks to the Footlite community for welcoming me back to musical theater, to Mr. Willie Wood for introducing me to Footlite, and to Guerin Catholic for sparking my passion of performing.”



Calendar of Events 2015-2016

Date	Event	Ensemble
October 17 th -18 th	Fall Concert (Instrumental and Choral) @ St. Elizabeth Ann-Seaton—7pm	All ensembles
October 27 th	Student Studio Production In the Cafetorium—7pm & 2pm	
October 27 st	Open Mic Night @ Cafetorium—7pm	
October 31 st	University of Indianapolis Choral Invitational	<i>Sounds of Providence</i>
November 1 st	Open House @Guerin Catholic H.S.—TBA	All ensembles
November 23 rd	DEADLINE for ISSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival entries	
December 4 th -5 th	Winter Play In the Cafetorium—7pm	
December 12 th	K of C Indiana State Council Meeting @ Marriott East—4pm	<i>GoldenVoice</i>
December 17 th	Christmas Concert @St. Elizabeth Ann-Seaton—7pm	All ensembles
December 18 th	All School Mass Christmas Concert Convocation	All ensembles
January 26 th	Open Mic Night @ Cafetorium—7pm	
January 30 th	ISSMA District Wind/Percussion/String Solo & Ensemble Festival @Westfield H.S.	
February 6 th	ISSMA District Vocal/Piano Solo & Ensemble Festiveal @Westfield H.S.	
February 20 th	ISSMA State Vocal/Piano Solo & Ensemble Festival	
February 27 th	ISSMA State Wind/Percussion/String Solo & Ensemble Festival	
February 27 th	Deanery Instrumental Music Festival @ Guerin Catholic H.S.—8 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<i>Band & Orchestra</i>
March 10 th -13 th , 17 th -20 th	Spring Musical and Spring Art Show @ Guerin Catholic H.S. – 7:30 p.m.	
March 31 st	Guerin's Got Talent! – 5 th annual talent show In the Gymnasium—convocation	
April 20 th -24 th	Music Department New York City Trip	
April 26 th	Open Mic Night @ Cafetorium—7pm	
April 30 th	ISSMA State Qualification Event	<i>GoldenVoice</i>
May 19 th	Spring Concert @St. Elizabeth Ann-Seaton—7pm	All ensembles
June 2 nd	Baccalaureate Mass TBA	<i>GoldenVoice</i>
June 5 th	2016 Commencement	<i>GoldenVoice; Band; Orchestra</i>

Become a member!

Interested in becoming a member of the GCFAA? For a complete list of opportunities to get involved, proceed to the "How can I become a member?" headline. Alternatively, contact our Co-Presidents with any questions or for more information.

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There are many ways to get involved with the GCFAA, be it through direct involvement, prayer, support, or financial donation.

Be an Archangel! (\$1000)

Includes: 2 GCFAA car decals, 2 GCFAA travel coffee mugs, and donor recognition in event programs.

Be an Angel! (\$500)

Includes: 2 GCFAA car decals, 2 GCFAA travel coffee mugs, and donor recognition in event programs.

Be a Saint! (\$200)

Includes: GCFAA car decal, a GCFAA travel coffee mug, and donor recognition in event programs.

Be a Friend! (\$50)

Includes: GCFAA car decal and donor recognition in event programs.

- ◆ Assist with Art Shows
- ◆ Ticket Sales/Concessions
- ◆ Newsletter/Communications
- ◆ Chaperoning Trips/Events
- ◆ Making Costumes
- ◆ Theatre Set Construction
- ◆ Coordinating Volunteers
- ◆ Meals/Receptions/Hospitality
- ◆ Administrative/Clerical
- ◆ Assist with Outreach