



Lower School Drama Program

New Garden Friends School partners with Greensboro Performing Arts to provide students with an engaging and comprehensive drama program. Instructors from GPA work with students on acting, singing, dancing, and stage presence.



OUR GOAL

To enrich student's lives through musical theatre by focusing on the aspects of performance as well as building camaraderie as an ensemble. We hope to provide a safe space for learning and positive ground for discovering new skills in teamwork and performing and form a community founded on support and encouragement.

PARTICIPANTS (grades 2-6)

Beginning in second grade, students can take part in the Lower School musical production during the first half of the school year. Rehearsals take place in the fall on campus after school and during service learning on Fridays. The performance takes place in early December.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

No experience is necessary. Students may audition for principal roles or many choose to be in the ensemble with no audition requirement.

Families will be asked to submit any schedule conflicts before we complete casting to ensure everyone's time and commitment to the process is honored.

Commitment to the rehearsal process is important for producing a show that everyone is proud of. The personal and community benefits to working through this process together are immeasurable. The skills learned through producing a show together stay with students for a lifetime.

Activity Fee

The extracurricular activity fee for Drama is \$200/year. The fee is billed in FACTS once the cast is confirmed. If this fee causes concerns for your family, please reach out to the NGFS Finance Department at finance@ngfs.org.

SCHEDULE

FALL 2024 Production

The Lower School production will be directed by GPA staff Jason Rune and Amanda Scholtz-Edwards.

Rehearsals are mandatory and will take place on Friday afternoons during service learning (during the school day), after school on Mondays and Fridays, and on Saturday mornings following the schedule below.

Note: Not all students are called for all rehearsals. The rehearsal schedule will be confirmed after directors receive all conflicts and cast the production.

Rehearsal Schedule

Monday - 3:15-5:15 p.m.

Friday - during Service Learning (part of the school day)

Friday - 3:15-4:30 p.m.

Saturday - 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Show dates are Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7, 2024.

Rehearsals during Tech Week (the week of the show) are extended to provide run-through times with costumes and lights on the set. Tech Week will include extended rehearsals on Friday-Monday. Dress rehearsals will be held on Wednesday and Thursday.

SUPPORT

There are opportunities for student volunteers (ex: costuming, set building and painting, prop creation, backstage hands) and community volunteers. Volunteer opportunities for parents/guardians will be shared via email.

INTEREST MEETING - MONDAY, SEPT. 23

GPA staff will be on campus on Monday, Sept. 23 to meet parents/guardians, share more about the program, and answer questions.

There are two time options offered for this meeting: 3:15-3:45 and 6:00-6:30.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing about the Drama program!