

2024-2025

HARVARD
WESTLAKE
SCHOOL



PERFORMING ARTS

SEPTEMBER

FRI
27
7:00 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.

OCTOBER

THU
24
4:00 PM

UPPER SCHOOL PLAY *SHE KILLS MONSTERS*

By Qui Ngyuen

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Agnes Evans is grieving the loss of her younger sister and wishing their relationship had been closer. When Agnes finds her sister's Dungeons and Dragons notebook, she is launched on an action-packed adventure into the imaginary world that was her sister's refuge. In this world where the players create their own identities and write their own stories, she discovers hidden truths about Tilly...and herself. Complete with epic stage battles, nasty ogres, evil cheerleaders, and a '90s rock soundtrack, this GLADD Media Award-nominated play is a heart-pounding tribute to the nerd and warrior in us all.

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

TICKETS: \$15

FRI
25
7:00 PM

SAT
26
2:00 PM
7:00 PM

UPPER SCHOOL CHORAL #1 CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES

THE CHAPEL AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

The Harvard-Westlake upper school choirs have earned numerous awards and accolades over the last 30 years. They have performed in historic venues and prestigious festivals and conferences throughout the United States and all over the world. They tour internationally on a regular basis and are recognized as one of the premier high school institutions for choral music in Southern California.

WED
30
11:00 AM

NOVEMBER

FRI
15
7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL
THE ADDAMS FAMILY

Music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa and book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Addams Family, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story, and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family—a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before—keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

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

TICKETS: \$15

FRI
15
7:00 PM

UPPER SCHOOL
FALL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Join our exceptional classical instrumental music ensembles—the Upper School Symphony, the Harvard-Westlake Chamber Orchestra, and String Techniques—as they present a diverse selection of orchestral works.

THU
5
7:00 PM

UPPER SCHOOL
WINTER CHORAL CONCERT

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

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THU
12
7:00 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.

FRI
13
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 Middle School Symphony, perform in this winter instrumental music concert.

THUR
19
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.

DECEMBER

JANUARY

TUE
14
4:00 PM
MIDDLE SCHOOL
ACTING SCENE NIGHT
KATZENBERG BLACK BOX THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Ninth grade Acting class students perform prepared scene work and monologues as a culmination of their semester's work.

WED
15
11:00 AM
UPPER SCHOOL
CHORAL #2 CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES
THE CHAPEL AT THE UPPER SCHOOL
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THU
16
7:00 PM
MIDDLE SCHOOL
CONTEMPORARY DANCE SHOWCASE
SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Students of Contemporary Dance Workshop 1 & 2 perform solo, small-group, and full-class dances in a wide variety of contemporary dance styles, from jazz and hip-hop to ballet and modern, in this exciting presentation of original choreographic works. Follow us on Instagram @hwmsdance.

FRI
17
7:00 PM
UPPER SCHOOL
ACTING SHOWCASES
RUGBY AUDITORIUM/THE DRAMA LAB AT THE UPPER SCHOOL
Students from the upper school acting classes share culminating work from the first semester. Past work has included scenes and monologues from classical and contemporary plays, student-written and -devised pieces, and full-length plays by modern playwrights.

SAT
18
7:00 PM
UPPER SCHOOL
INSTRUMENTAL SOLO CONCERT
RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL
This solo recital features advanced classical instrumentalists from Harvard-Westlake Chamber Orchestra and Upper School Symphony.

FRI
24
4:00 PM
MIDDLE SCHOOL
INSTRUMENTAL SOLO CONCERT
SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL
This solo recital features advanced classical instrumentalists from the middle school.

SAT
25
7:00 PM
UPPER SCHOOL
CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT
RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL
Students from Harvard-Westlake Chamber Orchestra and Upper School Symphony perform chamber music and small orchestral works.

FRI
31
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.

FEBRUARY

THU
13
4:00 PM

UPPER SCHOOL MUSICAL

HADESTOWN

by Anaïs Mitchell

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

HW will be among the first high schools in the country to produce this hit Broadway show! It is a story that intertwines two Greek myths—that of young lovers Orpheus and Euridice, as well as King Hades of the Underworld and his wife Persephone. With a hypnotizing, rollicking score and a vibrant cast of characters, *Hadestown* is a poetic exploration of the relationship between fear and love, nature and industry, doubt and hope.

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

TICKETS: \$15

FRI
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7:00 PM

SAT
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2:00 PM
7:00 PM

FRI
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7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHAMBER MUSIC AND SOLO CONCERT

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

FRI
21
7:00 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.

SAT
22
7:00 PM

FRI
28
7:00 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.

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/contact-us

UPPER SCHOOL CAMPUS

3700 Coldwater Canyon Avenue
Studio City, CA 91604

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS

700 North Faring Road
Los Angeles, CA 90077

MARCH

FRI
7

7:00 PM

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. Follow us on Instagram @hwusdance.

SAT
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7:00 PM

WED
12

11:00 AM

UPPER SCHOOL CHORAL #3 CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES

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FRI
14

7:00 PM

UPPER SCHOOL SPRING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

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

FRI
14

7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE PRODUCTION

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

This fully produced dance theatre performance is conceptualized and choreographed by the students of Dance Production in collaboration with Co-Directors Joe Schenck and Flavia Zuñiga-West '02. With featured dancing from the students of Contemporary Dance Workshop 2 and other guest artists, this year's dance production takes you on a steampunk expedition through ever-changing fantastical landscapes. Follow us on Instagram @hwmsdance.

SAT
15

7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING PLAY (TBD)

KATZENBERG BLACK BOX THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Join us at the middle school for the spring play!

THUR

24

4:00 PM

FRI

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7:00 PM

SAT

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7:00 PM

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1:00 PM

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

TICKETS: \$15

APRIL

FREE ADMISSION

LIGHTS UP PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Come join the upper school performing arts community as we celebrate the third annual Lights Up Festival. This year please come enjoy performances from the Performing Arts Department and the Songwriting Club along with food trucks, refreshments, and awards. **This annual FREE event will be the talk of campus, so mark your calendars and don't miss it!**

UPPER SCHOOL

NEW PLAY FESTIVAL

FORMERLY THE PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL

**APRIL 16
APRIL 17**

PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 3:30 PM & 7:30 PM

RUGBY AUDITORIUM & OTHER LOCATIONS AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Harvard-Westlake Theatre Company's New Play Festival is an experiential learning opportunity and fully supported platform for upper school students to create original performance projects. Student playwrights, directors, and designers are mentored throughout a months-long development process as they explore the many steps necessary to creating new work for the stage, culminating in a public performance in the spring.

UPPER SCHOOL

CHORAL PERFORMANCES

APRIL 23

PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Join us to hear vocal solos and pieces performed by the upper school choral groups.

UPPER SCHOOL

JAZZ PERFORMANCES

APRIL 25

PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

RUGBY AUDITORIUM AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

See the upper school jazz bands in their last appearance of the year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY DANCE SHOWCASE

MAY 1

PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 4:00 PM

BURROWS DANCE STUDIO AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The middle school dance program proudly presents students of Intro to Contemporary Dance in their debut performance as they highlight their newly honed skills in technique, choreography, storytelling, and performance. This up-close experience is presented as an in-studio showcase. Follow us on Instagram @hwmsdance.

UPPER SCHOOL

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT

MAY 2

PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

RUGBY THEATRE AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

The outstanding Harvard-Westlake Chamber Orchestra presents a variety of pieces for their final performance of the school year.

MAY

FRI

2

7:00 PM

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.

FRI

9

4:00 PM

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.

FRI

9

4:30 PM

7:30 PM

FRI

16

4:30 PM

7:30 PM

UPPER SCHOOL

IMPROV SHOWCASE

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!

THU

15

7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL

CONTEMPORARY DANCE SHOWCASE

SAPERSTEIN THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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FRI

16

7:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL

JAZZ BIG BAND AND 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. The Upper School Jazz Explorers will open the concert.

THU

22

4:00 PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL

ACTING SCENE NIGHT

KATZENBERG BLACK BOX THEATRE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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THU

22

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.

MAY

THU
22

4:00 PM

UPPER SCHOOL DANCE SHOWCASES

DANCE STUDIO AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Showcasing a variety of student choreographic works rooted in compositional dance prompts that explore contemporary and classical genres of dance. Follow us on Instagram @hwusdance.

THU
22

7:00 PM

UPPER SCHOOL ACTING SHOWCASES

RUGBY AUDITORIUM/THE DRAMA LAB AT THE UPPER SCHOOL

Students from the upper school acting classes share culminating work from the second semester. Past work has included scenes and monologues from classical and contemporary plays, student-written and -devised pieces, and full-length plays by modern playwrights.

TUE
27

7:00 PM

UPPER SCHOOL 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.

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, voice, costume and technical design, and electronic and instrumental music in our North Faring Exploration program, while high school 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

