

## HSArts Community Newsletter - Dec 9

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**San Francisco High School of the Arts Family Newsletter | Dec 9, 2022**

## **FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

**Important Dates****Dec 9** Winter Gala Benefit**Dec 15** Holiday Showcase and "A Christmas Carol"**Dec 16** Winter Wonders and art exhibition**'Tis the Season of Giving***Mr. Brian Nieh, Expert Giver, Occasional Receiver*

"I don't want a lot for Christmas, but there is just one thing I need."  
And with that, it has begun. Winter. December. Trees, decorations, chocolates, ornaments... the Holiday Season is upon us, the Season of Giving.

**Remarks from our Head of School**

This spirit is captured perfectly in the Winter Gala Benefit happening this evening! A whole event focused on how we can all give and share what we have with those around us. Already, in preparation for tonight's festivities, many families and teachers have donated generously. Thank you!

In tonight's event, there will be plenty of opportunities to bid on rare and valuable items, including more of your teachers' time in exclusive excursions to basketball games, bowling alleys and karaoke.

Finally, we'd like to share again the family that offered to match all donations up to \$10,000. So every donation you offer will be doubly effective. Thank you all!

Greetings everyone!

We look forward to seeing you tonight, and we hope to give you a wonderful evening experience.

End of semester is a busy time for all of our students. They are working hard on their final projects, preparing for the final exams, putting the last touches on their artwork to get them ready for the exhibit, and our performing art students are rehearsing their performances. We are counting down the days to our final shows. It will be a great showcase of our students' hard work and dedication. I look forward to our shows next Thursday at school and Friday 12/16 at the Herbst Theater. Go Phoenix!

- Dr. Sherry Zhang

Head of School

San Francisco High School of the Arts

# ACADEMICS

## ***Featured Academic News of the Week***

*Mrs. Darragh Leddy, Math Teacher*

This past Friday, the 11th and 12th graders went on a field trip with Mrs Leddy. They had the good fortune of visiting a company downtown, called Unspun. Unspun is a startup that is working hard to automate the making of clothing and they have started with jeans, but hope to expand their products to a wide variety of apparel. Furthermore, Unspun is environmentally motivated and so they are using materials that are ethically sourced and most importantly materials that will last you a long time, ideally the length of your life. So much of our clothing today ends up in landfill and Unspun is tasked with reducing that percentage and thus improving the health of our planet. Unspun is composed of many young employees that are software engineers, textile engineers, firmware engineers, marketers, human resources, and fashion researchers. The employees of Unspun took most of their morning to give HSArts 11th and 12th graders a tutorial of their one-of-a-kind machine that currently makes their apparel, explaining, the materials they use and the customers they have worked for, and the company's overall ethos. Afterwards, Unspun prepared a panel of employees to speak with our students and explain what their job is, what makes them good at their role, and what their advice is for young, intelligent San Francisco students eager to learn and interested in contributing their talents to the workforce in not too long of a time. We are incredibly thankful that this hardworking startup took time to spread wisdom and excitement with our students as they discern their next steps. Unspun is a great company that we encourage all to check out, and maybe even purchase a pair of jeans that you wear for life and help reduce our carbon footprint!

## **ARTS**

### ***Featured Arts News of the Week***

*Ms. Hannah Ogden, Musical Theatre Teacher*

As our semester comes to a close and the holiday season is upon us, the Music and Musical Theatre departments here at HSArts are delighted to invite you to a Holiday and Winter Showcase. This night of performances will feature holiday songs hand selected by our musical theatre students, two songs from our Group Vocal class, piano and flute performances, and a full performance of Ebenezer's Christmas Carol. We are so proud of all of the hard work that our students have done this semester preparing for this night of music, singing, and acting, and we are delighted to extend an invitation to you! Please join us at 6 PM on December 15th!

## **ADMISSIONS**

## ***Admissions News***

Reminder: Deadline for Priority Application submission is Thursday, Dec 15 for prospective students applying for middle and high school programs.

If you know a student who can benefit from attending our school, please invite them to contact us for a private tour, events, and school information.

Please continue to spread the news about HSArts and contact [admissions@highschoolofthearts.org](mailto:admissions@highschoolofthearts.org) for any HSArts marketing material you would like to share.

## ***ADMISSIONS***

### ***YOUNG ARTISTS***

#### ***Young Artists News of the Week***

*Ms. Hanna Zhang, Young Artists Director*

Hello friends! Winter Wonders is happening soon, and I want to remind everyone of a few things:

First, please pay attention to emails from Ms. Ginnie! Her emails always have very important and critical information regarding the upcoming events. If all else fails, please read her emails and you should get the information you need.

Secondly, don't forget to bring everything you need! Dance clothes and dance shoes, hair clips and hair nets, make up, costume, everything! We won't be at school so we may not have something if you forget it.

Next, don't forget to bring your family and friends! This is an exciting performance and something I'm sure everyone will enjoy very much. We hope to see their smiles in the audience next Friday!

Finally, don't forget yourself! We need you at your best and most energetic and most prepared and most excited!

Looking forward to seeing you all there! Let's have a great time!

## ***STUDENT LIFE***

## Yearbook Sale



## Winter Gala Benefit

It's today! Prepare for an evening of gorgeous decorations, delightful music, and plenty of amazing and generous donations for you to silently toss your money at. From teacher artwork, to event tickets, to honeycombs, to teacher-led excursions, the items up for auction are quite interesting and worth a hard look. Can't wait to see you there!

## NHS at the Ivy Park Senior Center

Today, our NHS organized a charity dance and music performance for the Ivy Park senior center. Many of our performing arts students will go to share their dance and music artistry. Let's cheer them on and excitedly await the photos from the event!

## Try to Make Laugh Challenge - Mr. Brian edition

Mr. Brian wants to laugh. He craves comedy. He wants YOU to tell him your best jokes or show him your funny antics, and if you're successful in making him 1) smile, 2) laugh, or 3) LOL then you'll be handsomely rewarded (in prizes, not grades).

Make this happen again.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Coming soon!

**Dec 9** Winter Gala Benefit

**Dec 15** "A Christmas Carol" and Winter Music Showcase

**Dec 16** Winter Wonders Recital and Art Exhibition

**Dec 16 - Jan 3** Winter Break, no school, Happy Holidays!

Communication is essential and we strive to connect with our students, parents, and families throughout the school year. We will continue reaching out to you with this weekly newsletter. We also encourage you to visit our website and follow our social pages including Facebook and Instagram for announcements, information, and celebrations.



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