

Friends of the Arts

If you have looked at the art on display in the Fine Arts building or attended a concert, musical, or play at Cherry Creek High School, you know how fortunate we are to have such an amazing visual and performing arts program at our school. And you have seen the joy students experience in being part of the vibrant Fine Arts community!

Participation in the performing and visual arts is known to boost students' creative and adaptive skill sets. For CCHS, it's full *STEAM* ahead, as it continues to put the "A" for Arts into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) as a critical component of strong public education.

Cherry Creek High School is home to a **Grammy Award-winning music program** (2014). It continues to send numerous students to All State Band and Orchestra and has had record numbers selected for All State Choir and Jazz Choir. Among the many honors for CCHS performing arts in recent years, CCHS Wind Ensemble has performed at the *Music for All National Concert Band Festival*, the musical theatre program has won several prestigious *Bobby G Awards*, and the Meistersingers and Girls' 21 choral ensembles have performed at Colorado Music Educator Association conferences and at American Choral Directors Association conventions—one of the greatest honors in the choral music world. CCHS has had visual arts students go on to achieve national recognition, the most recent example being a student who won a prestigious silver medal at the National Scholastic Art Awards.

Among the numerous high caliber orchestra, band, and choir performances the Fine Arts Department will bring to the community throughout the 2016-17 school year will be the Jazz on the Green concert during Spirit Week and a performance of Handel's *Messiah* at the November Masterworks Concert. CCHS Theatre will perform a Shakespeare production in October and is excited to bring the musical *Titanic* to Creek's main stage in early March! Paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, and sculpture by our talented visual arts students will be on display in the main Fine Arts hallway throughout the school year. We invite you to take the opportunity to enjoy incredible performing arts entertainment and visual arts exhibits right here in our community!

The Friends of the Arts was established by parents decades ago to help support and maintain a high level of excellence in the Fine Arts Department at Cherry Creek. Funds donated to Friends of the Arts help maintain and upgrade Fine Arts equipment and help bring in guest conductors from around the world. They continue to help send students to competitions, send instructors to participate in ongoing professional growth opportunities, and support a piano accompanist and orchestra assistant. ***Donations in any amount to the Friends of the Arts at Cherry Creek High School are welcomed and valued.*** Whether it's 10 people giving \$10 each or one person giving \$100, it's your participation that makes a difference.

Please send donations to:

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