



Capital Area School for the Arts Charter School presents:

MUSIC MID-YEAR 2024

January 31, 2024

Sunoco Performance Theatre

6:30 pm

CASA MID-YEAR DATES

9th /10th Grade Visual Arts

January 18, 2024

5:00 pm

CASA Charter School

Film

January 26, 2024

6:00 pm

West Shore Theatre

\$5

Creative Writing

January 30, 2024

5:00 pm

Midtown Scholar Bookstore

Dance

February 1, 2024

6:30 pm

Sunoco Theatre

Whitaker Center

Theatre

February 2, 2024

6:00 pm

Sunoco Theatre

Whitaker Center

11th /12th Grade Visual Art

February 8, 2024

5:00 pm

CASA Charter School

CASA CHARTER SCHOOL AUDITIONS

For The 2024-2025 School Year

Audition Dates:

Saturday, February 24, 2024

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Thursday, March 14, 2024

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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9-10 MUSIC

This semester, the 9-10 music students studied blues music. They explored the history of the blues, its cultural and societal significance, and how its sound evolved over time. They also learned about the specific compositional components present in blues music: 12-measure length, I-IV-V chord progression, the blues scale, and A-A-B melody scheme. Additionally, the students discovered how blues music influenced contemporary rock/pop music. The resulting compositions (“Teary Goodbyes,” “Villain’s Ballad,” “lovE mE, hurt mE”) are not necessarily blues pieces in that they sound like blues pieces; instead, they incorporate the compositional components of blues music, but present themselves in a different stylistic manner.

When it comes to composing music collaboratively, an approach we used to begin the process is to keep things simple and repetitive. This tends to allow ideas to flow more easily and for a sense of ensemble to be established right from the beginning. In their second compositions (“Fire on Ice,” “Whispers of Desire,” “Oliver 2-Part”), the students were challenged to use only two sections in order to focus on orchestration and expression.

9th and 10th Grade Music Students

Moxie Barrow-Somers, Rena Cheskis, Stella Heysek, Anaiah Lane, Bobbie Mannion, Victoria Martinez, Barkesuamie Mendy, Oliver Minton, Timothy Pitzner, Romeo Wills, Tucker Wolfe, Rain Yague Cowfer

9-10 MUSIC

Fire on Ice

Moxie Barrow-Somers - *Glockenspiel*
Rena Cheskis - *Vocals*
Stella Heysek - *Cello*
Anaiah Lane - *Keyboard*
Bobbie Mannion - *Vocals*
Victoria Martinez- *Keyboard*
Barkesuamie Mendy - *Violin*
Oliver Minton - *Keyboard*
Timothy Pitzner - *Bass*
Romeo Wills - *Drums*
Tucker Wolfe - *Saxophone*
Rain Yague Cowfer - *Vocals*

Teary Goodbyes

Rena Cheskis - *Vocals*
Anaiah Lane - *Keyboard*
Barkesuamie Mendy - *Violin*
Oliver Minton - *Keyboard*
Timothy Pitzner - *Bass*
Rain Yague Cowfer - *Vocals & Drums*

Whispers of Desire

Rena Cheskis - *Vocals*
Bobbie Mannion - *Vocals*
Victoria Martinez - *Piano*
Timothy Pitzner - *Drums*
Romeo Wills - *Keyboard*
Rain Yague Cowfer - *Vocals*

Shift & Lock

Moxie Barrow-Somers - *Drums*
Stella Heysek - *Cello*
Anaiah Lane - *Keyboard*
Barkesuamie Mendy - *Violin*
Oliver Minton - *Keyboard*
Tucker Wolfe - *Saxophone*

Villain's Ballad

Moxie Barrow-Somers - *Glockenspiel*
Stella Heysek - *Cello*
Bobbie Mannion - *Vocals*
Victoria Martinez - *Keyboard*
Romeo Wills - *Keyboard & Drums*
Tucker Wolfe - *Saxophone*

love mE, hurt mE

Moxie Barrow-Somers - *Glockenspiel*
Rena Cheskis - *Vocals*
Stella Heysek - *Cello*
Anaiah Lane - *Keyboard*
Bobbie Mannion - *Vocals*
Victoria Martinez- *Keyboard*
Barkesuamie Mendy - *Violin*
Oliver Minton - *Keyboard*
Timothy Pitzner - *Guitar*
Romeo Wills - *Drums*
Tucker Wolfe - *Saxophone*
Rain Yague Cowfer - *Vocals*

11-12 MUSIC

This semester, the 11-12 Music students studied meter and time signatures. We covered the basics like 4/4 and 6/8 time signatures, but also explored the exciting worlds of irregular meter (for example 5/4 and 11/8) and metric modulations (changing time signatures within a piece of music). The students were tasked with creating a piece of music that has at least three different time signatures, with at least one of them being irregular. The results of this project are “A Tension,” “Blue Iris,” and “Master of None.”

With the other three pieces (“In Reverse,” “I Told You Once,” “Whatchu Need?”) the students had more compositional freedom. They studied the harmonic devices of secondary dominant and secondary leading tone chords to make their chord progressions a bit more dynamic. Beyond having to include secondary dominant chords in their progressions, the students were able to compose as they wished. The goal was to create sophisticated, complex music while establishing a cohesive structure.

11th and 12th Grade Music Students

Adrianna Chavez, Alexa DePalma, Gilad Goldman, Sam Hale, Shannon-Shophia Halkias, Braeden Hilty, Joshua Horn, Isabel Peña, Ayden Randolph, Donovan Van Gerpen, Maddie Vo, Amelia Williams

11-12 MUSIC

In Reverse

Adrianna Chavez - *Voice*
Alexa DePalma - *Voice*
Gilad Goldman - *Drums*
Sam Hale - *Guitar*
Shannon-Sophia Halkias - *Voice*
Braeden Hilty - *Saxophone*
Joshua Horn - *Voice*
Isabel Peña - *Voice*
Ayden Randolph - *Bass*
Donovan Van Gerpen - *Voice*
Maddie Vo - *Voice*
Amelia Williams - *Keyboard*

A Tension

Braeden Hilty - *Saxophone*
Joshua Horn - *Keyboard*
Ayden Randolph - *Drums*
Donovan Van Gerpen - *Voice*
Maddie Vo - *Voice*
Amelia Williams - *Bass*

Blue Iris

Adrianna Chavez - *Voice & Bass*
Alexa DePalma - *Voice*
Gilad Goldman - *Drums*
Sam Hale - *Keyboard*
Shannon-Sophia Halkias - *Voice*
Isabel Peña - *Voice*

I Told You Once

Adrianna Chavez - *Voice*
Sam Hale - *Keyboard*
Braeden Hilty - *Saxophone*
Donovan Van Gerpen - *Voice*
Maddie Vo - *Voice*
Amelia Williams - *Drums*

Whatchu Need?

Alexa DePalma - *Voice*
Gilad Goldman - *Guitar*
Shannon-Sophia Halkias - *Voice*
Joshua Horn - *Voice*
Isabel Peña - *Voice*
Ayden Randolph - *Drums*

Master of None

Adrianna Chavez - *Voice*
Alexa DePalma - *Voice*
Gilad Goldman - *Guitar*
Sam Hale - *Guitar*
Shannon-Sophia Halkias - *Voice*
Braeden Hilty - *Saxophone*
Joshua Horn - *Keyboard*
Isabel Peña - *Voice*
Ayden Randolph - *Bass*
Donovan Van Gerpen - *Voice*
Maddie Vo - *Voice*
Amelia Williams - *Drums*

Fire on Ice - Lyrics

GRADES 9-10

TWO PART

You must think that I'm easy to read
You must think you know everything
About me
But I've had dreams in black and white
I've changed the way I look at things

You never saw it coming
That's a lie
Oh, I know you saw it coming
From the corner of your eye
Which was already breaking
Fire on Ice
Don't lead me on again
I'll make sure to think
Twice, Think twice
Think twice, Think twice

I won't let you cheat me no more
You won't make up the rules this time
Moving all the wrong pieces
Throw away the guidelines

You never saw it coming
That's a lie
Oh, I know you saw it coming
From the corner of your eye
Which was already breaking
Fire on Ice
Don't lead me on again
I'll make sure to think
Twice, Think twice
Think twice, Think Twice

Keeping me close, Keeping me far
I saw you speeding down
the road with your car
Always hold and cold
It's not hard to see
You never loved me
I hate how you don't stop begging me
I've changed the way I look at things

You never saw it coming
That's a lie
Oh, I know you saw it coming
From the corner of your eye
Which was already breaking
Fire on Ice

Don't lead me on again
I'll make sure to think twice
You never saw it coming
That's a lie

Oh, I know you saw it coming
From the corner of your eye
Which was already breaking
Fire on Ice

Don't lead me on again
I'll make sure to think
Twice, Think twice
Think twice, Think twice
Think twice, Think twice

Teary Goodbyes - Lyrics

GRADES 9-10

BLUES

You're the demons in my head
You're the monster under my bed
I'm stuck trying to relieve
All the pain you gave to me
Now it's time to say those teary goodbyes

Ever since you left me, I've been down
You barged in, you made me feel like a clown
Now I don't want to see anymore
You can take all of your excuses
And walk right out the door.

You're the demon in my head
You're the monster under my bed
I'm stuck trying to relieve
All the pain you gave to me
Now it's time to say those teary goodbyes

I'm not jealous, but I'm mad
You got away with all those lies
Did you read way too fast in between all the lines
I'm not jealous but I'm mad
There is nothing left to analyze
You're not one for compromise
So just walk right out my life

You're the demon in my head
You're the monster under my bed
I'm stuck trying to relieve
All the pain you gave to me
Now it's time to say those teary goodbyes

Whispers Of Desire - Lyrics

Paint it like a picture
 Your love makes me richer
 I'm not a wisher, but it's all clearer
 I want you, only you.
 I never want you to leave
 Hope it doesn't come across your mind
 I know I might sound naive
 But the fact is, you're on mine.

Darling, I'm so high on love
 Peaceful like a dove
 My hearts soaring above
 This is the one
 There is no other section
 Can't go back, I'm already undone.

Desire, You're always in my head
 Desire, C'mon get in my bed
 Desire, Kiss me like no other
 Desire, Want you to take me under.
 Take me under

Wanna be your baby
 I wanna be your lady
 So come on over here
 And give me a little kiss
 I don't wanna miss
 I just wanna reminisce
 In our love, In our love

Take Me under
 Take me under
 Take me under
 Take me under
 Take Me under
 Take me under
 Take me under
 Take me under

Every rejection is a redirection
 Everyday I miss your affection
 It's stupid I still want you
 You're my only exception,
 I wish, I wish, I wish
 You're my only exception, I wish.

Desire, You're always in my head
 Desire, C'mon get in my bed
 Desire, Kiss me like no other
 Desire, Want you to take me under.

Villain's Ballad - Lyrics

GRADES 9-10

BLUES

Let me play, Let me Play
A silent song
Kiss your lips, Kiss your lips
Until they fall
And I'll be content, I'll be content
With silent goodbyes
That come, That come
That come with it
I wonder if it will be the last time.
Wanna write, Wanna write
Your name with my tongue
I'll make you wish
I'll make you wish
That you were gone.

Baby I'm your villain
I'll make you see the light again
You think you're the hero?
When all you got is the cape
Can't you see it?
I'm not here to be your friend
I'm not here to be your lover
I want this to end.

I will play, I will play
Your silent song
Kiss your lips, Kiss your lips
You made me fall
I'm so content, I'm so content
With the silent goodbyes
That came, That came with it.
I bet you didn't think that I'd be the last one.

I'll trade your wounds
I'll trade your wounds
With my love
Then after, I'll slowly make those cuts.
Won't kiss, Won't kiss
Your boo boo, Won't give you a band aid
Now you know, Now you Know
What it feels like to be remade

Baby I'm your villain
I'll make you see the light again
You think you're the hero?
When all you got is the cape
Can't you see it?
I'm not here to be your friend
I'm not here to be your lover
I want this to end.

I'll deceive, I'll deceive
I'll make you plead
You never saw it coming
Now I see you running
Don't you finally see
Don't you finally see
You belong to me

Baby I'm your villain
I'll make you see the light again
You think you're the hero?
When all you got it the cape
Can't you see it?
I'm not here to be your friend
I'm not here to be your lover
I want this to end.

lovE mE, hurt mE- Lyrics

GRADES 9-10

BLUES

You say you don't wanna touch me
You say you don't know how to love me
I can't take this anymore
All this confusion

It was like it was all an illusion
Why'd you rob me of my happiness
I feel like you never felt the same
In the shadows whispers echo your name
Do you choose to stay?
Lost in this maze of illusion
A puzzle of chaos, A grand delusion

Why'd you make me stay for so long?
Time stands still when you feel so wrong?
Why'd you stay for so long?
If you were just

Gonna Hurt me
Gonna make me cry
Thought i could trust you, but it was all a lie
I saw the signs, but I still chose to stay
You took my heart away
I still choose to stay

All of the memories broken
Our future was a token
But now the thought of us is stolen
Promises shattered, words left unspoken
I wander through a world rearranged
In the echoes of silence your name unchanged
Will you linger or choose to stray?

Why'd you make me stay for so long?
Time stands still when you feel so wrong?
Why'd you stay for so long?
Cause all you do is

Hurt me
Make me cry
Thought I could trust you, but it was all a lie
I saw the signs, but I still chose to stay
You took my heart away
I still choose to stay

The endless fighting
You say that you're trying
Then why do you got me crying?
Would you even cry if you knew I'd be dying?
Should it be the end
Or should I pretend

That you didn't ruin love for me darling?
Wish you could be the one, be the one
But I know it's not true.
God, can you be so rude?

Was in denial but now it's through
It makes me want to hurt you too.
Driving me crazy, was never you baby
Always bringing me down.
It's like you get off to making me cry.

Hurt me
Gonna make me cry
Thought i could trust you, but it was all a lie
I saw the signs, but I still chose to stay
You took my heart away
I still choose to stay

In Reverse - Lyrics

GRADES 11-12
SEC. DOMINANCE

Watching it all fade while I grow up
Never letting go, always chasing what I sow

These wretched eyes
I guess I've paid the price
Is this the only thing in life
I can feel
I'm still standing through it all

I keep running, running.
Back to you
I keep chasing, chasing
What's left of you
gotta fix your priorities
Clearly, I don't mean a thing
I don't want you to leave
I want what it used to be

Always trying to stand tall
Somehow I always trip and fall
These walls are crumbling down
Now I'm tied to the ground

Slowly slipping, but I'm stuck in my place
Hiding from problems that I thought I could face
Gave Everything, got nothing in return
Gaze from a distance as it all burns.

I keep running, running
Back to you
I keep chasing, chasing
What's left of you

Gotta fix your priorities
Clearly, I don't mean a thing
I don't want you to leave
I want what it used to be.

Then I put it, I put it In reverse
I Take what's mine
Then take what's yours
I drew the line
and closed the doors
I write a rhyme
Then start a war
First you start to talk
Then you never give up
I just want you to stop
And walk with your chin up
At first my life was fine
Then you ruined it with your love
You ruined it with love
you ruined it with (x2)

Watching it all fade while I grow up
Never letting go, always chasing what I sow.

I keep running, running
back to you
I keep chasing, chasing
what's left of you
Gotta fix your priorities
Clearly, I don't mean a thing
I don't want you to leave
I want what it use to be

A Tension - Lyrics

GRADES 11-12
MIXED METER

Is this the end?
I would do this time and time again
To know this would all happen
To never see you again

I want this to be toxic
I want to be your only topic
Will this get exciting?
God, I want us to be always fighting
I want you to be the one chasing
But I'm the one craving
All your attention
All your attention

Stolen away, you took my time
Lost count of the days losing my mind
I thought you were the love of my life
Whole time you treated me as a low life

Opened my eyes, let me see the world
You kept me in, wanted me to grow old
All those tears hitting the floor
But they won't affect me no more

Have you no remorse, can't you see the pain
Cry pointless tears, I only see the rain
Can't make it up, this isn't a game
I was the monster you thought you could
tame

When will you stop playing with my name
Why don't you treat me the way you did
before.

You say one thing, I'm thinking another
We're just never on the same page
But I think I'll always want you forever
That's the one thing I wish I could change.

You're saying one thing
You can't see my pain
But I think I'll always
Think of this as a game

Lost time
Lost my mind
Were we something?
Were we nothing?

Blue Iris - Lyrics

GRADES 11-12
MIXED METER

How do you answer your call?
The tainted glass of a window
Out there the world seems so small

The leaves are gone, yet summer's here
How does this keep happening?
I'm wilted to an end

Clouded by pain
The meadows feel so empty
Has rain fallen?
Ever since you left me

But the sun's rising up
The ashes are dissolving
Can't be rejected anymore
In a place of belonging

Always turning
Always burning
Lies are spreading
Too much dreading
Fade away
But you choose to stay
And you never say
It'll be okay

They once told me I should save my time
But I can't keep it all in line
Struggling to find out what is mine
Ended up getting peace of mind.

Always turning
Always burning
Lies are spreading
Too much spreading
Fade away
But you never chose to stay
And you never say

The prophet 's late
The man escaped
The conversation's
Filled with hate
The Dawn is late
The sun's erased

The garden gate succumbed to fate

Always turning
Always burning
Lies are spreading
Too much dreading
Fade away

But you choose to stay
And you never say
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They once told me I should save my time
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They once told me I should save my time
But I can't keep it all in line
Struggling to find out what is mine
Ended up getting peace of mind.

I Told You Once - Lyrics

GRADES 11-12
SEC. DOMINANCE

Tell you once, tell you twice
Won't tell you again
Keep trying me girl, I can't tell you when
Not too long now
Man I won't be your friend
Spent all this time, I won't do it again
Keep testing your luck
And crossing lines
Should've known,
should've picked up the signs
Stealing so many hearts, and acting all nice
When we all know you got a soul of ice.

Gotta watch what I say
It's like walking on marbles
Have to act a certain way
with you it's pins and needles
Like you put me on display
What makes you so entitled
What is this game i play
so stuck in this cycle

Running away
never knowing what came to this
I'm tired, I'm a mess of my own
And you won't lead me alone
Just let me breathe now
Gotta escape the cyclone

Told you everything that I knew
Spoke too much
Now man I don't have a clue
Hurt me to much
No I won't help you out.
Only time you say my name
It's always for clout

Gotta watch what I say
It's like walking on marbles
Have to ct a certain way
with you it's pins and needles
Like you put me on display
What makes you so entitled
What is this game i play
so stuck in this cycle

Running away
never knowing what came to this
I'm tired, I'm a mess of my own
And you won't lead me alone
Just let me breathe now
Gotta escape the cyclone

Get me out of here, out of here
Get me out of here, out of here
Won't tell you again

Running away
never knowing what came to this
I'm tired, I'm a mess of my own
And you won't lead me alone
Just let me breathe now
Gotta escape the cyclone

Whatchu Need? - Lyrics

GRADES 11-12
SEC. DOMINANCE

You sit on your high horse, never coming down
You think you know everything that comes
around

And you say it's all in my head, but I can't forget

All I'm trying to do
All I'm trying to say
Is that you're digging your own grave.
Stuck in agony
But you can't stick me in your place
So now you're feeding off me?
Do I got what you need?

Your spin on web of lies,
and never clean it up
You think you're better
But you're really stuck up
You never once stop
To think about what you do
But I'm over all of that, I'm over you

And you say it's all in my head
But I can't forget, can you get it?

All I'm trying to do
All I'm trying to say
Is that you're digging your own grave
Stuck in agony
But you can't stick me in your place
All I'm trying to do
All I'm trying to say
Is that you're digging your own grave
Looking fr the problem
Darling, look inside yourself
Do I got what you need?

White lies
They are dancing under sunny skies
They give you short highs
On summer nights
talking to people in the mirror
escalated by the fall
Taking pictures of the clear water
You're just another brick in the wall
Once you were everything I needed Darling
Now I can't even perceive it Darling.
Once you were everything I needed Darling
Now I can't even perceive it Darling(x2)

All I'm trying to do
All I'm trying to say
Is that you're digging your own grave
Stuck in agony
But you can't stick me in your place
So now you're feeding off me
Do I got what you need"

Master Of None - Lyrics

GRADES 11-12
MIXED METER

Flashing lights blur my vision, I'm finally free
From this prison that you put me in
When I made my path,
you were stuck in your ways
Went through all the lies, just to realize
The problem was you.
Got my highs and lows,
but my feet are on the ground
Head up in the clouds, but you never came down
Ripped you off the throne,
you've been running around
You kept chasing after something
But the villain is you.

Try to get your way
But you'll never stay, same words replay
But they are yours to break
You can't control, what you let go

The kingdom of spades, All of it's burning down
Jack of trades, can't you see it now?
Don't you hear the wind screaming
I won't be left, I will be leaving
This is the end final screening
I'll leave you mad, yes, but you'll be seething

Wandering around, always turning your back
Keep your head in the game,
don't get lost in your tracks.
Needless to say, you've got the fire in your bones
Burning everything that once was.
Used to chase the highs of our last conversation
But now I've moved on from your manipulation
I used to envy how little you cared
But after all of this you should be scared

Not sure if I should speak, cause your right
I'm just way to weak to put a fight
Can't you just give up, cause I'm gonna break

The kingdom of spades, All of it's burning down
Jack of trades, can't you see it now?
Don't you hear the wind screaming
I won't be left, I will be leaving
You're the jack of all trades
But the master, master, master of none

The curses you have spoken,
They are taunting me, luring me in
I see the light through the knife
It is crushing me, I'm bleeding red
And of course it never ends,
Is this purgatory or is this the end?
Is this purgatory or is this the end?
Don't know if you're mad at me
Don't know what comes next
Tired of debating what could be
Tired of everything that you affect
Regretting everything I've said
I'm just wandering, Is this the end?

I finally see it now
It's finally coming down
I finally see it now
It's finally coming down

We both rise and fall
But I've seen it all

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