

## HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA) of the Houston Independent School District evolved in 1971 from a realization that gifted young artists need highly specialized and rigorous training in the arts to be prepared for the intense competition they will meet in colleges, conservatories and the professional arts world.

The creation of HSPVA represented the first attempt by any public high school in the nation to correlate an academic program with concentrated training in the arts. Also, it was one of only three public schools in the nation to offer programs in both the visual and performing arts and the first such institution in the Southwest.

The formation of HSPVA represented a dramatic departure from traditional comprehensive programs. Ultimately the school became the pilot school for today's magnet school concept in HISD.

HSPVA is fully accredited and offers the same academic curriculum and graduation requirements as all HISD high schools; the major difference in our academic program is that we offer the added ingredient of correlating the arts with academics, rather than treating either as isolated disciplines.

All students spend three hours per day in their art areas and the remainder of the time in academics or electives. The arts offered for in-depth study are: Dance, Instrumental and Vocal Music, Creative Writing, Theatre Arts and Visual Arts. In addition, HSPVA is committed to its role as a college preparatory school, making students aware of the variety of opportunities they have for future training at colleges or universities, advanced art institutes and conservatories.

The school recognizes and values student individuality. It nurtures, without exception, the values of individual accomplishment and independence. Since individual creativity is integral to the production of art, our faculty and staff work with students on an individualized, human level that stimulates intellectual, artistic and technical originality. By providing such an environment, we strive to graduate people who can work independently and creatively.

At the same time, HSPVA places high value on group responsibility, loyalty and sense of community. In a country that is sustained by a democratic process, a sense of individual worth, coupled with a sense of responsibility to a society is invaluable. It is to these ends that HSPVA devotes its energies.

**While developing the talent of future artists in the areas of Creative Writing, Dance, Music (Instrumental/Vocal), Theatre, and Visual Art, HSPVA offers a college preparatory program in all subjects. Students participate in local, state, national, and international performances.**

**Auditions are required.**

**AUDITION  
CRITERIA**

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**PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS**

**ADMISSIONS**



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**2009/11 GRADUATE ACHIEVEMENTS**

**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS: 4**  
**NATIONAL MERIT SEMI-FINALISTS: 6**  
**NFAA PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS: 1**  
**NFAA PRESIDENTIAL FINALISTS: 5**  
**NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARS: 4**

**PSAT MEAN SCORES:**  
 Reading: 53.0 Writing: 52.3 Math: 54.1

**SAT MEAN SCORES:**  
 Reading: 583 Writing: 583 Math: 568

**ACT MEAN SCORES: 23.1**



**SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS**

**NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED  
 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

**GRAMMY AWARD WINNING  
 MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**TEXAS EDUCATION  
 AGENCY EXEMPLARY SCHOOL  
 [2008, 2009, 2010, 2011]**

**CHILDREN AT RISK  
 TOP 10 SCHOOLS**

**U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT  
 TOP 100 SCHOOLS IN THE NATION**

**NEWSWEEK'S AMERICA'S  
 BEST HIGH SCHOOLS**



**IMPORTANT MAGNET DATES**

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**  
**Dance Department**  
**Middle School Workshop**  
 Saturday, November 5, 2011  
 Applications Available  
**Monday, November 7, 2011**  
**HSPVA Now**  
**Accepting Applications!**  
 November 7th-December 10th, 2011  
 Daily School Tours @ 1 pm  
 [School Days Only]

**Thursday, November 10, 2011**  
**Magnet Open House 6 PM**

**Saturday, November 19, 2011**  
**Middle School Mariachi Workshop**

**Saturday, December 10, 2011**  
**Theatre Middle School Workshop**

**Friday, January 6, 2012**  
 Application Deadline  
**January/February**  
**Magnet Auditions**  
**[By Appointment Only]**

**Saturday, February 25, 2012**  
 Magnet Callbacks  
**[By Invitation Only]**

**Friday, March 23, 2012**  
**Notification Letters Mailed**  
 April 2012  
 Out of District Auditions  
**June 2012**  
 Out of District Notifications



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**HSPVA 2011 GRADUATES WERE OFFERED SCHOLARSHIPS IN EXCESS OF THIRTEEN MILLION DOLLARS.**



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**OUR STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS:**

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| <b>AMERICAN UNIVERSITY</b>                   | <b>PENN STATE UNIVERSITY</b>                     |
| <b>ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO</b>              | <b>PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY</b>                     |
| <b>AUBURN UNIVERSITY</b>                     | <b>RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN</b>             |
| <b>BAYLOR UNIVERSITY</b>                     | <b>RHODES COLLEGE</b>                            |
| <b>BERKLEE SCHOOL OF MUSIC</b>               | <b>RICE UNIVERSITY</b>                           |
| <b>CAL ARTS</b>                              | <b>RUTGERS UNIVERSITY</b>                        |
| <b>CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY</b>                    | <b>SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART &amp; DESIGN</b>      |
| <b>COLUMBIA COLLEGE</b>                      | <b>SCHOOL OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, BOSTON</b> |
| <b>COOPER UNION</b>                          | <b>SCRIPPS COLLEGE</b>                           |
| <b>CORNELL COLLEGE</b>                       | <b>SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY</b>             |
| <b>DEPAUL UNIVERSITY</b>                     | <b>SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY</b>                   |
| <b>FISK UNIVERSITY</b>                       | <b>SPELMAN COLLEGE</b>                           |
| <b>FORT LEWIS COLLEGE</b>                    | <b>ST. OLAF COLLEGE</b>                          |
| <b>HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE</b>                     | <b>SUNY PURCHASE</b>                             |
| <b>HARVARD UNIVERSITY</b>                    | <b>SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY</b>                       |
| <b>JUILLIARD</b>                             | <b>TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY</b>                  |
| <b>KANSAS CITY ART INSTITUTE</b>             | <b>TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY</b>                     |
| <b>LOUISIANA MONROE UNIVERSITY</b>           | <b>THE BRUBECK INSTITUTE</b>                     |
| <b>LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY</b>            | <b>THE NEW SCHOOL</b>                            |
| <b>LOYOLA UNIVERSITY</b>                     | <b>TRINITY UNIVERSITY</b>                        |
| <b>MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF ART</b>     | <b>TUFTS UNIVERSITY</b>                          |
| <b>MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE</b>                    | <b>UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA</b>                     |
| <b>MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN</b> | <b>UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI</b>                       |
| <b>NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY</b>               | <b>UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN</b>                    |
| <b>NEW YORK UNIVERSITY</b>                   | <b>UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA</b>                   |
| <b>OBERLIN CONSERVATORY</b>                  | <b>[GUTHRIE PROGRAM]</b>                         |
| <b>OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY</b>                 | <b>UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA</b>                    |
| <b>OHIO WESLEYAN</b>                         | <b>UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>         |
| <b>OTTERBEIN COLLEGE</b>                     | <b>UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS</b>                       |
| <b>PACIFIC NORTHWEST COLLEGE OF ART</b>      |  |
| <b>PARSON'S SCHOOL OF DESIGN</b>             |  |