

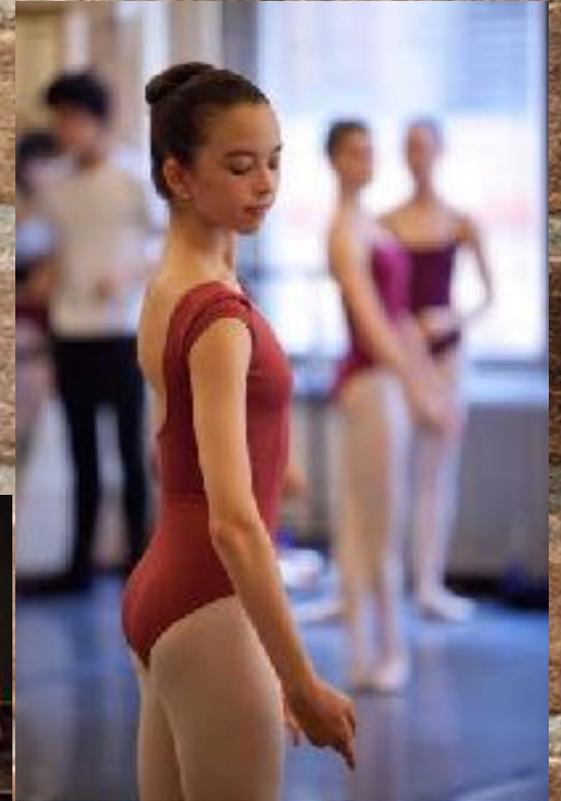
MIDLANDS ARTS CONSERVATORY

PARENT/COMMUNITY MEET AND GREET



The MAC Mission

The Midlands Arts Conservatory will prepare students for arts related careers, a lifelong appreciation of the arts, and for high quality post secondary studies. The school will provide an arts enriched personalized learning environment, integrating academic rigor and quality arts instruction for students starting in the sixth grade.



About MAC

- **The Midlands Arts Conservatory (MAC) will be an innovative public charter school which integrates the arts along with a program of rigorous academics.**
- **MAC is enrolling students who will be entering the 6th and 7th grade in August of 2018. A grade level will be added each year until a complete middle and high school model is in place and MAC graduates its first group of seniors in the Spring of 2024.**
- **Each grade level will consist of three classes averaging 20 students each. The grade level structure will continue with sixty students in each grade throughout high school.**
- **MAC will challenge students academically with a program that will ultimately prepare them for postsecondary studies. The eventual high school instructional program will emphasize Advanced Placement and dual enrollment credits along with a personalized program designed for careers in and a lifelong appreciation of the arts.**

The MAC Planning Committee

- **Rosie Craig- Chairwoman**
- **J Britt- Project Manager**
- **Elaine Delk**
- **Janet Rhodes**
- **Robert Jesselson**
- **Minuette Floyd**
- **Elisa Moskovitz**
- **Kenny Whitted**
- **Simone Gause**
- **Catharine Aiken**
- **David Turner**
- **Jennifer Morrison**
- **Dominic Mjartan**

Shannon Hickey- School Leader

- **20 Years in Education**
 - **Bachelor of Science in Music Education**
 - **Master of Education in Educational Leadership**
- **12 Years in School Administrative Experience**
 - **Senior Administrator**
 - **Assistant Senior Administrator**
 - **Principal**
 - **International Programs Director**
 - **Fine Arts Director**
 - **Music (Chorus and Band) Teacher**
 - **Private Lesson Instructor- piano and woodwinds**
- **Civic Involvement**
 - **Rotary International**
 - **YMCA of Coastal Georgia Board Member**
 - **Liberty County Education Coalition Member/Lead**
 - **Hinesville Area Arts Council Board Member**



Shannon Johnson- Head Business Administrator

- **13 Years in Business Administration**
 - **Business Administration and Event Director certified through Midlands Technical College**
 - **Certification in Spanish II through Midlands Technical College**
- **5 Years in Education Business Administration**
 - **Certified PowerSchool Admin through SCPCSD**
 - **Data Specialist/Registrar**
 - **Certified Child Nutrition Director through SC Department of Education Office of Health & Nutrition**
 - **Events Director**
- **Arts Background**
 - **Youth Choir Director**
 - **Art Teacher**
 - **Honor Choirs**
 - **Theatre/ Dance Volunteer**



The MAC School Calendar

- **180 School Days**
- **The school calendar will reflect the calendars of other Midlands public schools.**
- **Opening Day for MAC- on the 20th of August 2018!**
- **The Planning Committee will be approving a school calendar very soon. As soon as it is approved, we will ensure you receive a copy.**
- **Master classes and recitals by community professionals will be scheduled throughout the school year.**

The MAC School Day

- **School Hours: 8:15AM-3:30PM**
- **Seven Period Day**
 - **English/Language Arts (45 minutes)**
 - **Mathematics (45 minutes)**
 - **Science (45 minutes)**
 - **Social Studies (45 minutes)**
 - **Art Specialty Instruction (120 minutes)**
 - **Theory/History Instruction within specialty (60)**
 - **Lunch/Break/Health and Wellness**
- **Academic core classes (English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies) will be modeled after Richland District One's Advanced Academic Program (AAP) for middle school students.**

The MAC Curriculum

- **Four Arts Based Disciplines-**
 - **Dance**
 - **Music (vocal and instrumental)**
 - **Theatre**
 - **Visual Arts**
- **MAC will provide an arts infused core academic focus with high quality/professional level arts education in the arts.**
- **MAC wants its students to work with professional level artist in their declared arts discipline.**
- **Students will produce a portfolio of their work quarterly and will participate in public events/shows throughout the Columbia community.**
- **MAC is looking to partner with established arts businesses (theaters, studios, museums, etc.)**
- **The MAC curriculum will provide its students with the opportunity and ability to enter postsecondary education in their chosen concentration area.**

The MAC After School Program

- **MAC is developing a fee-based after school program for students who require supervision after school hours. The idea behind this program is to provide an opportunity for students to complete homework and work on projects. Additionally, a variety of activities and opportunities (both arts based and academic based) will be provided for the after school students.**
- **We are open for your thoughts and your feedback as we are still in the development phase of this program.**

The MAC Dress Code

- **MAC is developing basic school uniform policy and is currently working with several vendors to deliver the best product at the most reasonable price for our families.**
- **The basics of the dress code will be:**
 - **Navy or red polo shirts with school logo or white or blue oxford**
 - **Navy or khaki pants, skirt, or shorts**
 - **Belt must be worn if the bottom has belt loops**
 - **All bottoms must be fingertip length or longer**



Why does MAC have a school uniform?

- **Uniforms improve school safety.**
 - **Uniforms reduce serious discipline infractions and encourages good discipline.**
 - **Uniforms help identify school intruders.**
- **Uniforms keep the focus on learning, not on clothing.**
 - **Uniforms allow the student to express his or her individuality in more creative avenues and through accessories.**
 - **Uniforms are cost effective and less expensive then traditional school clothing.**
- **Uniforms create a climate of belonging and community throughout the school.**
 - **Enhanced school pride and unity is created.**
- **Uniforms place a concentration on who is student is, rather than what the student is wearing.**
- **Uniforms diminish the economic and social barriers between students and improves overall student attendance.**
- **Uniforms make getting ready for school easier for the students and as a result school tardiness is decreased.**

How Can You Help?

- **Help spread the word!**
- **Join the Midlands Arts Conservatory on social media- Facebook and Twitter**
- **Visit the MAC website- www.MidlandsArtsConservatory.org**
- **Volunteer during the summer**
 - **The new MAC building has been unoccupied for a while and needs a bit of TLC this summer.**
- **School Leader's Advisory Committee**
- **Establishing a parent/student/teacher organization to help support the students and**

