



Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts General Information for the 2022-2023 School Year

The Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts (HB APA) is a place where talented, ambitious young performers and art lovers can extend both their academic and arts education simultaneously in an enriching atmosphere. Academy classes allow students to realize their fullest potential while interacting with peers that share their passion for the arts. Involvement in the Academy not only increases the self-esteem of its young performers, but often raises their level of academic achievement as well.

Some facts you might find interesting:

1. APA is a magnet program within the HBUHSD, located on the Huntington Beach High School campus. Students must attend a high school within or transfer into the Huntington Beach Union High School District.
2. The Academy enrolls students entering grades 9-12.
3. Applicants are evaluated on their academic record, auditions or interviews, as well as recommendations.
4. APA classes are taken for Visual/Performing Arts credit and are not extra-curricular activities. Students may not add or drop classes at their own discretion.
5. Students may attend any high school within HBUHSD and attend afternoon APA classes.
6. If a student lives outside of the HBUHSD and is accepted into the APA program, they may apply for a transfer to HBHS.
7. APA offers Dance Technologies PE classes for APA students who attend HBHS full time.
8. APA students are recognized and may earn academic achievement awards as outlined in the District's Planning Guide for Students and Parents.
9. Students are encouraged to take an average of two APA classes per semester for a well-rounded education and to fulfill the APA Honor Cord recognition program requirements.
10. All APA classes fulfill the Visual/Performing Arts requirements for the UC and CSU systems.

So, your student is interested – what's next?

1. Complete the application for the 2022-2023 school year and submit it by Monday, May 2nd, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
2. Applications may be submitted in person or mailed to the APA Office at 1905 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 (located in the Music Building).
3. Students may apply for up to two disciplines at the audition and are encouraged to do so.
4. Auditions will take place during the week of May 14th. Please note that audition dates are subject to change.
5. APA will email or call auditionees with audition appointment dates and times the week prior to auditions. We make appointments only for students who have completed the application process by the due date.
6. If you are planning to transfer your student to HBHS, start the application process at your residence school now and indicate on the transfer application: *Pending APA acceptance*.

Dear Applicant: We are happy that you are considering APA. Be sure to review all attached pages as they provide important information, helpful hints for audition preparation, and all necessary forms you need to fill out. Many of your questions may be answered by the information available at hbapa.org under our *Be APA* page.

AUDITION TIMELINE: 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Task to complete before your audition:	Date to be completed by:
Complete the APA Application (pages 7-9)	Now
Have your picture taken (does not need to be a professional headshot; may use current school ID picture) Request the Instructor Recommendation Form	Now
Compile or revise your résumé	Now
Prepare, memorize, and rehearse your audition pieces	Now
Submit your completed application <i>*Applications may be <u>submitted in person or mailed</u> to the APA Office at 1905 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648 (located in the HBHS Music Building)</i>	Monday, May 2nd, 2022 by 3:00 PM
For MMET Media: Make a 3-minute film and email link to msimmons@hbuhds.edu <i>*This department requires a video submission <u>and</u> live interview</i>	Monday, May 2nd, 2022 by 3:00 PM
For Musical Theatre: Submit a video of 32 bars of an up-tempo Broadway Standard and 16 bars of a contemporary Broadway Ballad. Videos should be uploaded to a platform such as YouTube or Google Drive. Email video links to apamtdept@gmail.com with subject line: <i>MT Audition</i> <i>*This department requires a video submission <u>and</u> live audition</i>	Monday, May 2nd, 2022 by 3:00 PM
You will be notified by email or phone call of your specific audition time. You must reply to secure your audition spot. This appointment time cannot be changed.	The week prior to auditions

2022 May Audition Dates:	Please note:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Acting & Dramatic Production: Tues, May 10th at 5pm ● Costume Design & Technical Theatre: Fri, May 13th at 5pm ● Musical Theatre: Sat, May 14th at 1pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MMET Media & Popular Music: Thurs, May 19th at 5pm ● Orchestra: Thurs, May 19th at 5pm ● Dance: <i>You will be notified by the APA Office of your specific time.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All audition dates are subject to change. ● You will be notified a week before auditions of your specific appointment date and time. ● Please arrive ½ hour before your audition time to check-in. 	

Be prepared to spend some time waiting on audition day. We encourage you to bring a sack lunch and a drink, as well as homework or a book to read. In the meantime, come and see our APA students perform!

We wish you luck — *oops!* — break a leg!



Stacy Robison
APA Administrator



Diane Makas
APA Artistic Director



Susan West
APA Supervisor

APA Audition Requirements

2022-2023 School Year

Please submit the following by the application deadline:

- The completed APA application (pages 7-9)
- A picture affixed to the Cover Page of the application
- Résumé (a sample is enclosed)
- Personal Essay (instructions enclosed)
- One Instructor Recommendation Form
- Unofficial copy of transcript or latest report card
- \$25 application donation
- MMET: Media or Musical Theatre audition videos due by Mon, May 2nd

On audition day, please arrive 30 minutes before your appointment time. Confidence in your art is best demonstrated by being well prepared; don't wait until the last minute to select and rehearse your material. Those who are not prepared (not to be confused with those who are nervous) will be sent home. Please wear appropriate clothing for the discipline you are auditioning for.

DISCIPLINE	AUDITION REQUIREMENTS
Acting	<p>Perform 2 one-minute memorized monologues: 1 comedy and 1 drama.</p> <p>It is advisable that one monologue is a character close to you in terms of age and personality. The other monologue should show your range in terms of playing a challenging character. Monologues should be from published plays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduce each monologue by the name of the play, the author, and the character you are performing. ● Dress in professional audition attire. ● Monologues from plays/scripts can be found on the internet or at your local library.
Dance	<p>Learn a ballet barre, jazz progression, modern combination, and tap sequence on site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prior technical training <i>required</i>. ● Attire: Dark leotard, pink or black tights, hair back. Bring jazz shoes and ballet slippers. Tap shoes optional.
Orchestra <i>Traditional Music Program</i>	<p>Play 1-2 short selections (3-minutes maximum) which best demonstrate your musical and technical ability. Expect a short excerpt to sight-read.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Play scales from memory as follows (two octaves when possible): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wind instruments: B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, F, C, chromatic (from your lowest note to highest note - show your range) ○ String instruments: C, G, D, A, F, chromatic (from your lowest note to highest note - show your range) ○ Piano: F, C, G (2 hands), 2 octave chromatic C-C ○ Guitar, drum set: demonstrate the following styles - swing, rock, Latin ○ Concert percussion (in addition to 1-2 short selections: keyboard marimba, bells, etc.): C, B-flat, E-flat scales, concert snare drum-roll soft to loud to soft. ● Bring your instrument and sheet music. A piano, all percussion, and guitar amp are available.
Musical Theatre	<p>This department calls for a live audition (guidelines are below), as well as a video audition (singing portion only) submitted by Mon, May 2nd.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit your vocal audition video: Submit a video of 32 bars of an up-tempo Broadway Standard and 16 bars of a contemporary Broadway Ballad. Submissions may be with a track or accompanist. Videos should be uploaded to a platform such as YouTube or Vimeo. Email video links to apamtdept@gmail.com by Mon, May 2nd, 2022. Subject line should read: <i>MT Audition</i>. 2. Live auditions, consisting of three components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SING: Perform 32 bars of an up-tempo Broadway Standard and 16 bars of a contemporary Broadway Ballad (song selections may be the same as your audition video). Please bring your sheet music in the correct key. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On audition day, you may be asked to perform only a portion of your music, but be prepared to perform the entire selection if asked. ● DANCE: Learn and perform a short dance combination on-site at auditions. ● ACT: Perform one (1) memorized monologue from a Broadway musical. Introduce the monologue by the name of the musical and the character you are performing. <p>* Attire: jazz pants or character skirt; jazz shoes or character shoes.</p>

DISCIPLINE	AUDITION REQUIREMENTS				
<p>MMET: Popular Music Music Media & Entertainment Technology</p>	<p>Be prepared to perform an original, contemporary, or classic rock song. Those who play an instrument in addition to singing are encouraged to audition doing both.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage presence, attitude, and knowledge of the material are crucial to performance and will be taken into consideration as part of your audition. Music selections may be up to 2 minutes <i>max</i>. Auditionees may only be asked to perform a verse and a chorus, but should be prepared to perform the entire song if asked. <p>VOCALISTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vocalists will be brought into the MMET studio for ear testing as a group. Be prepared to sing a pop or rock song of your choice. You will not be permitted to sing acapella. Vocalists are also required to learn one song from the list below. Be prepared to sing one verse and one chorus: <table border="1" data-bbox="440 537 1446 667"> <tr> <td data-bbox="440 537 938 667"> <p>Upper Voices (typically female): <i>Poor, Poor Pitiful Me</i> – Linda Ronstadt <i>Back In My Arms Again</i> – The Supremes <i>Love Will Keep Us Together</i> – Captain & Tennille</p> </td> <td data-bbox="938 537 1446 667"> <p>Lower Voices (typically male): <i>I Will Follow You Into the Dark</i> – Death Cab for Cutie <i>I'm a Believer</i> – The Monkees <i>You've Got a Friend</i> – James Taylor</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>INSTRUMENTALISTS:</p> <p>Bring your guitar or bass. You do not need to bring a keyboard, drum set, pedal boards, or amps (these are provided). Know how to plug into an amp and tune your instrument.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be prepared to play one (1) popular rock or pop song of your choice. Please play a verse and a chorus. If you have a recording to play along with, you may do so. Please read the following carefully, as each instrument has different guidelines for this second step: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bass Players: Please visit bit.ly/MMETAudition. Play through the songs provided in the “Bass” folder (a backing track with instructions is there to guide you). A video tutorial is also provided to give you an example. Guitarists: Please visit bit.ly/MMETAudition. Play through the list of songs provided in the “Guitar” folder. Make sure to read this list (and instructions) thoroughly. A video tutorial is also provided to give you an example. Drums: Choose two (2) from the following songs and learn the intro, verse, and first chorus. Backing tracks (without drums) can be found at bit.ly/MMETAudition. <table border="1" data-bbox="456 1129 959 1230"> <tr> <td data-bbox="456 1129 959 1230"> <p><i>September</i> – Earth, Wind & Fire <i>No One Knows</i> – Queens of the Stone Age <i>The Middle</i> – Jimmy Eat World</p> </td> </tr> </table> Keys: Choose two (2) from the songs below and learn the intro, verse, and first chorus. Backing tracks (without drums) can be found at bit.ly/MMETAudition. <table border="1" data-bbox="456 1304 959 1413"> <tr> <td data-bbox="456 1304 959 1413"> <p><i>Don't Stop Me Now</i> – Queen <i>(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman</i> – Carole King <i>For Once in My Life</i> – Stevie Wonder</p> </td> </tr> </table> 	<p>Upper Voices (typically female): <i>Poor, Poor Pitiful Me</i> – Linda Ronstadt <i>Back In My Arms Again</i> – The Supremes <i>Love Will Keep Us Together</i> – Captain & Tennille</p>	<p>Lower Voices (typically male): <i>I Will Follow You Into the Dark</i> – Death Cab for Cutie <i>I'm a Believer</i> – The Monkees <i>You've Got a Friend</i> – James Taylor</p>	<p><i>September</i> – Earth, Wind & Fire <i>No One Knows</i> – Queens of the Stone Age <i>The Middle</i> – Jimmy Eat World</p>	<p><i>Don't Stop Me Now</i> – Queen <i>(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman</i> – Carole King <i>For Once in My Life</i> – Stevie Wonder</p>
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<p>MMET: Media Music Media & Entertainment Technology</p>	<p>All students will be interviewed by Mr. Simmons and Mrs. Collins, and are to produce and submit a 3-minute (maximum) video about themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no more specific instructions beyond the video's time limit; however, the way this simple challenge is approached should tell us what we need to know about your creativity, personality, and skills. Do you really want to be a part of the Media team? Your video should convince us! Videos should be uploaded to a platform such as YouTube or Google Drive. Email video links to Mr. Simmons at msimmons@hbuhdsd.edu by Mon, May 2nd, 2022. 				
<p>Costume Design</p>	<p>Interview with Ms. Sellers and résumé of skills. Presentation of portfolio or samples, if available. Please be prepared to answer this question: <i>“Why do you want to be a member of the APA Costume Design discipline?”</i></p>				
<p>Dramatic Production</p>	<p>Presentation of a portfolio, if available. Playwrights: Bring writing samples of plays, short stories, poems, etc. Directors: Expect a short interview in which you will talk about your leadership potential and creative ideas.</p>				
<p>Technical Theatre</p>	<p>Interview with Mr. Behrens and Mr. Henderson. Presentation of portfolio or samples, if available (lighting, sound, scenic design, construction, and stage management). Please be prepared to answer this question: <i>“Why do you want to be a member of the APA Technical Theatre discipline?”</i></p>				

What to Do Now

1. Download the application.
2. Request your Instructor Recommendation Form (do so early, as it may take time). If you need an electronic copy of the Instructor Recommendation Form to email to your teacher, download the form at hbapa.online/instructor-recommendation.
3. Thoroughly read through the audition guidelines for each discipline.
4. Start preparing for your audition.

Application Procedure

1. Complete the application for admission (pages 7-9).
2. Follow all instructions carefully and submit the completed application by Monday, May 2nd, 2022.
3. Incomplete applications delay the process and will not be accepted.
4. Auditions will take place during the week of May 14th, 2022. Please note that audition dates are subject to change.
5. During the week prior to auditions, you will receive a phone call or email with your appointment time and other details for your audition. Please respond to secure your spot.
6. You may audition for up to two APA disciplines. Please note your 1st and 2nd choice on your application.
7. If your discipline calls for a pre-recorded audition video (MMET: Media and Musical Theatre), submit your video by Monday, May 2nd, 2022.

On Audition Day

1. Please dress appropriately for your audition and/or interview.
2. Please arrive 30 minutes before your appointment time.
3. Be prepared. Those who are not prepared (not to be confused with those who are nervous) will not be considered for acceptance.
4. *Break a leg!*

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Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts

2022-2023 Application Cover Page

(LAST)	(FIRST)
Legal Name:	
Preferred Name (if Applicable):	Preferred Pronouns:

If accepted, will you be moving into the area to attend APA? Please circle: **YES** or **NO**
 If YES, where will you be moving from? _____

Do you currently live in the HBUHSD (Huntington Beach High Union High School District)? Please circle: **YES** or **NO**

Will you be transferring to HBHS from another high school or school district? Please circle: **YES** or **NO**

1. **Attach this page to the top of your application.**
2. **Keep pages 1-6.**
3. **Submit pages 7-10 to APA.**
4. **Submit page 13 to your chosen instructor.**



The completed APA Application includes:

- Application contribution: \$25.00 (cash or check payable to "APA")
- APA Application, pages 7-9 (with this Cover Page on top)
- Student picture affixed to the right
- Résumé (you may use the sample page or prepare your own)
- Personal Essay
- Instructor Recommendation Form
- Unofficial copy of transcript/most current report card

Note: Before you submit your application, check that your packet is complete as we cannot process incomplete applications. Application materials (including pictures and letters of recommendation) will not be returned after submission. All applications due by January 21st, 2022.

How did you hear about the Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts? Please answer below:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher/school staff | <input type="checkbox"/> APA Open Doors | <input type="checkbox"/> Attended APA show; name of show: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/sibling in APA; name of student: | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance studio/music, drama, vocal coach; name: | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper article/advertisement; name: |

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	APPOINTMENT TIME	CLASS ASSIGNMENTS AND CODES
1ST CHOICE:		
2ND CHOICE:		
NOTES:		

Please mark the APA discipline for which you are auditioning. You may audition for a maximum of two (2) disciplines. If you are auditioning for more than one discipline, please rank your preference by numbering the discipline:

“1” being your first choice, “2” being your second choice.

Acting

Costume Design

Dance

Dramatic Production (Playwriting and Directing)

Orchestra

Please list all instruments you play in order of proficiency:

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Music Media & Entertainment Technology (MMET): Popular Music

Please indicate whether you are primarily a vocalist or instrumentalist (you may only choose one). Then circle “YES” or “NO” for all other areas.

Primarily a VOCALIST

OR

Primarily an INSTRUMENTALIST

(PLEASE ONLY CHOOSE ONE)

Do you sing lead vocals? YES or NO (please circle one)

Do you sing background vocals? YES or NO (please circle one)

Do you play (an) instrument(s)? YES or NO (please circle one) If yes, please list instruments below in order of proficiency:

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Music Media & Entertainment Technology (MMET): Media

Musical Theatre (Singing, Dancing, and Acting)

Technical Theatre

Please check all areas of interest:

_____ LIGHTING _____ STAGE MANAGEMENT _____ SET CONSTRUCTION & RIGGING _____ SOUND

_____ SCENIC DESIGN & PAINTING _____ CURRENTLY UNDECIDED _____ INTERESTED IN ALL

Application for Admission: 2022-2023 School Year

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please type or write with pen)	<input type="checkbox"/> New APA student applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Previous APA student – last semester attended:	
Last name:	First name:	HBUHSD six-digit ID (if available):
Street address, apt/unit number:	City, state, zip:	Graduating year:
		Date of birth:
Student phone:	Student email:	
Student lives with:		Preferred Pronouns:
School currently attending (please choose one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Middle/Junior High School (list below): OR <input type="checkbox"/> High School (list below):	
Please circle your residence high school in the Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD): EHS · FVHS · HBHS · MHS · OVHS · VVHS · WHS Will you apply for intra-district transfer to Huntington Beach High School (HBHS) from your HBUHSD residence school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will you apply for an out of district transfer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No My residence high school is: _____ in _____ School District		
Student signature:		Date:
PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION		
Parent/Guardian #1 last name:	Parent/Guardian #1 first name:	Home phone:
		Cell phone:
Street address:	City:	State, zip:
Parent/Guardian #1 email address:		
Parent/Guardian #1 signature:		
Parent/Guardian #2 last name:	Parent/Guardian #2 first name:	Home phone:
		Cell phone:
Street address:	City:	State, zip:
Parent/Guardian #2 email address:		
Parent/Guardian #2 signature:		

Sample Résumé

You may use this form and fill in the blanks or create a résumé on your own. Please type or write in pen.

Last name:		First name:	
Address:		Apt/Unit number:	
City:	Zip:	Student phone:	

EXPERIENCE:

DATE	EVENT	ROLE/POSITION	LOCATION

TRAINING (EDUCATION/RESIDENCIES):

DATE	EVENT	ROLE/POSITION	LOCATION

SPECIAL SKILLS:

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AWARDS:

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Personal Essay: 2022-2023 School Year

Your essay is to be approximately 300 words (about one typed, double-spaced page).

Please address each of the following questions in your essay:

1. When and how did your interest in the performing arts (in general) develop? Specifically, when and how did your interest in the Academy for the Performing Arts (APA) develop?
2. What are your expectations, and what experiences do you hope to gain from your involvement in APA?
3. What do you have to offer, and how will your involvement benefit APA?
4. What extracurricular activities are you currently participating in at your middle school, high school, or other organizations?
5. What activities do you plan to be involved with in addition to APA for the coming school year?
6. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

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Instructor Recommendation Form

Huntington Beach Academy for the Performing Arts

Student Name: _____ **Department Applying for:** _____

Applicant Information: This form is to remain confidential. After filling out your name and the APA Department you are applying for above, give this form to a teacher or arts instructor whom you have worked closely with. You may email this form to your instructor, or submit it to them in person. To download a fillable version of this form, visit: hbapa.online/instructor-recommendation.

Instructor Information: Thank you for helping us learn more about this student. Please fill out the chart and questions below. Once you have completed this form, please return to APA by either: 1) emailing the completed form to nperreira@hbuhds.edu, or 2) mailing the completed form to HB APA: 1905 Main St, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

Please rate the applicant's potential in the above chosen field by placing a check in the appropriate box:

	Unacceptable		Low		Average		Outstanding		Top 5%	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Potential										
Commitment										
Drive/Ambition										
Self-Discipline										
Professionalism										
Socialization										

Comments: _____

Instructor Name: _____

Instructor Email: _____

Instructor's Subject & Title: _____ **Years Instructing Student:** _____

Thank you for taking the time to recommend this student!