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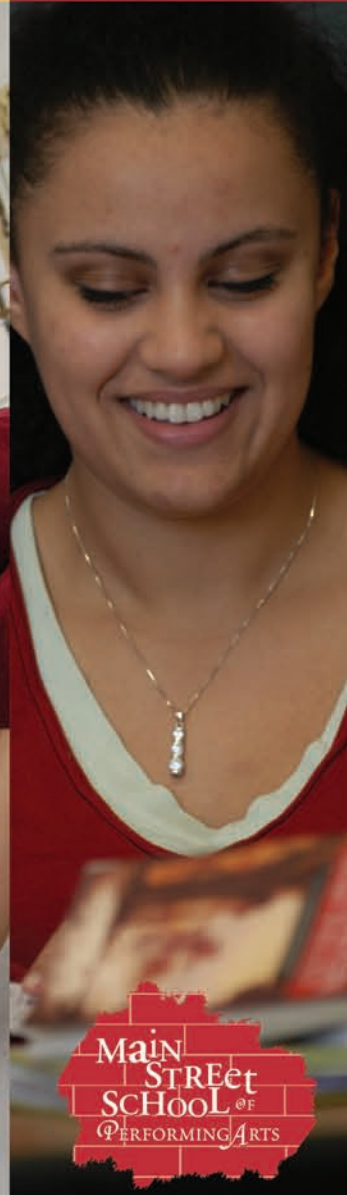
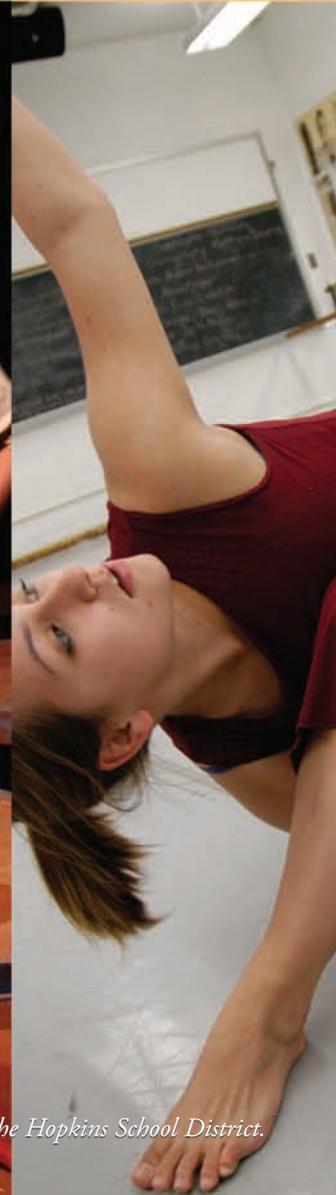
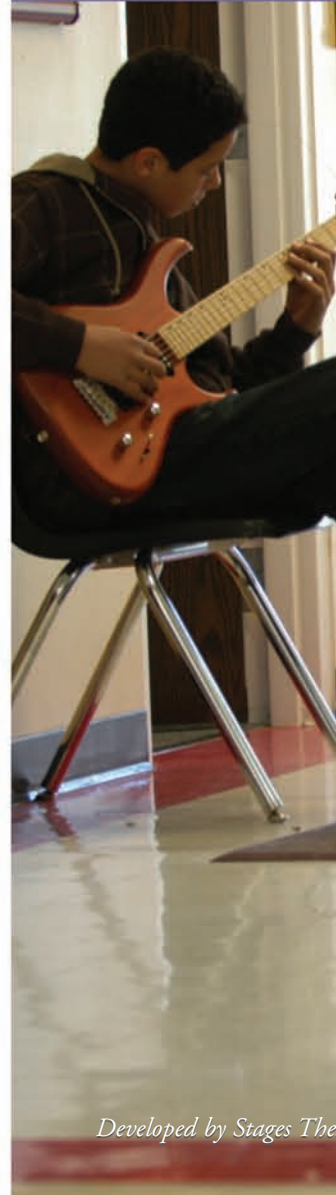
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Main Street School of Performing Arts (MSSPA)  
offers the best of both – *academic achievement and a passion for performing arts* –  
a winning combination that prepares students for any stage of life.

## music

*“The teachers and staff at Main Street School provide a comfortable environment in which to grow and develop as an artist.”*  
– Nick, MSSPA Student

MSSPA's music program encourages students to find their unique musical “voice.” Individual skills are enhanced through student and staff-directed vocal and instrumental ensembles. Additional classes in history, theory and technology challenge students to expand their musical skills and understanding.

### *We emphasize:*

- The creation of original pieces
- Collaboration with other students
- Music ensembles: Jazz, string, instrumental
- Vocal ensembles: choir, small group, women's group
- Participation in school sponsored and student generated ensembles
- Experiences with local and national musical artists

## theatre

*“Main Street has taught me how to work hard in both academics and the performing arts.”*  
– Zac, MSSPA Student

Start with the basics, then go beyond! At MSSPA, days will be filled with the classics, cutting-edge material, and the chance to create original material. Students will learn the art of improv, physical theatre, voice and diction, and script analysis.

### *We emphasize:*

- Practical applications and connections from classroom to performance
- Daily exploration and development of your craft
- Opportunities for main stage, one-act and improvisational performances
- Participation in the Main Street Actors Guild
- Experiences with playwriting and directing

## dance

*“When we learned about MSSPA, we realized that we had found a treasure, a learning environment that gave our child the opportunity to grow and prosper.”*  
– Shelly, MSSPA Parent

Based in ballet and modern dance, we encourage students to develop their own artistic expression through the study of technique, choreography, world dance, history and anatomy. Several formal and informal dance performances throughout the year enable students to develop artistically.

### *We emphasize:*

- Ballet and modern technique with exploration in other dance forms
- Developing critical thinking and writing skills around dance in all courses
- Collaboration with local professional choreographers and dance companies
- Opportunity to choreograph own work and present it for student and faculty directed shows
- Audition-based Main Street dance company for advanced level dancers



## life

A tuition-free, four-year public high school, MSSPA is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Hopkins and is open to all students throughout the metro area.

### Academics

MSSPA offers smaller class sizes, greater personal attention from fully licensed instructors, guidance and counseling, special education, and gifted and talented services.

We offer arts-infused academic courses. This integrated approach brings the arts into traditional classroom learning. MSSPA offers Advanced Placement courses, allowing students the chance to earn college credit. Our graduation requirements exceed those set by the state of Minnesota.

### Performances

At MSSPA, students can participate in multiple music, theatre and dance performances. Our monthly *No Shame* shows allow students a chance to showcase their original pieces. Students also have community-wide opportunities to perform at venues around the Twin Cities.

### Activities

At MSSPA, you will find a variety of after school clubs, groups and activities to keep students engaged in positive experiences. From Bike Club to Knitting Club, Main Street Cares (a service club) to National Honor Society, students connect with others outside of school hours.

### Making Connections

MSSPA students form life-long bonds with other teens who share a passion for the arts. Students participate in social events sponsored by MSSPA including school dances, a Junior/ Senior formal prom and senior arts retreat in New York City.

### Post-High School

Our fully comprehensive, winning combination of academic achievement and passion for the performing arts prepares MSSPA students for their future. Our students have been accepted into a broad range of post-secondary institutions and are pursuing majors as diverse as Musical Theatre, Biology, and World Language in locations close to home or across the country.

Some of the post-secondary schools to which MSSPA students have been accepted:

- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- NYU/Tisch School of the Arts, NY
- Xavier University, OH
- DePaul University, IL
- Gustavus Adolphus, MN
- St. Cloud State, MN
- Loyola University Chicago, IL
- Cornish College of the Arts, WA
- University of Vermont
- University of Maine
- North Dakota State University
- St. Olaf, MN
- College of St. Benedict/St. Johns, MN
- Evergreen State College, WA
- Rutgers University, NJ

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