

**Vicksburg Performing Arts Center
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The ongoing charge of the Vicksburg Performing Arts center is to initiate and support opportunities to significantly enrich the educational opportunities of our students and to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Over the 2010-2011 season, Vicksburg Community Schools made significant advances in fulfilling the mission and charge of its Performing Arts Center to serve our students and the community. Here are some highlights:

- Sustained growth in participation in, and audiences, continues to be seen in our extra-curricular musical theatre program. Once again, opportunities to participate in productions were offered to the 4th – 8th grades and the 9th – 12th grades. In November, audiences' spirits soared with excitement as the PAC presented the musical family favorite – **Mulan, Jr.**, the stage adaptation of the Disney classic. Audiences also saw the high school students in **Ducks and Lovers** and **Once Upon a Mattress**.
- The PAC was ready and able to serve the needs of all of the community organizations that present the annual favorites including **Main Street Revue** attending *The King's Birthday Party*, the **Vicksburg Rotary Showboat**, and the **South County Players** performing *The Cotton Patch Gospel* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.
- In order to keep pace with the demands on our equipment and technology, the process of retrofitting stage lighting fixtures was undertaken. These measures optimize the availability and extend the life expectancy of the fixtures. These procedures were completed on 10% of our inventory. The cost of the procedures was approximately \$500. Replacement of the fixtures would cost approximately \$4000.
- Worked with the Fine Arts Department to prioritize our piano needs, considering importance and instrument age. In the Spring of 2010, began trading currently owned acoustic pianos (with the exception of the Steinway concert grand and the Baldwin upright piano dedicated to the orchestra pit) toward the purchase of digital pianos. To date, two acoustic pianos have been replaced with one new digital piano and two gently used acoustic upright pianos. A small grand piano has also been added to our inventory and is dedicated to the high school choir room.
- The PAC was ready and able to serve the needs, and contribute to the successes of:
 - 4 community organizations
 - 15 school/student organizations,
 - 11 bands
 - 9 choirs
 - 1 orchestra
 - 3 soloists
 - 1 string ensemble
 - 2 dance troupes
 - 2 churches

- The PAC facility held:

22 theatre performances

25 concerts

4 dance recitals

2 video festivals

4 church services,

7 award presentations

24 meetings

Hundreds and hundreds of rehearsal hours.

Our lecture halls served as a classroom every day of the school year.

As we go forward, we will be taking decisive action to ensure our successful future as a lively, dynamic arts and cultural organization. This action will include building on our successes with an exciting and varied performance season and a rededication of our efforts to the importance of the arts in our schools and in our lives. Please join us as we blaze the direction for arts education and performance for another exciting year and a truly promising future.

Timothy Fuller

Performing Arts Center Manager