

**Vicksburg Performing Arts Center
2017-2018 Annual Report**

2017-2018 Annual Report

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 2017-2018 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, audience's' spirits soared with excitement as the PAC presented the extremely challenging but very successful musical – **Bye Bye Birdie, Jr.** Audiences also saw the high school students perform **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare - Abridged**, of course. All 37 histories, comedies and tragedies were presented in 90 minutes! VHS students staged high-flying excitement and hits with **Disney's Tarzan** - based on Disney's epic animated musical adventure and Edgar Rice Burrough's Tarzan of the Apes. The job they did was gave our students, families and communities an unforgettable theatrical experience.
- Record attendance for both HS drama productions. Highest attended Junior Musical in last 4 years.
- The PAC was "ship-shape" and able to serve the needs of the crew of the S.S. Rotary Ann as they set sail on their 65th voyage! Over 30 local singers combined for rich harmonies, jokes both ancient and new, and an original script that delighted folks of all ages.
- In order to keep pace with the demands on our equipment and technology, the following steps were undertaken:
 - A. The fourth phase in a proposed 5-year plan to upgrade 102 lighting fixtures.
 - B. Repair of all stage draperies and soft goods.
 - C. Upgrades of, and repairs to, stage monitor speaker inventory.

The PAC was ready and able to serve the needs, and contribute to the successes of:

8 community organizations
17 school/student organizations,
12 bands
12 choirs
1 string ensemble
3 dance studios

Bold indicates increases from 2014-2015

The PAC facility held:

19 theatre performances
22 concerts
7 dance recitals
7 video presentations
11 award presentations
20 meetings
2 Choral festival
2 Talent Shows
3 Dance Workshop
1 Senior photo shoot
1 Strings recital

Hundreds and hundreds of rehearsal hours.

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

Bold indicates increases from 2015-2016

- My goals continue to include:
 - A. Maximizing the availability, readiness and safety of the facility
 - B. Working with groups (teachers, students, community members, VCS support staff) in way that ensures event successfulness
 - C. Supporting facility users through administrative support (ticket office, budgeting/accounting, procurement, PR) & technical expertise (equipment maintenance, set design/build/paint/rigging, lighting, set-up/programming/operation, sound setup/operation)

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