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GRIFFIN ARTS FESTIVAL

Reimagining Community

A Celebration of the Arts and Culture



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Artwork by Dora Day

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Welcome to GAF 2021



Welcome to our eighth Griffin Arts Festival, our annual celebration of the arts. Our theme this year is Reimagining Community and there has never been a better time to unite our communities through the arts. A GST education is predicated on our vision of Proud Traditions, Wide Horizons and High Achievement and we have had to adapt and change the way we work, but we have never lost sight of this vision. Events, activities and experiences have been reimagined to enable our young people to develop imagination, curiosity and creativity.

At GST we ask our students to think about who they will become for themselves and for the world, and the arts and culture are key ways to consider these questions. Reimagining Community is our most ambitious theme yet and we know that it will inspire another great Griffin Arts Festival.

Ange Tyler, Founder

Our eighth Griffin Arts Festival is another great opportunity for our family of schools to come together. We have a packed timetable of exciting and imaginative events to enjoy as a community. Many activities have been planned to ensure that families are able to take part in activities on specific days as we are still not able to invite our families into school as much as we would like. We have learnt to

reimagine our communities, by connecting and being together in different ways, and our theme of Reimagining Community is a celebration of everything that has been achieved in these unprecedented times. GAF 2021 will be ambitious, imaginative and creative and will again support our young Griffins to discover who they are and what it means to be a part of a creative community.

Anne Powell, CEO

Competitions

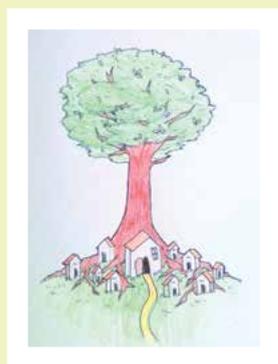
GAF Visual Art Competition



Winner

Dora Day | Year 2
Willow Brook

“To paint the tree I used the shape of my hand. For the leaves I used all of my favourite colours from the rainbow making fingerprint patterns. When I was creating my art I was thinking of my family and my friends at school. They are all important to me.”



Runner Up

Ellie Moakes-Britton | Year 9
Nicholas Chamberlaine School



Runner Up

Poppy Sidwell | Year 2
Park Lane School

Griffin Music Medal

SECONDARY MUSIC MEDAL AWARD

Zachary Clarke Piano | NCS

Secondary Finalist

Andrei Lazar Violin | NCS

PRIMARY MUSIC MEDAL AWARD

Lily McCarten Voice | Bramford

Primary Finalist

Elvan Dogan Sax | Riverley

Steven Fu Piano | Riverley

Carys Haffner-Smith Voice | Bramford

Jack Pannell Voice | Park Lane

Aiden Tan Piano | Chivenor

Jade Reiner-Thiam Voice | Willow Brook

Olivia Callaghan Piano | Kingfisher

COMPOSITION PRIZE WINNER

Erin McCafferty Piano,
‘Un Balade Nocturne d’Automne’ | NCS

ENSEMBLE PRIZE WINNER

Lordswood Year 6 Choir

Ensemble Finalists

Body Percussion Ensemble (Year 4) | Lordswood

Hafsa Mahmood and Sofia Joorman Violin Duet | Riverley

Griffin Drama Medal

DRAMA MEDAL AWARD

Giorgi Absava | Willow Brook

Drama Medal Finalist

Megan Allsop | Chivenor

Joshua Aucott | Park Lane

Adam Beale | Bramford

Amy Clarke | NCS

Kruz Gillespie | Riverley

Oscar Mason | Perry Wood

Isla Nash | Kingfisher

Lillie-Bel Clec | Bramford

JUNIOR DRAMA MEDAL AWARD

Joshua Aserie | Chivenor

Junior Drama Medal Finalists

George Charlton | Kingfisher

Jack Eastwood | Perry Wood

Seth Foster | Saxon Way

Brodie Ogden-Bag | Riverley

Programme of activities

Art

Our Community from Above

The focus for our art project this year considers the way our communities look from above and the completed work will feature map making techniques. Our students will take the works of artists Andy Goldsworthy, Jazzberry Blue and others as their inspiration to create their own innovative pieces.

Drama

A Story of a Community

Can a bird become a King? Who was Nicholas Chamberlaine? How old is Lammas Land? By researching communities locally and further afield, students will delve into local history by retelling forgotten stories of a time gone by, discovering themes of kindness and determination and recreating them through drama activities.

Music

Dreams for a Community

Spanning nearly 450 years pupils will explore music from Vivaldi through to Clean Bandit. Our youngest musicians will watch the opera Green Eggs and Ham, Primary students will embark on a musical adventure called The Winter House, narrated by Stephen Fry, and our secondary students will follow in the footsteps of Kae Tempest and write their own raps based on the theme of 'dreams for a community'.

Written Word

Communities Divided and United

Communities across the ages have faced challenges and hardships. One example is the so-called 'Dancing Plague' in France in 1518, about the origin of which there are many theories, and a consideration of these historical events have inspired our written word activities, allowing our secondary students to reflect on what brings communities together today. Our primary pupils will turn detective, investigating an intriguing story and decoding clues to unravel a mystery presented in a short story – a tale of communities divided and then united in a common cause.

Design

Reshape, Redesign, Reimagine

What can you do with items found around your house or school? What can you do with a blank canvas? Is it possible to reimagine a space? Resourcefulness and creativity are key to our last day of activities. Primary students will take a famous work of art and recreate it using found materials, creating a fun and imaginative replica. Secondary students will look to their schools for inspiration, reimaging how they can reshape a field for a festival.

Arts in Our Communities East London

Celebrating their community reimagined, East London schools have planned an art exhibition to be displayed in the lane to Lammas field and the creation of a large art installation on the field with contributions by all students in all three schools. This installation will represent the Willow, Lammas Bird and River – symbols of the community after which the schools are named. Individual school performances of The Lion King and Hansel and Gretel and a range of creative activities will give more opportunities for communities to come together.

Medway

Unable to gather, the three Medway schools are creating and sharing work virtually as they celebrate their community. Each will exhibit work, hold a number of performances and create discovery trails through the school, showcasing their GAF activity. A highlight will be the Build a Poem project with contributions from each school, which when completed, will inspire written and artistic responses from children across all three schools. This legacy of this year's GAF will be on display in each school for community viewing. Performances, singing assemblies, and dancing will be shared virtually across the collegiate, and the Year 5 classes will recreate each school's two favourite scenes from Shakespeare.

Warwickshire and West Midlands

Warwickshire and the West Midlands have focused upon what it means to be a Midlander, the way canals draw their community together, and key figures who have contributed to the development of artistic and the wider communities in those areas. NCS will be hosting a full week of activity and hosting some primary visitors on site to participate in games, food and artistic activity as part of the wider community. Other schools will deliver a number of canal themed activities and share their work with the wider school community via a one way trail through their schools, similar to a canal ride. All schools will be creating artwork that captures a view of their community looking down from above. There will be exhibitions, singing, dancing, performances and even a virtual tour of a canal home.



The GST Family

Stantonbury International School
Milton Keynes
Joined September 2016



Bramford
West Midlands
Joined June 2013



Chivenor
West Midlands
Joined February 2014



Perry Wood
West Midlands
Joined December 2012



Nicholas Chamberlaine
North Warwickshire
Joined September 2013



Park Lane
North Warwickshire
Joined November 2013



Race Leys
North Warwickshire
Joined September 2012

Lammas
East London
Joined December 2018



Riverley
East London
Joined November 2013



Willow Brook
East London
Joined April 2015



Kingfisher
Medway
Joined September 2013



Saxon Way
Medway
Joined September 2013



Lordswood
Medway
Joined November 2013

