



Theater Arts Careers Academy

Career-Technical Education Program News from the Six District Educational Compact



The set of *Noises Off!*

Success Story



Cooper Lynn, a 2022 Hudson graduate and Theater Arts Careers Academy completer, is currently studying filmmaking at the Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida. Cooper values the relationships formed within TACA and shares that he met his two best friends while participating in the program. Additionally, Cooper states that he learned many valuable skills in TACA that are helping him in college, including script writing, character development, pitching ideas, and working as a team.

TACA students complete an amazing stagecraft project

Theater Arts Careers Academy students worked tirelessly for nine weeks building, painting, and dressing the set for Tallmadge High School's hilarious production of *Noises Off!* The show, which is a play within a play, was a huge success that had audience members laughing throughout. The work of the students did not go unnoticed, as many audience members remarked that the set was beautiful. It was challenging work for the students, as the set needed to be a two floor set with eight doors. The complete set turned around for Act 2, as the entire act is played "backstage." Theater Arts Careers Academy instructor **David Obney** co-directed the show, served as technical director for the production and shares, "The students did a fantastic job; it was an amazing stagecraft project!"



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Field trip to Weathervane Playhouse



TACA students at Weathervane Playhouse

What current students are saying...

"I recommend this program because it offers a more detailed class for acting and stagecraft than I found in a traditional class setting. It gives students a place to be comfortable, explore themselves and gain confidence. I plan on teaching the program when Mr. Obney retires!"

Johannah Skaggs (Cuyahoga Falls)

"As a shy and quiet person, this program helped me open up and become close with people. We are very deep thinkers and no idea goes to waste. This program prepares you for teamwork, acting and handy work. My favorite part about the program is learning how to be open and being around people who understand and won't judge."

Helena Centeno (Woodridge)

The Theater Arts Career Academy visited Weathervane Playhouse in Akron in November to see *Elf: The Musical*. The field trip was the perfect opportunity for TACA students to see a well-done community theater production. The students were able to see the quality of the scenic design and set construction at Weathervane, as well as have the opportunity to witness some of the area's best actors in a performance.



Josie Skaggs



Justin Chodera



Aiden Johnson



Colton Reynolds

TACA students take the stage

Theater Arts Careers Academy students **Colton Reynolds** (Stow-Munroe Falls), **Justin Chodera** (Stow-Munroe Falls), and **Josie Skaggs** (Cuyahoga Falls) were all cast in and successfully performed roles in the hilarious ensemble play *Noises Off!* at Tallmadge High School in November. Colton Reynolds graced the stage as Dotty/Mrs. Clackett, Justin Chodera played Selsdon Marbury/Burglar, and Josie Skaggs portrayed the role of Poppy and served as the understudy for multiple roles. Program complet-er, **Aidan Johnson** (Tallmadge), played Roger/Gary. We are all #tacaproud of our students' amazing work both onstage and off!