



DO YOU HAVE A

**PASSION FOR THE
ARTS?**

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Life is about CHOICES

- Where are you now?
- Where are you going?
- Are you prepared?
- Choosing a Career
- Choosing a college
- CHOICES

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT...

- What are you good at?
- Special talents?
- Focused talent?
- How do you spend time?
- What kind of people do you like to be around?
- What do you care about most?
- Best decision? Why?
- Worst decision? Why?
- Are you competitive?
- How do you learn best?
- How have you done in high school?
- What do you want to become?

ASSESSING YOUR TALENT...

Do you have what it takes?

- Enjoy classes?
- Good at it?
- Private study?
- Solos? Honors?
- Performances attended
- Self disciplined?
- Years of study?
- Hours of daily practice
- Teacher comments
- Emotional fortitude
- Is there anything else you could pursue that would make you happy?

Where are YOU now?

- High school classes
- Course selection
- Enrichment classes
- Enrichment activities
- Summer studies
- Camps/workshops
- Mentors/Teachers



College Degree Definitions

- BA- Bachelor of Arts
- BFA-Bachelor of Fine Arts
- BM-Bachelor of Music
- BME-Bachelor of Music Education
- BS-Bachelor of Science in Music
- Combined Degree
- Conservatory

VISITING THE CAMPUS.....

- College campus tour
- View facilities
- Meet faculty
- Visit with students
- See student/faculty work
- Observe classes
- Take a lesson
- Other?



Auditions/Portfolios

● Preparation

- Research requirements
- Material selection
- Contrast styles

● Proper Dress

● On campus vs. area auditions

● Specifics

- Audition dates

National Portfolio Day -

www.npda.org

National Visual/Perf Arts College Fairs -

www.nacacnet.org

Choosing a CAREER



- **Music options**
- **Visual Art options**
- **Theatre options**
- **Related arts**
Arts management & administration, industry, graphic arts, media arts, arts therapy, etc.
- **Dance options**
- **MANY OPTIONS!**

Choosing a COLLEGE

- **Finding a fit**
- **Researching depth and breadth**
- **What to consider**
- **What not to consider**
- **Future choices**





PASSION FOR THE ARTS.....

● Monday, March 20th – 7:00 p.m. at
Highland Park High School Commons

For visual and performing arts students who are
pursuing study in college

Hear what it takes to major in dance, music,
theatre, visual arts, film, 3D animation and
graphic design from the experts!

Bring your parents, it's FREE!

Important CHOICES!



Important
questions...

Ask away!



Create your future now!

Be dedicated in your pursuit.

Make a living doing what makes you happy!

FOLLOW YOUR PASSION!!!





**GOOD LUCK TO YOU!
YOU CAN DO IT!**

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