

# Fine Arts Department

## Music at Sea

Our Music Program includes a Concert Band, a Jazz Band, a Symphonic Band, a new String Ensemble, and our award winning Marching Band, as well as a 75 Mixed Voice Choir. Student musicians in this program enjoy a positive social structure as they mature into young adults. We encourage our students to build a solid work ethic and to recognize that artistic and academic discipline is important here at Sea. Every member of the larger groups is afforded the opportunity to perform in smaller ensembles that will provide each performer with a solo platform to showcase their talent.

## Concert and Other Special Event

The Fine Arts Department presents two concerts a year – a Christmas Spectacular and a Spring Concert. We play at many special events such as the Columbus Day Parade, St. Patrick's Day Parade; school masses, public forums, building dedications, commencement, Baccalaureate Mass and the like.

## State and City Recognition and Awards

Our Concert Band was awarded the gold medal at the New York State School Music Association competition three of the last four years. Our Marching Band has received high recognition from both the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Manhattan and the local parade here on Staten Island. In October 2002, Sea was chosen to be the lead band in the Richmond County Columbus Day Parade.

## Pep Band

Our Pep Band has become a major part of our sports programs here at Sea. We love the opportunity to display our talent to the athletic community. For the last four years, the Pep Band has played for the "Coaches Against Cancer" tournament at Madison Square Garden, where we have had the opportunity to represent college basketball teams like Duke, Kentucky, Arizona, Alabama, Michigan State and Georgia.

## Choral Program

Our Choral Program continues to grow. Over the years, the Chorus has won awards that include the Gold Medal with Distinction. In the past five years, the Chorus has distinguished itself by earning Gold Medal awards competing at the highest levels of difficulty in the New York State Music Festival. The Mixed Voice Choir is made up of both men and women's voices, some 75 in number. A small select ensemble is selected from that larger group to perform more challenging selections. A commitment to make quality music is the only prerequisite to membership in this group.

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### **Musicals and Drama**

Our Musicals are like no other. You feel as if you are watching a Broadway production. In the past years the productions of "*Babes in Arms*" and "*Les Misérables*" presented challenges for all involved from their musical scores, full company dance numbers vocal difficulties and dramatic realism. As always, Sea students triumphed and were received with wide acclaim, playing two sold out houses nightly. In the past years, we have produced shows like "*Grease a 1950's Musical*", "*Bye Bye Birdie*", "*Crazy for You*", "*Anthony Goes*", "*Will Rogers Follies*", "*42<sup>nd</sup> Street*" and dramatic productions like "*The Odd Couple*" and "*Bride of Frankenstein*". Our Spring Musicals feature Sea students on stage and in the orchestra. These activities give our children the opportunity to participate in all aspects of Theater Arts. Drama has returned to Sea in our Fall production of "*The Crucible*". This provides actors an opportunity to touch audiences with serious dramatic endeavors not found in the Spring musical.

### **Money for College**

Our Music Program has helped children obtain thousands of dollars in scholarships to attend major colleges. As juniors or seniors, Sea students may elect our advanced music curriculum as preparation for their college music theory entrance or placement examinations. Our faculty is available to help Sea students prepare for scholarships or auditions.

*If you have any questions or interest in the Music Program, we would love to hear from you. You may contact: Mr. Bruce Turner or Mr. Barry Delman, members of the Fine Arts Department at: 718-984-6500 Ex. 5332.*