



# *Academy for Visual and Performing Arts*

## **Music Concentration**

Michael Lemma: Director of Music

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[www.bergen.org/music](http://www.bergen.org/music)

# What is AVPA-Music?

- One of the 7 programs at Bergen County Academies
- AVPA has three focus areas: music, visual or theater. This presentation is only for music.
- Honors academic program with a focus in music
- 36 students
- For students considering a future in music in college and beyond

# Core Music Courses- 9<sup>th</sup> grade

- **Musicianship**

Students learn to play woodwind, brass, string and percussion instruments. Special unit in music technology

- **Digital Keyboarding**

Piano skills and keyboard harmony.



# Core Music Courses- 10<sup>th</sup> grade

- **AP Music Theory**  
Intensive Advanced Placement (AP) course for college credit.





# Core Music Courses-1 1<sup>th</sup> grade

- **Advanced Music Theory**

Beyond the AP Theory course: fugal composition and 20<sup>th</sup> century analysis

- **Digital Recording Lab**

Hands-on recording techniques and equipment

- **Conducting**

Conducting techniques and ear training

- **Music & Society (I)**

Evolution of musical style from Medieval through modern.



# Core Music Courses- 12<sup>th</sup> grade

- **Electronic Music Synthesis**

Composition using *Finale* software

- **Music & Society (II)**

Evolution of musical style from Medieval through modern.

- **Senior Music Seminar**

Capstone project: students build and take home a guitar. Planning for Senior Recital (juried graduation requirement)





# AVPA-Music Senior Recital



# Additional Considerations

- **Audition-** final step in application process to AVPA
- **Required music electives-** will limit sports participation and some of the non-music courses/activities.
- **Senior Recital-** graduation requirement juried by music professionals
- **Senior Experience (internship)-** all day Wednesday, off campus
- **AVPA** is not a conservatory or traditional HS music program- the school does not offer private lessons or marching band.
- **BCA graduates** have studied music at Juilliard, Eastman, Yale, Peabody, Curtis, Boston Conservatory, Westminster Choir College.

# AVPA Audition

- Scale
- Solo
- Sight Reading
- Tonal Memory
- Resume
- Interview



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# BCA Music Electives

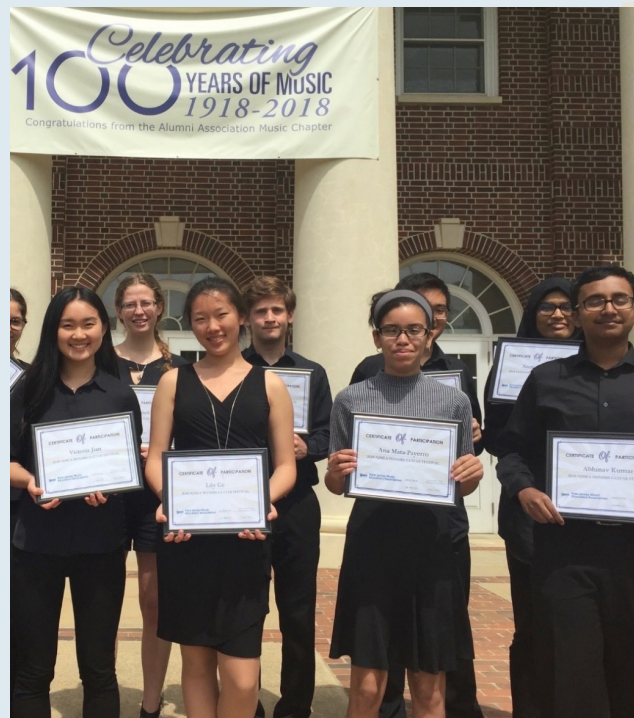
- 2 choirs
- Concert Band
- Orchestra
- Jazz Band
- Pit Orchestra (musical)
- Guitar & Mandolin Orchestra
- 5 chamber ensembles
- Music & Society (history)
- AP Music Theory
- Advanced Music Theory
- Guitar Class
- Digital Recording Lab
- History of Rock Music
- Musicians Workshop- build guitars, ukuleles, digital drum machines, amplifiers, Theremins, etc.

# Music Activities....





...and events





## 12 Different Vocal and Instrumental Ensembles





# At BCA, Students Build Musical Instruments



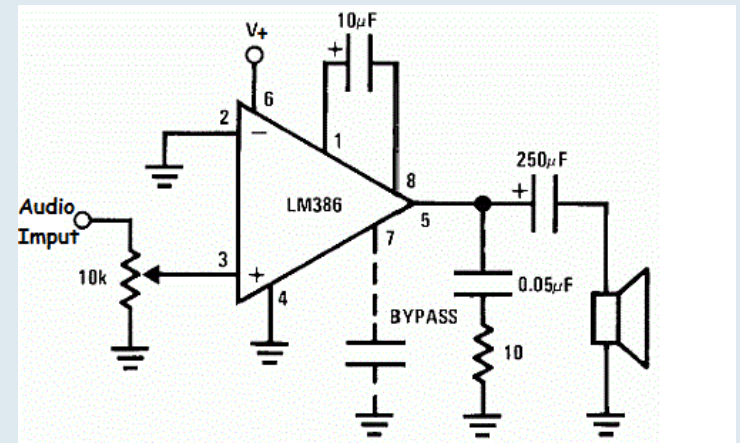
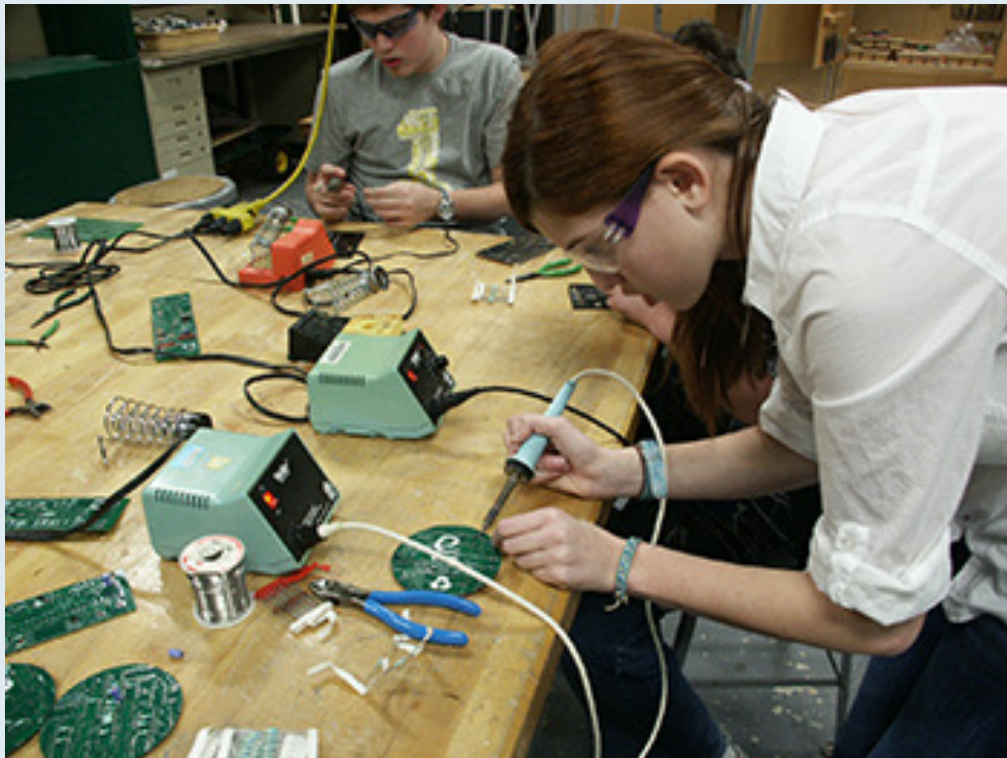


# Broadway Musicals





Students build electronic music devices  
@ Bergen Makerspace: amplifiers,  
Theremins, digital drum machines, etc.



# Over 12 Casual and Formal Concerts Each Year









# Thank You for Visiting!

Visit the BCA Music Program  
website for more info:

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