

Meet ChiArts Conservatory Leadership

Arts Conservatory Heads

Thanks to the incredible leadership of our ChiArts artistic director, arts heads and arts faculty, over 2,500+ hours of tuition-free pre-professional arts training are provided to each scholar-artist from freshman year to graduation! We are proud to showcase the visionary leadership of our 2022-2023 arts department heads.



Anthony Bruno
Music

Anthony Bruno, Music Department Head: Mr. Bruno has been a driving force in the ChiArts Music Department since 2010. After serving as the esteemed ChiArts Jazz Coordinator since 2013, Mr. Bruno was promoted to Department Head in 2021. This year, Mr. Bruno is expanding conservatory programming to become more hands-on and well-rounded for scholar-artists! Curriculum updates include: every scholar-artist participating in a music production course, and every vocalist completing a semester of guitar to learn the importance of their own accompaniment.



Chris Lin Dao-Heng
Visual Arts

Chris Lin Dao-Heng, Visual Arts Department Head: Mr. Lin Dao-Heng is also a true ChiArts veteran, teaching and leading our powerhouse Visual Arts department since 2012. Mr. Lin has not only made an impact on Visual Arts scholar-artists, but has also taught courses in the Creative Writing Department. After being the Visual Arts Department Assistant for many years, Mr. Lin Dao-Heng was promoted to Department Head last spring. Mr. Lin Dao-Heng now leads his conservatory with a strong community-building skillset and has been introducing more cross-conservatory collaborations for scholar-artists. On October 21, Visual Arts will be hosting ChiArts' first-ever school-wide fall juried showcase.



Greer A. Reed
Dance

Greer Reed, Dance Department Head: When Ms. Reed joined ChiArts in 2018, she transformed the conservatory with a framework for teaching and learning that empowered and affirmed the diversity of scholar-artists and ideas at ChiArts. Over the past five years, Ms. Reed has created a tight-knit conservatory where students feel safe to embrace their cultures and individuality. Ms. Reed continues to produce transformative programming that has brought ChiArts to new heights. This February, the conservatory will produce its second annual "Journey of the Brown Tights," an immersive performance that celebrates the achievements and honors the legacy of Black leaders and trailblazers in the dance community.



Kenyatta Rogers
Creative Writing

Kenyatta Rogers, Creative Writing Department Head: Mr. Rogers is a founding Creative Writing teacher who has been instrumental to the growth of the conservatory since 2013, and now as Department Head since being promoted in February 2022! Mr. Rogers's leadership is incredibly valuable to ChiArts and the Chicago poetry community. In addition to his work leading ChiArts Creative Writing, he is a Lead Teacher for the Poetry Foundation's Teacher Institute and Chautauqua Institution's Young Writer Institute. Mr. Rogers's contributions to ChiArts have created a holistic, well-rounded, and thoughtful curriculum for scholar-artists. Have you experienced "Poems While You Wait" at a ChiArts event? If so, that is the genius of Mr. Rogers and his poetry colleagues.



Lauren Wells-Mann
Theatre

Lauren Wells-Mann, Theatre Department Head:

After joining the leadership team this past June, Ms. Wells-Mann brings a refreshed and unifying perspective to ChiArts Theatre! Ms. Wells-Mann is a licensed Theatre educator with a strong background in Theatre education, leadership, and an actor, director, dancer, and choreographer. Ms. Wells-Mann also comes to ChiArts with 19 years of coaching competitive acting and speech events for the Illinois High School Association. Ms. Wells-Mann shares that she envisions the Theatre Department to become the "Chicago version of Juilliard," meaning that when you hear the name ChiArts Theatre, it becomes synonymous with professionalism, preparation, and an indescribable energy. Ms. Wells-Mann has just announced that ChiArts has been accepted to Broadway In Chicago's 2023 Illinois High School Musical Theatre Awards.

ABOUT THE CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS (CHIARTS)

The Chicago High School for the Arts (ChiArts) is Chicago's first public high school for the arts. With disciplines in creative writing, dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, ChiArts provides its scholar-artists with a tuition-free, pre-professional arts training program paired with a college preparatory academic curriculum. ChiArts opened its doors in 2009 and has graduated ten classes of scholar-artists at a rate between 92-100% each year. Furthermore, the School prioritizes accepting novice students who may not have had access to formal arts training but clearly exhibit an ability and desire to learn and grow in their chosen art form. Learn more about recent ChiArts news and performances on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#). For more general information about ChiArts, visit <https://chiarts.org>.

