

THEATER

In order for the show to go on, Vista offers a variety of theater classes. These courses include Theater I, Theater II, Theater III, Tech Theater, Film Making, and Costume Design. Tech theater provides students the opportunity to learn about set design, as well as lighting and sound. Costume Design is a new course offered by **Mrs. Hunsaker**. The theater department is primarily run by **Mr. Mello**, who teaches his students acting skills through a series of games and performances in his classes. He also runs Improvapoosa, the

Fall play and the Spring musical. Vista's Thespian Society, Troupe #8054, participates in the Colorado State Thespian Conference annually. **Jessenia Magallan, 12**, said, "Theater has taught me to work better with the people around me and listen to new ideas. The community is very loving and accepting and being a part of it showed me that too. We got to learn a great deal of new things at ThesCon. Seeing how much talent there was, was incredible. It was a great experience."



Kiana Bonenfant, 11, said, "Theater has helped me reach out to more people and make more friends. I've been able to learn how to manage things and be a leader."

"I enjoy creative problem solving, I enjoy storytelling, and I like working with people passionate about these kinds of things. It just seems to be all the things I like. There's a lot of aspects in theater that are interesting to me."

-Mr. Mello



"The cool thing about choir as well is that it is performance based so kids feel safe and comfortable to explore aspects of who they are that make them human instead of sitting at a desk doing work. It's very exploratory and very collaborative."

- Ms. Quinn



2. Blake Livermore, 10, said, "I get to be myself in the classroom. Theater has given me more confidence when being in front of big groups of people."

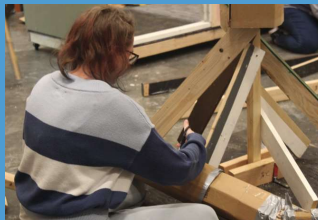


GETTING READY FOR THE MUSICAL



Alyssa and Anastasia Drivas, 12

work through parts during auditions for the spring musical, Cinderella.



Nora Gohlke, 12

"It's really nice to work with the crew. It definitely promotes independent thinking and taking charge. It's a really nice environment."

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3. **Olivia Schofield, 10**, works on set design in Tech Theater. She said, "I love the creativity and freedom I'm given in class. It made me a happier person in general."



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6. **Dylan Cary, 12**, said, "I mostly enjoy the improv games. They wake me up a little bit."

4. **Sara Carlson, 11**, said, "Theater has made me more open to change and improvising. I enjoy the creativity."

5. **Samantha Ouding, 10**, said, "I enjoy Costuming, it's one of my favorite classes. I've always been passionate about theater design, so it's a fun class for me."



Shayla Gamer, 11
"A lot of work goes on backstage a lot of people don't notice. Ms. Hunsaker says that without crew, 'the actors would be on stage in the dark naked with no props or set.'"

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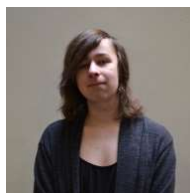
Doug Conway, 11

"I love acting. Rehearsal is a lot of hard work but it really pays off when you get to hear the audience reacting. It's really nice to make people laugh. I love making people laugh. If I can do that, I won, I'm happy."



Jade Myers, 12

"Theater really gave me a lot of confidence, even working for stage crew and being able to lead people. It absolutely made me more personable."



Skyler Wright, 11

"Theater is the place I learned that team work makes the dream work. When you're involved in a production, you have to work together, especially under pressure. You have to adapt and work around it."



Savannah Satterfield, 11

"I encourage anyone who is interested in auditioning to absolutely do it for any future productions."