

Charlotte Performing Arts Center

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Charlotte Performing Arts Center to host Stage Technology Program beginning Fall 2010

The Eaton Intermediate School District and Lansing Community College in partnership with the Charlotte Performing Arts Center will be offering a year-long Stage Technology program to interested students beginning in fall 2010. Classes for this exciting program, to be held at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, will introduce high school students (juniors and seniors) to the fundamentals of stage technology, electricity, lighting and audio board operation, and special effects.

The Stage Technology program was created for students who are interested in learning the necessary skills for working behind the scenes in theatres, auditoriums, and performing arts centers. Students will obtain valuable skills in lighting design, live sound reinforcement, theatrical rigging, audio/visual, set building and design, and much more. Kevin Dunkel, technical director for the performing arts center and a recent graduate of the technical theatre program at Central Michigan University, will be teaching the classes at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. Mr. Dunkel currently instructs and supervises Charlotte High School students on the safe and proper use of stage equipment in the auditorium. The performing arts center is well furnished with the latest equipment and systems to support a vast array of performance types, from instrumental music to vocal ensembles to dramatic performances or any combination of the three. Students enrolled in the Stage Technology program will also be eligible to work on the production crews for the national and international touring artists and groups who appear at the performing arts center.

"The stage technology field is rapidly gaining importance in our state as government officials entice the motion picture industry to build studios and production centers, and shoot films in Michigan," says Gavin Smith, facility director of the Charlotte Performing Arts Center. "Stage technology knowledge easily transfers to the motion picture industry and the new Stage Technology program will provide students with a strong background necessary to succeed in the field of entertainment production. We anticipate the class will fill up in its inaugural year and thereafter."

For more information or to enroll in the program, contact the Eaton Intermediate School District Career Preparation Center at 517-483-9966 or 517-483-1328.

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