

Press Release

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Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts is ranked #14 on Niche's 2019 Best High Schools for the Arts in America rankings.

BETHLEHEM, PA (August 2, 2018)--- Niche's 2019 Best High Schools list has been released and the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts (Charter Arts) has placed #14 on the Best High Schools for the Arts in America rankings and #1 on the Best Charter High Schools in Pennsylvania list. According to Niche's website, "the ranking is based on rigorous analysis of academic and student life data from the U.S. Department of Education along with test scores, college data, and ratings collected from millions of Niche users" (Niche.com).

This ranking adds to Charter Arts' many accolades. For instance, this year, the school also earned a Silver Award for its impressive ranking on U.S. News & World Report's 2018 Best High Schools list. In addition, on Keystone Exam testing, both the Class of 2017 and the Class of 2018 earned the highest combined proficiency scores of all public and charter schools in the Lehigh Valley.

"Along with our board of directors, I am always so proud of the Charter Arts administrators, faculty, staff, and students for their hard work," says Diane LaBelle, Charter Arts' Executive Director & CEO. "We see gifted and talented teachers integrate students' passion across the curriculum and this leads to success on every level. The focus of education at Charter Arts places the importance of learning on the integration of the student's passion for art with the core academic curriculum. Although we see this every day at Charter Arts, it is a welcome surprise when the success is recognized locally, regionally and nationally."

Charter Arts is an audition-based, tuition-free, public charter school that provides a comprehensive curriculum for high school students, grades 9-12, who have a passion for the arts. The school's curriculum offers a full complement of core courses at the College Preparatory (CP), Honors, and Advanced Placement (AP) levels. The course catalog consists of more than 200 courses ranging from traditional core courses (math, science, social studies, world languages, etc.) to college-level courses in the arts.

Charter Arts currently enrolls close to 650 students who hail from over 45 school districts across a ten-county region in eastern Pennsylvania. Students hail from towns as far north as the Poconos, as far south as the Philadelphia suburbs, and as far west as Lancaster County.

2018 marks Charter Arts' fifteenth anniversary since opening its doors in 2003. Through its history, the school has maintained a solid reputation with colleges, universities, arts conservatories, educational institutions, and arts organizations as one of the most respected high schools for the arts in the nation that fosters artistic and academic success for its students. This latest accolade is another testament to the outstanding education that Charter Arts provides.

The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts is located at 321 East 3rd Street in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. For more information about Charter Arts, visit the school's website at www.CharterArts.org or call 610-868-2971

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