

The Association of American Schools of Central America

Dear AASCA Directors, Principals and Artistic Directors,

Let the curtain rise! Country Day School, Costa Rica is thrilled to host the 2025 AASCA Arts Festival—a vibrant showcase of music, theater, and visual arts. The festival opens the afternoon of Wednesday, November 5, and takes its final bow at noon on Saturday, November 8, with delegations departing Sunday, November 9. Join us as our campus becomes both canvas and stage!

Country Day School
AASCA 2025

This year's festival will feature three major areas:

<u>Drama</u>

Students will collaborate in the preparation and presentation of a theatrical production. Further details regarding roles, staging, and logistics will be communicated through the Artistic Directors' WhatsApp group.

Visual-Arts

Students will participate in workshops and collaborative art projects designed to foster creativity and cultural identity. More information about the specific projects will also be shared in the WhatsApp group.

<u>Music</u>

The music component will be organized into four Honor Ensembles, directed by guest conductors:

- Choir open to singers of all voice types.
- Jazz Band focusing on jazz repertoire and improvisation.
- Concert Band for wind and percussion players, performing standard and contemporary works.
- Symphonic Orchestra for string, wind, brass, and percussion students, performing orchestral repertoire.

To ensure proper placement, all music participants must submit a video audition. Instructions for the audition process will be shared in the Artistic Directors' WhatsApp group on October 10th, once all participating schools have confirmed their attendance. The deadline to upload audition videos will be October 24th, 2025. This requirement applies only to music students; no auditions will be requested for Drama or Visual Arts.

Important Information

- Registration period: September 23 October 7, 2025.
- Auditions: Information released October 10; video submissions due October 24.
- Links provided:
 - 1. Registration Excel Sheet to indicate each student's assigned ensemble.
 - 2. WhatsApp Group for Artistic Directors to receive updates and announcements.
 - 3. Festival Folder containing sheet music, orchestral parts, and the drama script.

We look forward to welcoming your students and teachers to Country Day School for a festival that will celebrate collaboration, creativity, and artistic excellence.

Highest Regards,

Performing Arts Director