

September Studio Newsletter

We hope you're enjoying a wonderful start to the fall season! September is full of exciting opportunities at Maraya, including our upcoming **Bayanihan** performance and the reopening of enrollment for the **Maraya Student Showcase**.

September at a Glance

- **Monday, September 7:** Maraya closed for Labor Day
- **Tuesday, September 8:** Classes resume
- **Thursday, September 10:** Student Showcase enrollment deadline
- **Saturday, September 12:** **Bayanihan** performance
- **Wednesday, September 16:** Leap Day rehearsals begin
- **Saturday, September 19:** Matilda Medley auditions
- **Saturday, November 14:** Maraya Student Showcase

Important Schedule Update

Maraya will be closed on **Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.**

Classes will resume on **Tuesday, September 8.**

Experience Bayanihan

We're excited to invite Maraya families to **Bayanihan**, a special production celebrating community, Filipino culture, and the power of coming together. Told through music, contemporary and traditional cultural dances, this show features several Fil-Am Maraya students, Filipino elders, and professional contemporary dancers, singers, and actors, including our very own Miss Melanie!

Bayanihan Performance Details

- **Date:** Saturday, September 12
- **Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Kassebaum Theater at the Lima Center, Mater Dei Catholic School
- **Address:** 1615 Mater Drive Chula Vista, Ca 91913
- **Tickets:** \$20

Get Your Tickets

Reserve your seats today:

<https://www.marayaarts.com/bayanihan>

Seating may be limited, so we encourage families to purchase tickets early!

Student Showcase Enrollment Is Open

We heard you—and we're excited to reopen enrollment for the upcoming **Maraya Student Showcase!**

The showcase will feature short plays and mini musical medleys inspired by favorite shows, including:

- *Annie*
- *Wicked*
- *The Wizard of Oz*
- *Newsies*
- *Matilda*

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to perform together, build confidence, and share what they've been working on in classes.

Enrollment Details

- **Participation fee:** \$150 per student
- **Enrollment deadline:** September 10 by 5pm.
- **Minimum enrollment required:** 25 participating students (we are currently at 10 confirmed).

Showcase Details

- **Date:** Saturday, November 14
- **Performance time:** 2:00 PM
- **Location:** Wilson Middle School
- **Student call times:** Staggered call times between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Stay tuned for details.

The showcase will move forward only if at least 25 students are enrolled by September 10.

Help us make this showcase happen and —enroll today!

<https://marayaarts.com/marayafam>

Showcase Costume Fees:

Costumes are separate from the showcase participation fee:

- **First costume:** \$150
- **Additional costumes:** \$95 each

Costume fees are based on the number of class pieces in which each student participates. Costume fees include design, fitting, hanger, steamed costumes in a garment bag.

- Costume Fees will be invoiced immediately after you pay for the showcase fees, and are due on October 1 by 5pm.

Additional Performance Opportunities

Students may also have the opportunity to participate in featured showcase pieces.

Leap Day

We are reopening **8 additional spots for Leap Day**, a special musical theatre performance piece featured in the showcase.

- **Availability:** 8 spots left
- **Participation fee:** \$400
- **Rehearsals begin:** Wednesday, September 16 (in 2 weeks!).
- **Rehearsal schedule:** Wednesdays, 4:00–5:30 PM
- **Enrollment:** First-come, first-served
- Students in Leap Day need to also participate in their class pieces.

Space is limited, so students interested in participating in **Leap Day** should enroll promptly. This is a great opportunity for those who are new to musical theater and younger students ages 6-12 years old.

Matilda Medley Auditions

Students looking for an additional challenge and advanced opportunities may audition for our special **Matilda Medley**.

- **# of Students selected:** 8
- **Auditions:** Saturday, September 19
- **Time:** 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
- **Audition fee:** \$25
- **Participation fee if cast:** \$400

Students auditioning for Matilda must:

- Be enrolled in at least 3 weekly classes
- Include at least 1 dance or movement-based class among those weekly classes
- Participate in the overall Student Showcase in their class pieces.

Spotlight Performance Opportunities

Eligible **Spotlight students** may also be selected for additional featured performance opportunities throughout the showcase.

Spotlight opportunities are intended for students demonstrating a high level of commitment to their training. Eligibility includes students who:

- Are enrolled in 4 or more classes per week
- Have at least 1 or more year (s) of training and/or prior Maraya production experience

Selections are made by our teaching and artistic team. Participation is not guaranteed.

Don't Miss These September Opportunities

Whether your family is attending **Bayanihan**, enrolling in the **Student Showcase**, or participating in one of our additional performance opportunities, there are many ways to be part of the Maraya community this month.

Purchase Bayanihan tickets:

<https://www.marayaarts.com/bayanihan>

Enroll in the Student Showcase by September 10:

<https://marayaarts.com/marayafam>

Let's celebrate our students, fill the stage, and make September unforgettable at Maraya!

Thank you for being a part of our Maraya Fam. We look forward to a season filled with continued growth and creativity!

With gratitude,

Miss AJ