

Transformative Arts Education for Eastern Wisconsin's Children

Because of the generous support of community members like you, UPAF Members provide diverse and innovative arts education programs, delivered in the classroom, after school and in the summer. These important programs provide a creative and safe outlet for our community's children. UPAF Bright Minds, presented by We Energies Foundation, reaches more than 50,000 children with *immersive* and *participatory* arts programming, teaching skills like teamwork, problem-solving and perseverance. Specific programs supported by UPAF Bright Minds include:

UPAF Cornerstone Member Programs

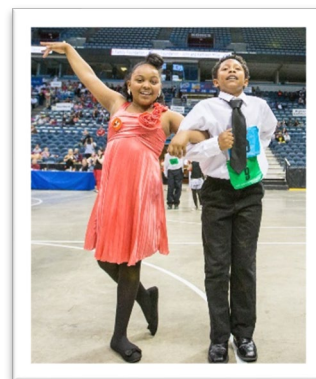
- First Stage Arts-Integration and Inspiration Program** will provide approximately 480 students with tickets and transportation to a performance in the 2022-23 season, pre- and post-show workshops and unlimited access to First Stage's library of virtual arts-integrated workshops. Selected students will participate in the 2023 Summer Theater Academy, a theater training program for youth of all ages and experience that fosters life skills through stage skills.
- Florentine Opera Company's 2022-23 Opera in Schools** program is a student version of Rossini's *Barber of Seville* built by Opera Australia. It will be performed up to 100 times for nearly 90 schools and community venues, for an estimated 15,000 students (K-5). Thirteen schools will experience an immersive opera residency program culminating in student performances. And finally, a digital version of *Barber of Seville* will be shared with schools and will be accessible online, free-of-charge, for the community.
- Milwaukee Ballet's Relevé** program provides 20-22 weeks of ballet training during the school day for 250 3rd - 5th grade students at Milwaukee Public Schools, including ALBA, Allen-Field Elementary and Parkside Elementary. Weeklong summer day camps include a diverse range of dance styles (ballet, hip-hop, Afro-Latino Diaspora, musical theater, etc.) and all instruction, supplies, food and transportation are provided. Students interested in continuing their dance education are invited to attend the Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy on scholarships through high school graduation.
- Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Emerging Artist Training** is a unique program designed to identify diverse talent at a young age; cultivate that talent through workshops and professional practice; and launch the careers of emerging artists to enhance and diversify Milwaukee's local talent pool. The first step is the Next Narrative™ Monologue Competition (NNMC), a free arts education program for high school students that celebrates contemporary Black playwrights and builds confidence through self-expression. The next step is participation in the Emerging Professional Resident (EPR) program, a full-time residency that bridges the gap between college level academic training and professional practice, preparing participants for success in the industry.



- **Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra's Arts in Community Education (ACE)** program serves 6,000 students in K-8 classrooms at 20 public, private, charter and virtual schools throughout the greater Milwaukee area. ACE supports teachers in integrating all the arts — performing and visual — into their core curriculum, enhancing student achievement by engaging in multiple modes of learning and expression. Teacher resources go beyond lesson plans and activities to include professional development sessions, collaborative working groups and check-ins with MSO education staff to promote synchronous, real-time discussions. Through ongoing partnerships with educators, ACE connects students, teachers, school communities and professional artists with an integrated approach to the arts and curriculum.
- **Skylight Music Theatre's Enlighten** provides K-12 students with dynamic performing arts workshops, artist residencies and performances that build excitement about music theatre, writing and visual arts. The school year kicks off with the Songbook tour, introducing students in grades K-3 to the concepts of melody, rhythm, tempo and lyrics. KidsWrites is a music theatre revue that tours annually as a live performance to elementary and middle schools with local professional performers. The revue features lyrics and dialogue written entirely by students in 3rd through 8th grade and celebrates the hearts and minds of children.

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- **Black Arts MKE Youth Arts Education Programming** is designed to reach urban Milwaukee neighborhood schools and organizations serving at-risk, underserved, under-resourced and primarily African American youth and is offered at no cost to students and schools. Programming offers unique and hands-on experiences including holiday musical *Black Nativity* student matinees, a Black History Month student series and Youth Performing Arts Camp. These experiences provide a theatrical and culturally relevant way for students to learn about Black history and important Social-Emotional Learning skills like creativity, collaboration and communication.
- **Danceworks Mad Hot Rhythm** has positively impacted over 33,800 students in grades 4-6 since 2006. Through diverse rhythmic styles of dance including Hip-Hop/Bollywood fusion, Tap and Paso Doble, Mad Hot positively impacts students' physical and mental wellness, helping them become more effective learners. In 2022-23, Teaching Artists will provide biweekly classes, totaling 36 hours of instruction for 35-38 classrooms. The program culminates with the citywide Mad Hot Competition. Following the program, students are offered scholarships to continue dancing at Danceworks.
- **Milwaukee Chamber Theatre Young Playwrights Festival** engages the next generation of playwrights, performing arts professionals and audiences by developing and producing new works of dramatic literature by teenaged writers through mentorship and hands-on experiences. Program activities are threefold: an annual cycle of playwriting residencies at local high schools, an annual one-act playwriting competition for high school students and a biennial showcase of winning plays fully produced by MCT with emerging local directors, designers and actors.
- **Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra (MYSO) Community Partnership Programs** deliver direct participatory music education to City of Milwaukee youths ages 8 to 18 who would otherwise have no access to it because of barriers including financial need. The ensemble and outreach programs offer diverse musical options, including classical, jazz, steel pan and Latin. In addition to access and musical skills, Community Partnership Programs promote youth development — cognitive, social and emotional skills — and equity, diversity and inclusion.



Opportunities to Designate to Bright Minds

With a gift of \$1,200 or more to the 2023 UPAF Community Campaign, you may choose to designate 10% of your gift to Bright Minds. With a gift of \$5,000 or more, you may designate 20% of your gift to Bright Minds and support transformative arts education for our region's children.