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**Subject Line: Support UPAF for an inclusive, connected community**

Thank you to those who have already contributed to the 2022 [United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF)](https://upaf.org/) Campaign! Your support allows our local artists and groups to keep positively impacting our community — now and into the future.

Art inspires hope and allows diverse audiences to share a common experience — at the same time and in the same place — fostering a more connected population. The arts allow us to learn about experiences other than our own and think about things in new ways. They can motivate us to take action for a better world.

The past two years have been a time of deep reflection, conversation and increased momentum for equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) in all aspects of our communities — including the performing arts. Through UPAF, you support arts organizations created to highlight the work of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) artists, including Black Arts MKE, Latino Arts and Xalaat Africa Drum and Dance for Life, as well as the important work being done by many additional local artists and groups who are continually evolving to increase EDI in all they do.

This season features a variety of productions by BIPOC playwrights, composers and choreographers, including those elevating Southeastern Wisconsin history through productions such as Florentine Opera’s *La Boheme* set in Milwaukee’s Bronzeville neighborhood. Check out the diverse range of offerings by Member and Affiliates groups on the [UPAF performance calendar](https://upaf.org/events/performance_calendar).

Another key aspect is working so that everyone in our community has access to arts experiences. UPAF’s Community Impact Programs work so that ALL individuals can experience the arts. UPAF Connect, presented by Northwestern Mutual, is a UPAF Community Impact Program that expands access to the arts to individuals in marginalized neighborhoods. UPAF Bright Minds, presented by We Energies Foundation, ensures that local students, 78% of whom are economically disadvantaged, can experience high-quality arts experiences. Kasey’s Fund, presented by MGIC, breaks down barriers to the arts for people with disabilities and special needs.

Be part of ensuring that our local performing arts groups can keep working for *a stage for all* with your gift to UPAF.