

FALL
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Education & Engagement



Happy Fall!

In this edition of our newsletter, we share exciting updates from the CAPA Marquee Awards, prepare for the holidays with *A Christmas Carol*, and preview what's happening with CAPA Community Creates in December.



We are getting excited for our annual student matinee of *A Christmas Carol* on November 30.
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Join us for CAPA Community Creates at the Idea Foundry in December!
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MISSION

CAPA's Education & Engagement programs enrich the lives of central Ohio residents by providing free and low-cost creative experiences that are varied, diverse, and accessible. We believe everyone in our community deserves to experience the transformative power of the arts and our many community collaborations enable us to fulfill that belief.

Click the apple to learn about CAPA education!





Click on the logo to learn more about the 2026-27 CAPA Marquee Awards.

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We are excited to return for our ninth annual CAPA Marquee Awards presented by American Electric Power Foundation.

On Thursday, May 6, the 2027 CAPA Marquee Awards will culminate with a red-carpet ceremony and student showcase at the Ohio Theatre

at which winners in all 15 categories will be announced.

Educational opportunities this year will include Broadway Master Classes with *Maybe Happy Ending*, *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Operation Mincemeat*, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Great Gatsby*.

This fall we hosted our first ever Marquee Mixer! This event was created to bring students together and foster community as we celebrate the beginning of the season. Our Marquee Mixer included pizza, activities, and a raffle for some Broadway merchandise!

Our Education series kicks off in November with a Vocal Performance class with James Seol from the cast of *Maybe Happy Ending* and a Marketing Workshop featuring Mike McCarthy from ABC 6 and CAPA's Marketing Manager, Abby Valencic.



We are delighted to announce we have accepted 29 schools from 7 central Ohio counties.

2026-27 CAPA Marquee Awards Schools

Arts and College Preparatory Academy, November 12-15, *Zombie Prom*
 Bexley High School, February 4-6, *Finding Neverland*
 Bishop Watterson High School, April 2-4 & 9-11, TBA
 Central Crossing High School, March 12-14, *Into the Woods*
 Chillicothe High School, January 15-17, TBA
 Dublin Coffman High School, October 14-17, *Come From Away*
 Eastmoor Academy High School, February 25-28, *Dear Evan Hansen*
 Fairfield Union High School, March 18-20, *Newsies*
 Fort Hayes Arts and Academic High School, November 5-7, *SIX: Teen Edition*
 Grove City High School, April 1-4, *Seussical*
 Hilliard Bradley High School, November 6-7, *SIX: Teen Edition*
 Hilliard Davidson High School, March 19-21, *Something Rotten!*
 Jonathan Alder High School, March 11-14, *The Addams Family Musical: School Edition*
 Lancaster High School, March 19-21, *Chicago: Teen Edition*
 Licking Heights High School, December 3-5, *Chicago: Teen Edition*
 Marysville High School, April 2-4, TBA
 New Albany High School, November 19-21, *Come From Away*
 Olentangy Liberty High School, March 19-21, *Finding Neverland*
 Olentangy Orange High School, February 25-28, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
 Pickerington High School Central, March 18-21, *Shrek the Musical*
 Pickerington High School North, March 11-14, *Cinderella (Enchanted Version)*
 Reynoldsburg High School, March 19-20, *Seussical*
 Rutherford B. Hayes High School, March 18-20, *Fiddler on the Roof*
 Upper Arlington High School, February 18-21, *Disney's Frozen*
 Westerville South High School, January 21-24, *Monty Python's Spamalot*
 Westland High School, March 12-13, *9 to 5 the Musical*
 Whetstone High School, March 12-13 & 19-20, *Disney's Frozen*
 Worthington Christian School, February 18-20, TBA
 Worthington Kilbourne High School, December 4-5, *Meet Me in St. Louis*



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Click on the screen to watch highlights from last year's Showcase.
 Video: Mitchell Multimedia



Click on the logo to learn more about the 2026-27 CAPA Marquee Awards.

CAPA *Marquee* AWARDS



Last year, we were thrilled to offer a new opportunity through the Student Reporter Press

Pass program, which is designed to introduce students to reporting, content creation, and social media management. It is also a great way to prepare to apply for National Student Reporter and the chance to cover the 2027 Jimmy Awards in New York City.

During the 2025–2026 season, student reporters were selected to shadow the CAPA digital marketing team and get an inside look at how they create videos and social media posts. As part of this program, students had the opportunity to film videos, interview patrons at the Broadway in Columbus Season Announcement event and at SIX, *Back to the Future*, *Les Misérables*, and *The Sound of Music*!

Click to see what some of our students created!

Applications for the 2026–2027 Press Pass Program will open in November. No prior experience is required! This year's program will include the 27–28 Broadway in Columbus Season Announcement, along with *Operation Mince meat*, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Great Gatsby*.

Click here for more Press Pass information!



A Christmas Carol

Monday, December 1
10 am
Ohio Theatre

Grades
3–12



About the show: CAPA, in collaboration with Short North Stage, brings to life this holiday classic! This original production filled with music, dancing, and holiday cheer deepens the traditional elements that have made the Dickens tale a holiday favorite for generations, while remaining a distinctive take on the familiar story.

Resource Guide: As part of our collaboration with Short North Stage, we have created a resource guide designed to deepen students' understanding of the production and its message.

The guide provides a variety of activities across multiple subject areas for students in grades 3–12, so educators can adapt or expand on the guide's content to best support classroom learning.



Click to view the resource guide.

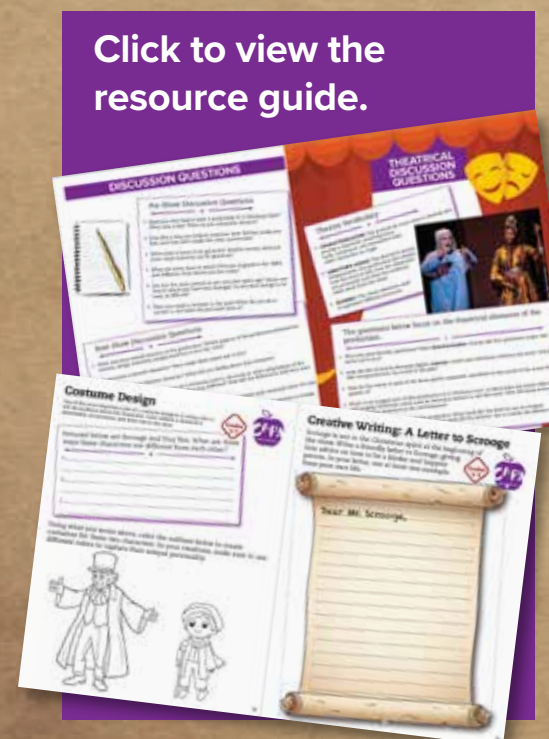


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Education & Engagement Spotlight



Savanna Lenze Community Engagement Coordinator

Tell us a little bit about yourself and your background. I grew up in a small town called “Grand Island” (yes, it is an actual island!) about 15 minutes south of Canada. My first year of college was at Long Island University, working toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre. After branching out and experiencing the educational side of theatre at LIU, I transferred to Ohio State University to get a more holistic experience in the theatre industry (and perhaps go to some football games!) Outside of theatre, I like traveling, painting, and baking!

HOMETOWN
Buffalo, NY

DEGREE
Bachelor of Arts in Theatre
& Bachelor of Arts in Music,
Education Minor;
The Ohio State University

How did you get started in the arts? I have been singing and dancing for about as long as I can remember, but the pivotal moment for me was having the opportunity to play Jane Banks as a middle schooler in the high school’s production of *Mary Poppins*. This experience was the moment I realized how powerful the arts are, and how theatre doesn’t just teach us about performing, but it provides us with skills that we use in our everyday lives!

What was your favorite subject in school and why? For me it would be social studies. I was always interested in learning about how our present-day society came to be, along with all the sacrifice and change made by generations before us so that we could have the world we live in today. I also love learning new ways in which I can be a global citizen and advocate for what I believe in.

What is the most exciting thing about working for CAPA’s Education & Engagement department?

I am most excited to bring such impactful artistic experiences into the community, because everyone should be able to experience the transformative power of the arts. I have always admired CAPA’s mission of making the arts accessible and am looking forward to collaborating with such passionate colleagues to bolster this mission.

FUN FACTS

- I have two Tabby cats named after rice (Sushi and Basmati)
- I am left-handed 🙌
- My favorite musical is *Mamma Mia!*



2026 ARTIST



Cynthia Amoah

CAPA Community Creates invites adults to explore different artistic practices—including written/spoken word, theatre, dance, music, and more!

Each session includes a Discussion and Lab with local guest artists who are working professionally in their field. Sessions are intended for participants 18+.

2026 DATES



All sessions take place at Idea Foundry
421 W. State St.,
Columbus, OH 43215

All sessions are free, but registration is required.

Questions?
Email education@capa.

REGISTER
HERE!

**Thursday,
December 3
5:30–7:30 pm**

*The Objects We Hold:
Writing from Artifacts &
Memory*

**Sunday,
December 6
12–2 pm**

*Permission to Play:
Finding Your Story on the
Page*

**Thursday,
December 10
5:30–7:30 pm**

*From Page to Stage:
Spoken Word &
Performance*

**Sunday,
December 13
12–2 pm**

*Courage in the Room:
Confidence, Presence
& Public Speaking*

FREE PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

EXPLORE WRITTEN/SPOKEN WORD, THEATRE, MUSIC, AND MORE!



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Engagement

OCTOBER

- October 11 **Community Engagement**, Día de los Niños, Arts and Cultural Activities and **FREE** performance of *Cuentos: Tales from the Latinx World*, 1:30-4pm, Lincoln Ballroom & Theatre
- October 12 **Passport to Learning**, *Cuentos: Tales from the Latinx World*, 10:00 am, Lincoln Theatre
- October 14 **Community Engagement**, Dinner Arts Program with Anabella Petronsi, YWCA Family Center, 6:15–6:45 pm
- October 15–17 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Production Adjudication: Dublin Coffman High School
- October 20 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Marquee Mixer, 4:00–5:30 pm
- October 21 **Community Engagement**, CAPA Haunts the Palace, 4:00–7:00 pm
- October 24 **Community Engagement**, Trunk-or-Treat, Central Community House, 11:00 am–2:00 pm

NOVEMBER

- November 4–8 **Broadway APPLAUSE Program**, *Maybe Happy Ending*
- November 5 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Master Class with *Maybe Happy Ending*, 4:00–5:30 pm
- November 5–7 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Production Adjudications: Fort Hayes Arts and Academic High School & Hilliard Bradley High School
- November 7 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Marketing Workshop, 10:30 am–12:00 pm
- November 11 **Community Engagement**, Dinner Arts Program with Largemouth Brass Band, YWCA Family Center, 6:15–6:45 pm
- November 12–15 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Production Adjudication: Arts and College Preparatory Academy
- November 19–21 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Production Adjudication: New Albany High School
- November 30 **Passport to Learning**, *A Christmas Carol*, 10:00 am, Ohio Theatre

DECEMBER

- December 3 **Community Engagement**, CAPA Community Creates, 5:30–7:30 pm, Idea Foundry
- December 3–5 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Production Adjudications: Licking Heights High School & Worthington Kilbourne High School
- December 6 **Community Engagement**, CAPA Community Creates, 12:00–2:00 pm, Idea Foundry
- December 9 **Community Engagement**, Community Engagement, Dinner Arts Program with Columbus Symphony, YWCA Family Center, 6:15–6:45 pm
- December 9–13 **Broadway APPLAUSE Program**, *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
- December 10 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Master Class with *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, 4:00–5:30 pm
- December 10 **Community Engagement**, CAPA Community Creates, 5:30–7:30 pm, Idea Foundry
- December 13 **Community Engagement**, CAPA Community Creates, 12:00–2:00 pm, Idea Foundry



“The arts are not a frill. The arts are a response to our individuality and our nature, and help to shape our identity.”

—Barbara Jordan

All of CAPA's Education and Engagement programs are 100% funded by donations. You can be a part of this magic. [Donate today!](#)

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2026 Día de los Niños on October 11
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