

SUMMER
2025

CAPA

Education & Engagement



Happy Summer!

In this edition of our newsletter, we share highlights from the 2025 Jimmy Awards, give you a sneak peak of the exciting things planned for the 25-26 school year, and share updates from our summer program, ARISE.



It was another successful summer of ARISE!
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Join us for Día de los Niños on October 5!
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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.



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about CAPA education!

CAPA *Marquee* AWARDS

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Applications open on August 12 for our eighth annual CAPA Marquee Awards presented by American Electric Power Foundation. Look out for our participating schools announcement in early September!

On Wednesday, May 13, the 2026 CAPA Marquee Awards will culminate with a red-carpet ceremony and student showcase

at the Ohio Theatre at which winners in all 13 categories will be announced.

Educational opportunities this year will include Broadway master classes with *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, *Some Like It Hot*, *SIX*, *Back to the Future*, *Les Misérables*, *The Sound of Music*, and *The Outsiders*.

Workshops will be announced in the fall and may include Vocal Performance, Acting

& Improvisation, Dance & Movement, and Theatre Design and Technology.

Click on the screen to watch highlights from last year's Showcase



Marquee Awards photos: Mitchell Multimedia



More than 150,000 students from around the country participated in Jimmy Awards® regional awards programs during the 2024-25 school year. Our Best Actor in a Leading Role winner, Jakob Robinson from Bexley High School and our Best Actress in a Leading Role winner, Kamryn Dansby from Pickerington High School North received a CAPA-sponsored trip to New York City in June to join 108 regional nominees from 55 regional markets to compete in the 2025 Jimmy Awards®.

While there, they had many amazing opportunities including:

- Ten days participating in individual coaching sessions and rehearsals for the 2025 Jimmy Awards® with industry professionals including Jenni Barber, Lisa Brescia, Janet Dacal, Colin Hanlon, Lily Kaufmann, Adam J. Levy, Julia Murney, Desi Oakley, Eliseo Román, Q. Smith, Steven Telsey, and EJ Zimmerman
- A surprise visit from 2018 Jimmys Winner, Andrew Barth Feldman!
- Dinner at Carmine's with the cast of *MJ the Musical* followed by a performance of the show and a talkback with the cast.
- Having their headshots displayed in *The New York Times* and on a billboard in Times Square!
- Performing on the Minskoff stage on Broadway for a life-changing event hosted by Josh Groban.



Click on the screen to watch the 2025 Jimmy Awards Week in Review



Jimmy Awards photos: Angela of York

25-26 Passport to Learning Series

This season, we have an exciting lineup of shows for students in grades pre-K through high school! Carefully selected to enhance curriculum and make learning fun, the Passport to Learning Student Matinee Series makes language arts, social studies, math, and science come alive by using the power of the arts.

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Tickets go on sale August 19!

Billy Goats Gruff and Other Tales



Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia presents a fresh and engaging reimagining of three cherished children's stories—*Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *The Three Little Pigs*, and *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. Filled with adventure, humor, and heroism, this imaginative retelling seamlessly

interweaves three classic tales into a heartwarming adventure that celebrates friendship and courage.

February 10, 2026, 10 am & 12:30 pm
Davidson Theatre, Riffe Center

A Christmas Carol



Reimagined from our 2023 premiere, this original production has expanded dance and music sequences and even more of your favorite Christmas carols. It deepens the traditional elements that have made the Dickens tale a holiday favorite for generations, while remaining a distinctive take on the familiar story.

December 1, 2025, 10 am
Ohio Theatre

The Singing Zoologist



Calling all animal lovers: Lucas Miller, aka the "Singing Zoologist" will be celebrating all things wild! Bite-size Science comes to life with this live performance that blends video, comedy, puppetry, and music to cultivate the next generation of scientists and conservationists! Especially tailored to elementary ages,

it will keep audiences laughing, moving, responding, and learning!

February 24, 2026, 10am & 12:30pm
Davidson Theatre, Riffe Center

Social Justice Series

As part of CAPA's commitment to fight systemic racism in our community, we proudly present our **Social Justice Series** which explores the issues we continue to face as a community and a nation, through the perspectives of a range of outstanding artists of color.

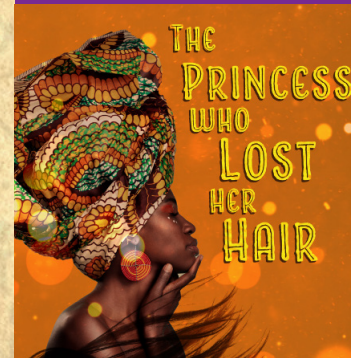
Señorita Mariposa: A Bilingual, Eco-Adventure



Take flight and discover Señorita Mariposa's mundo maravilloso as we follow her miraculous journey from Canada to Mexico. With the help of friends along the way, she'll overcome challenges and tap into her superpowers to make the epic 3000-mile trip to reunite with her family.

October 6, 2025, 10 am & 12:30 pm
Lincoln Theatre

The Princess Who Lost Her Hair



After refusing a weaver bird's request, Princess Kalendi loses her beautiful hair and brings drought upon her kingdom. A kind beggar named Muoma sets out to find the bird and, through acts of compassion, earns a magical seed to help the princess. As Princess Kalendi learns to nurture the plant,

her hair and the kingdom's vitality are restored, leading her to recognize the value of empathy and selflessness.

March 10, 2026, 10 am & 12:30 pm
Davidson Theatre, Riffe Center

Black Violin

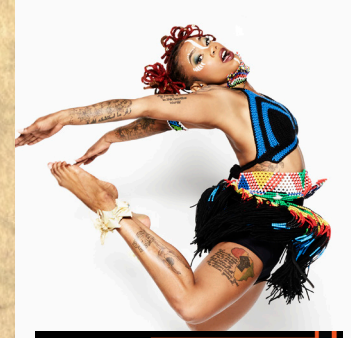


Groundbreaking, Grammy-nominated duo Kev Marcus on violin and Wil Baptiste on viola and vocals combine their classical training and hip-hop influences to create a distinctive sound described as "classical boom." Black Violin transports audiences to a place where Mozart, Marvin Gaye, and Kendrick Lamar

harmoniously coexist in immersive sound.

November 14, 2025, 11 am
Palace Theatre

Step Afrika!



STEP AFRiKA!

A highly interactive performance that highlights the rhythm, physicality, and history of stepping, and culminates in a group activity to get students on their feet. The program introduces the ties between stepping, college life, and academic achievement. Performers incorporate world traditions, demonstrated through the lively South African gumboot

dance while introducing the concepts of teamwork, discipline, and commitment.

March 25, 2026, 10 am
Southern Theatre

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Broadway for Kids APPLAUSE!

Click on the logo to learn more about the APPLAUSE program.



During the 2024-2025 season, we were thrilled to be able to award 807 tickets to students and educators from 16 schools in 7 central Ohio counties totaling more than \$32,000 in subsidies.

Thanks to the generous and ongoing support from our Broadway in Columbus season subscribers, we make the experience of Broadway available to the next generation of theatre goers in central Ohio.

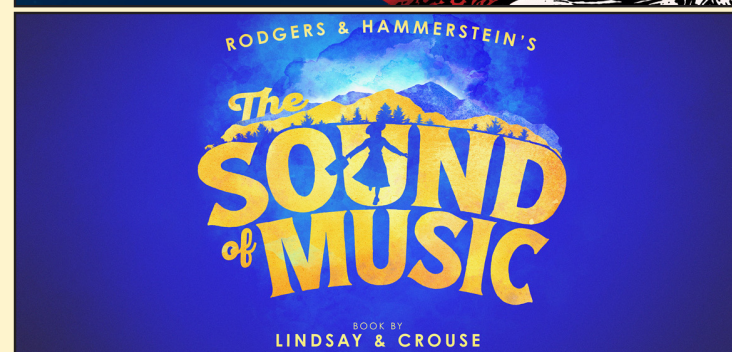
Open to all public, private, and charter schools, this program provides subsidized tickets to help educators use the power of Broadway to serve as a tool to enhance their curriculum and make learning fun.



Photo: Lydia Miller



Photo: Treston Haines



2025-26



Applications
open on August 12



Applications will open on August 12 and will remain open until all tickets are awarded. Educators who apply are asked to supply information about their school, their classroom, and how they will connect the Broadway show to their classroom curriculum. A lesson plan demonstrating those curricular connections is also required.





Everyone has a story to share

Click on the logo to learn more about ARISE.

This was the third summer of our intergenerational storytelling though the arts program, ARISE, a collaboration between CAPA, GrowIN, and The Ohio State University.

Ten ARISE Scholars were selected to participate this year: **Tess Creamer** from Westerville South High School; **Mahita Gaddam** from Dublin Jerome High School; **Shirley Gui** from Dublin Jerome High School; **Harper Kelley** from Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center; **Alston Laury** from Bishop Hartley High School; **Dariana Ochoa** from Arts & College Preparatory Academy; **Dylan Pack** from Marysville High School; **Aruzhan Taizhanova** from Dublin Scioto High School; **Shreeya Varala** from Dublin Jerome High School; and **Clara Zahndt** from Dublin Coffman High School. Four mentors from Ohio State University and Columbus State Community College and eight older adults from At Home By High and Our Home Senior Living made up the 22 participants.



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Teen scholars worked with teaching artists and college mentors on Tuesdays to prepare for their weekly sessions with the older adults. On Wednesdays, the teens and mentors met adult participants at the Golden Buckeye Center for Dementia Caregiving, and with the help of a teaching artist, used creative mediums such as drama, dance, visual arts, and songs to tell stories, build new relationships, and find connections across generations.



Photo: Terry Gilliam

In November 2024, the Center for HumanKindness at The Columbus Foundation named ARISE a HumanKindness Prize honoree. The HumanKindness Prize recognizes nonprofits that exemplify unwavering and intentional human kindness in action.

In February 2025, ARISE earned certification as a "Program of Distinction" by Generations United.

In July 2025, a research study centered on ARISE was published in the *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships*.



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learn more about
Día de los Niños.

JOIN US FOR DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS!

On Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate **Día de los Niños/Day of the Children** by hosting a family-friendly event at the Lincoln Theatre.

The first 75 families to arrive will receive a free book!

The event begins with cultural and arts activities from 1:30–3 pm in the Lincoln Ballroom.

Activities will include performance and instruction by Ballet Folclórico Xochihua;



crafts with the Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland and CAPA; balloon art by Evan Smith; science demonstrations with COSI; and an instrument "petting zoo" with the Columbus Symphony. Food will be available for purchase from the Dos Hermanos Food Truck.

A free performance of *Señorita Mariposa: A Bilingual, Eco-Adventure* will follow from 3–4 pm in the Lincoln Theatre. A prize drawing for tickets to local events, performances, and more will be held immediately following the show.

Activities and performance are FREE; however, space is limited, so registration is strongly suggested.

Register here
on August 11!



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Engagement

AUGUST

- August 5 & 6 **ARISE**, Week 5 Sessions & Final Social Gathering
- August 9 & 10 **Community Engagement**, Children's Activities at Festival Latino, Genoa Park, 11am–8pm
- August 12 **Broadway APPLAUSE Program**, Applications Open
- August 12 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, School Applications Open, 12pm
- August 19 **Passport to Learning**, Tickets on sale, 10am

SEPTEMBER

- September 10 **Community Engagement**, Dinner Arts Program at YWCA Family Center, 6:45pm
- September 16 **School Engagement**, Broadway in the Classroom Applications open
- September 18 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, 25–26 School Meeting, Ohio Theatre, 5:30pm

OCTOBER

- October 5 **Community Engagement**, Día de los Niños, Arts and Cultural Activities and FREE performance of *Señorita Mariposa: A Bilingual, Eco-Adventure*, 1:30–4pm, Lincoln Ballroom & Theatre
- October 6 **Passport to Learning**, *Señorita Mariposa: A Bilingual, Eco-Adventure*, 10am & 12:30pm
- October 8 **Community Engagement**, Dinner Arts Program at YWCA Family Center, 6:45pm
- October 12 & 15 **Community Engagement**, CAPA Community Creates, Reeb Center, 11am–1pm
- October 20 –November 9 **Passport to Learning**, *Stories of Oceania* Virtual Engagement
- October 20 –November 9 **Community Engagement**, *Stories of Oceania* Virtual Engagement
- October 22–26 **Broadway APPLAUSE Program**, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*
- October 22 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Master Class with *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, 4–5:30pm
- October 23 **Community Engagement**, CAPA Haunts the Palace, 4–7pm
- October 25 **Community Engagement**, Trunk-or-Treat, Central Community House, 11am–2pm

“Creativity that satisfies and affirms your world view is Entertainment.

Creativity that challenges and disrupts your world view is Art.”

—Neil deGrasse Tyson

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