

SUMMER
2026

CAPA

Education & Engagement

Happy Summer!

In this edition of our newsletter, we share highlights from the 2026 Jimmy Awards, give you a sneak peak of the exciting things planned for the 26–27 school year, and share updates from our summer program, ARISE.



Amaya Washington
performs her solo
song as a 2026 Jimmy
Awards Finalist
Photo: Angela of York



It was another successful summer of ARISE!
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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!

More than **180,000 students** from around the country participated in **Jimmy Awards® regional programs** this year, and **116** nominees from **58** markets went to New York to compete in the 2026 Jimmy Awards®.



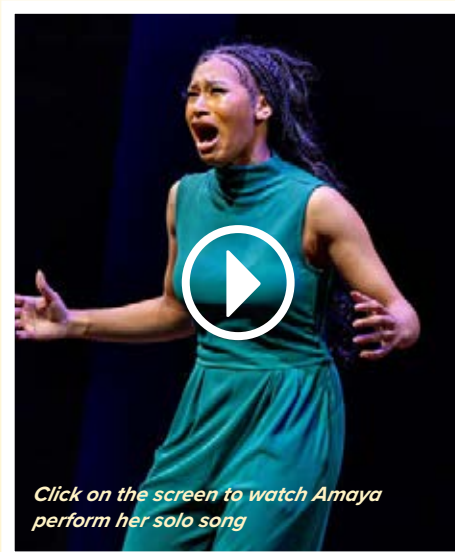
Our Best Actor in a Leading Role winner, **Zeke Moses**, a sophomore from Bexley High School and our Best Actress in a Leading Role winner, **Amaya Washington**, a graduating senior from Reynoldsburg High School received a CAPA-sponsored trip to New York City in June to compete in the 2026 Jimmy Awards®.

While in New York, they had many amazing opportunities including:

- 10 days participating in individual coaching sessions and rehearsals for the 2026 Jimmy Awards® with some amazing industry professionals
- A surprise visit from Tony Award-Winner, Aaron Tveit!
- Dinner at Carmine's and a performance of MJ-The Musical 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 in the 2026 Jimmy Awards hosted by Bowen Yang.



Click on the screen to watch the 2026 Jimmy Awards Week in Review.



Zeke and Amaya were selected to the **TOP 40** after a preliminary audition, and each performed a selection from their nominated role in a character medley in the first half of the show. Zeke performed "Run, Freedom, Run" from Urinetown and Amaya performed "On the Right Track" from Pippin (Revival Version).

After intermission, Amaya was named one of eight national finalists!

During the second half of the show, Amaya was invited to perform a solo song of her choice and selected "Your Daddy's Son" from Ragtime. She received a \$5,000 scholarship to use toward her future education at Balwin Wallace University where she will study musical theatre in the fall.



26-27 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.



A Christmas Carol

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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.

November 30, 2026, 10 am
Ohio Theatre

Mister C Live Vol. 3—When Science Goes Viral

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Join Mister C in his lab for another amazing day of learning as he attempts the world's coolest and most popular experiments on stage with YOU, his science crew!! Mister C's positive attitude and his passion for creating media make this show fun for learners of all ages.

Warning: Attendees may experience laughter, learning and a love for science!

March 9, 2027, 10am & 12:30pm
Davidson Theatre, Riffe Center

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

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Produced by Tutti Frutti from Leeds, England, this production, inspired by Aesop's famous fable, features a gifted ensemble of actor musicians who play instruments and sing live as they embody all the characters, including the shepherd Silas, his mischievous sheep, and even a scary wolf or two...

February 12, 2027, 10 am & 12:30 pm
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.

Cuentos: Tales from the Latinx World

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Cuentos: Tales from the Latinx World paints a vivid picture of the people and rich cultures of the Spanish-speaking world with colorful tales from the Caribbean, South America, and the Bronx! Spanish language words are sprinkled throughout so young audiences can repeat and retain their sound and meaning.

October 12, 2026, 10 am
Lincoln Theatre

Jabari Dreams of Freedom

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10-year-old Jabari loves to paint. And through his art, he escapes the turbulent world around him and the reality of a friend hurt by police violence. Using rap, freedom songs, history, and humor, this play explores

what it means to have courage in a world where Black children are not always safe.

February 8-26, 2027
Virtual Program

Martin's Dream

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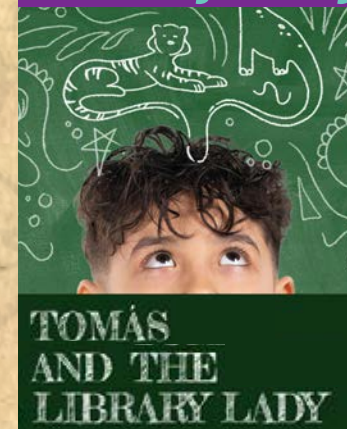
Watch as Dr. King tells the story of his life, from his childhood in the Deep South all the way to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. This one-man show explores the real person behind the pictures, a funny, intelligent, passionate man whose faith,

family, and education made him one of the most revered people in our nation's history. Produced by TCT On Tour: A Division of The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati

January 26, 2027, 10 am & 12:30 pm
Davidson Theatre, Riffe Center

Tomás and the Library Lady

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Tomás can't sleep. He has a recurring nightmare about being asked to read in front of the class. When his family moves from Texas to Iowa, he meets a librarian who introduces him to the wonderful world of books and all the magic they can unlock. Produced by Lexington Children's Theatre and adapted from the well-loved book, this play can be readily

understood by both English and Spanish speakers. ¡Vámanos a la biblioteca!

March 23, 2027 10am & 12:30pm
Davidson Theatre, Riffe Center

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Broadway for Kids APPLAUSE!

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



During the 2025–2026 season, we were thrilled to be able to award 1,445 subsidized tickets to students and educators from 33 schools in 10 central Ohio counties totaling more than \$64,000 in subsidies.

Thanks to the generous and ongoing support from our Broadway in Columbus season subscribers, we are pleased to help 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.

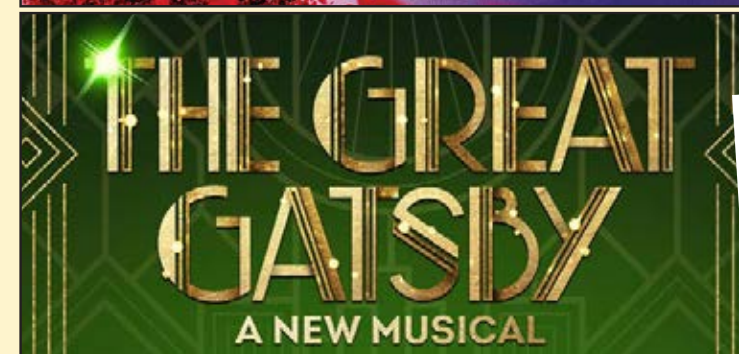
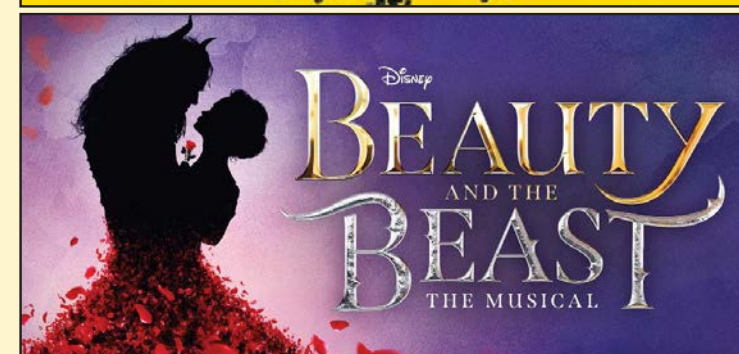
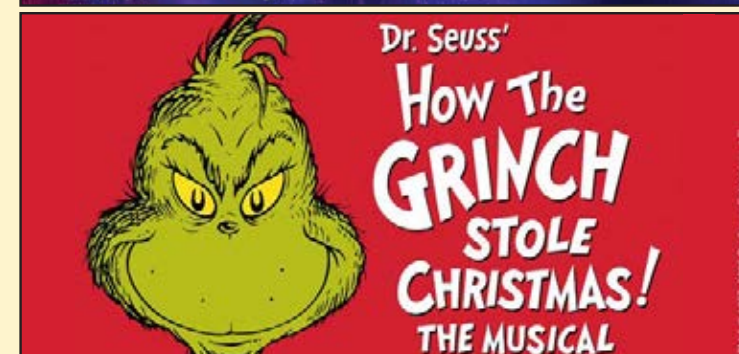
Applications open on August 10 and will remain open until all tickets are awarded. Educators who apply are asked to supply information about their school, their classroom, and how they will connect the

Broadway show to their classroom curriculum.

A lesson plan demonstrating those curricular connections is also required.



All public, private, and charter schools in central Ohio are eligible to apply. Homeschool parents who would like to purchase discounted Broadway tickets should contact education@capa.com for more information.



2026–27 Applause Shows



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open on August 10



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Everyone has a story to share

Click on the logo to learn more about ARISE.

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

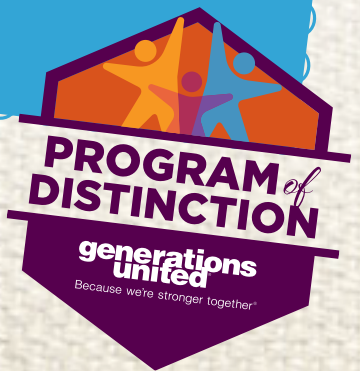
Ten ARISE Scholars were selected to participate in this year's program: **Zayna Ali** from Columbus Preparatory Academy; **Daysha Bennett** from Harvest Preparatory School; **Vivian Bogan** from Cristo Rey High School; **Taylor Choeun** from Columbus Preparatory Academy; **Leo DeLong** from Worthington Kilbourne High School; **Rosen Dingess** from Groveport Madison High School; **Lynn Hazelbaker** from Linworth Alternative High School; **Chloe Hoover** from Centennial High School; **Yanna Kendrick** from Westerville North High School; **Zelda Seasor** from Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center. Six mentors from The Ohio State University and seven older adults from Program 60 made up the 23 participants.



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 Ohio State Healthy Community Center, 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.

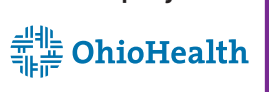


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Click on the logo to learn more about Día de los Niños.

JOIN US FOR DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS!

On Sunday, October 11, we will celebrate **Día de los Niños/Day of the Children** by hosting a family-friendly event at the Lincoln Theatre.

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



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“petting zoo” with the Columbus Symphony. Food will be available for purchase from the Dos Hermanos Food Truck.

A free performance of storyteller, David Gonzalez's *Cuentos: Tales of the Latinx World* 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 24!



David Gonzalez's *Cuentos: Tales of the Latinx World*

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Engagement

AUGUST

- August 4 **Passport to Learning**, 26–27 Tickets on sale, 10am
- August 4 & 5 **ARISE**, Week 5 Sessions & Final Social Gathering
- August 10 **Broadway APPLAUSE Program**, 26–27 Applications Open
- August 11 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, 26–27 School Applications Open, 12pm
- August 12 **Community Engagement**, Dinner Arts Program with Columbus Cultural Orchestra Quintet, YWCA Family Center, 6:15–6:45pm
- August 22 & 23 **Community Engagement**, Kids Activities at Festival Latino, Columbus Commons, 11am–8pm

SEPTEMBER

- September 9 **Community Engagement**, Dinner Arts Program with Ria Blaq, YWCA Family Center, 6:15–6:45pm
- September 14 **School Engagement**, 26–27 Broadway in the Classroom Applications open
- September 17 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, 26–27 School Meeting, Ohio Theatre, 5:30pm

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*, 10am
- October 14 **Community Engagement**, Dinner Arts Program with Anabella Petronsi, YWCA Family Center, 6:15–6:45pm
- October 21 **Community Engagement**, CAPA Haunts the Palace, 4–7pm
- October 24 **Community Engagement**, , Trunk-or-Treat, Central Community House, 11am–2pm

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—Katherine Quinn

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