

Kansas City Young Audiences Organizational Fact Sheet

Our Vision

Opening a window to the arts...inspiring youth to discover their creative talents and passions transforming lives and communities.

Our Mission

The mission of Kansas City Young Audiences is to engage all youth in the arts, promote creativity, and inspire success in education.

Our Values

The arts, when integrated into a child's education, build 21st Century skills:

- Creativity & Innovation
- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
- Communication & Collaboration

KC's Original Arts Education Organization

Kansas City Young Audiences (KCYA) is proud to celebrate more than 54 years of providing high-quality arts education to the youth of Kansas City, Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas. The organization was established as a non-profit agency in 1961 and affiliated with the national Young Audiences Arts for Learning network. Since that time, KCYA arts programs have helped more than 5 million children cultivate artistic expression; unleashing ideas, creativity, and individual problem solving skills. These skills are proven to that enhance learning in Mathematics, Science, English/Language Arts, Social Studies and Fine Arts.

Through interactive workshops, residencies, performances and professional development, KCYA's programs strengthen a child's understanding of necessary educational concepts and teach educators how to successfully integrate the arts into core educational subjects. KCYA believes that arts experiences are essential to every individual's development. When integrated into a child's education, the arts prepare young people to succeed in life and learning.

Kansas City Young Audiences is currently located on the campus of St. Teresa's Academy. The organization will move to 3732 Main Street later this year, following renovation of a newly purchased building—making the organizations first permanent home.



Kansas City Young Audiences Programs

Kansas City Young Audiences partners with professional teaching artists to provide three strands of programming to engage all youth in the arts, promote creativity, and inspire success in education.

Community School of the Arts
School and Community Programs
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Community School of the Arts

Opened in 2004, the Community School of the Arts (CSA) provides students within our community a comprehensive arts experience that inspires them to discover and develop their unique talents. The CSA was seen as an evolution and extension of KCYA's existing arts education programs and is the only community arts school in Kansas City where all artistic disciplines are offered in one location.

As a transformational program, the CSA provides a supportive, hands-on, multidisciplinary arts environment where professional teaching artists spark the creative passion in our community's children and youth. CSA students gain knowledge, artistic skills and aspirations in the arts. Students also connect their artistic experiences with other areas of life and learning.

The CSA offers classes in several dance styles, drama, visual arts, music and creative writing. To ensure that all youth are able to participate in the arts, KCYA has collaborated with community supporters to provide scholarships for low-income students.

CSA programs will be offered at KCYA's new home at 3732 Main Street beginning in 2017. They'll continue at KCYA's current location on the campus of St. Teresa's Academy until that time.

School and Community Programs

KCYA's original programming places the finest professional artists in the classroom to deliver arts programs integrated with core curriculum. Educators, PTA's, librarians, and community service providers can select from a wide variety of quality programs that are approved by educators and support curricular standards.

KCYA's School and Community Programs reinforce core curriculum as well as cultivates artistic expression with performances, residencies, workshops and after-school programs in nearly every artistic discipline and covering numerous academic subjects. This sparks ideas, creativity, and individual problem solving skills in the students who participate.

Discounted programming is available to Title 1 schools in both Kansas and Missouri.

Arts Partners

Established in 1985, Arts Partners is a unique consortium of premier arts organizations collaborating to provide high-quality arts experiences to school districts across the Kansas City metropolitan area. Arts Partners is an innovative, sequential arts-in-education program, successfully integrating arts education into the curriculum of participating school districts.

Arts Partners programs ensure district-wide continuity. Students enjoy arts education tied to math, science, literature, reading, and English provided by the Arts Partners organizations.



Participating Organizations:

Accessible Arts
American Jazz Museum
Coterie Theatre
Heart of America Shakespeare
Festival

Kansas City Chamber
Orchestra
KC Friends of Alvin Ailey
KC Repertory Theatre
Kansas City Symphony
Lyric Opera of Kansas City

Kemper Museum of
Contemporary Art
Mattie Rhodes Art Center
Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art
Paul Mesner Puppets
Theatre for Young America

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