

KANSAS CITY YOUNG AUDIENCES

Every child deserves the transformational spark the arts ignite.

At Kansas City Young Audiences, we believe we have the opportunity to do something extraordinary – to help students discover new ways of seeing things and expressing themselves.

We do it by:

- Fiercely maintaining a focus on harnessing the power of the arts in the learning process
- Offering the broadest array of programs in the area through quality teaching artists
- Building on a 56 year track record of using the arts to expand the minds (and thinking and confidence) of children.

The result is a proven endeavor that builds critical thinking skills, communication, collaboration and creativity and has the power to transform lives - and the world around us.

KCYA worked with more than 150 professional teaching artists to deliver programming in 244 locations, and serving 107,411 children last year (2016-17). More than 74,800 were children in Title I schools where 40% or more of the students qualify for public assistance.

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

To engage all youth in the arts, promote creativity, and inspire success in education.

PROGRAMMING AT OUR LOCATION



The **Community School of the Arts (CSA)** offers camps and classes in dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts. Through our professional teaching artists, CSA students are encouraged to explore and develop their own creative talents and abilities. Through our generous donors, the CSA provides financial assistance to many students who would not otherwise be able to participate.

IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS



School and Community Programs (SCP) – through professional teaching artists, we provide schools, libraries, and community centers with classroom workshops, artist residencies and school performance assemblies. These programs use the arts to engage students and enhance the learning of numerous academic subjects including: STEM, language arts, social studies, character development and healthy living.



Arts Partners (AP) – building upon our SCP program, we partner with 15 premier arts organizations and specific school districts to provide sequential arts-in-education programs across the entire district. The Arts Partners program allows participating school districts to access the best arts education programs from KCYA as well as those of our partner organizations – through one contract and with the coordination and planning assistance of our Arts Partners Coordinator.

Participation in the arts leads to more engaged, higher-achieving students who grow into more culturally aware, engaged citizens as adults.