KANSAS CITY YOUNG AUDIENCES

Every child deserves the transformational spark the arts ignite.



OUR MISSION

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

OUR VISION

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



A VIBRANT ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Kansas City Young Audiences (KCYA) was established by community leaders in 1961 to introduce children to classical music. Since then, KCYA has developed the broadest array of experiences in all artistic disciplines to ignite learning in and out of the classroom. With support from our generous donors, KCYA is leading the charge to enrich the life of every child in our city.

Our midtown home on Main Street has broadened our ability to empower even more children through the arts. Participating in the arts gives children confidence and provides opportunities to develop the skills they need to succeed. The arts help children: cultivate cultural awareness; be more creative and think critically; learn to communicate and collaborate effectively with others; and become the future audiences and engaged citizens our community needs, and deserves.



KCYA PROGRAMS

With your help, we have the opportunity to do something extraordinary – to help children discover new ways of seeing things and expressing themselves.

In-School Programs



PARTNERS

116,762 →

72%



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



Arts Partners (AP) - Building on the successful model of bringing the arts directly to children in schools, KCYA expanded opportunities for students by launching the innovative Arts Partners program in 1985, providing access to Kansas City's rich cultural resources, including 14 of Kansas City's finest arts organizations. The program allows partner school districts to implement arts education programs equitably across the entire district.

Programs at Our Location





need-based



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. Scholarships are provided for children with financial need.