Arts Education

Playhouse Square's Education Department provides access to high-quality arts learning and engagement opportunities for people of all ages across Northeast Ohio. Through performances, school programs, and community-based initiatives, we enrich lives by helping people develop lifelong, personal connections to the arts. We also partner with schools to nurture arts professionals of the future both on stage and behind the scenes.

Key Areas of Service

Arts & Minds

- Dance for Parkinson's in collaboration with Cleveland Clinic
- Currently piloting memory care programming for individuals with Alzheimer's

Community Engagement

- Dance Showcase presented by Terry and Sheldon Adelman
- Juneteenth programming
- The Lullaby Project for new and expecting parents
- PNC Grow Up Great for pre-school children
- The Reading Company for families in shelters

Performances

- Children's Theater Series presented by Akron Children's
- Investment in new work for young audiences
- Sensory-friendly performances presented by Denise G. and Norman E. Wells, Jr.
- Streaming performances for schools
- Student matinee performances
- Subsidies for school transportation to Playhouse Square

School Programs

- Baldwin Wallace University spring musical
- Dazzle Awards presented by Pat and John Chapman for high schools
- Disney Musicals in Schools presented by Dee and Jimmy Haslam for elementary schools

Facts

- We provide transportation subsidies to supplement education funding cuts, making it possible for students to take field trips to see live theater.
- We connect the arts to classroom curriculum through resource guides and videos.
- We have fully produced six performances for young audiences.
- We serve more than 320,000 people every year.

Playhouse Square's Mission: To be a leader in placemaking, the **advancement of arts education**, and the presentation and production of performing arts experiences.

