

# Education Fact Sheet



## Overview

Playhouse Square's Education Department is unique in the performing arts industry for the variety of programs it offers, the partnerships it initiates and the access it provides students, educators and aspiring artists to performing arts professionals. Since its inception in 1998, the department has offered thousands of events, workshops, classes and more, most with minimal or no fees, to people of all ages from across Northeast Ohio.

Nationally recognized programs enable school children to experience the performing arts, both as audience members and as performers.

## Initiatives

- ♦ Arts & Minds in collaboration with Cleveland Clinic, providing customized classes and inspiring performances for people with neurological disorders such as Parkinson's disease
- ♦ Children's Theater Series
- ♦ Disney Musicals in Schools presented by Dee and Jimmy Haslam
- ♦ Dazzle Awards presented by Pat and John Chapman, recognizing excellence in Northeast Ohio high school musical theater programs
- ♦ Sensory-friendly programming presented by Denise G. and Norman E. Wells, Jr.
- ♦ Streaming performances and workshops reaching dozens of Ohio counties

## Facts

- ♦ Commits \$1 million annually to community engagement and education programming
- ♦ Provides transportation subsidies to supplement education funding cuts, making it possible for students to take field trips to see live theater
- ♦ Connects the arts to classroom curriculum through resource guides and videos
- ♦ Annually serves 373,000 students and teachers
- ♦ Has fully produced four original performances for young audiences

