
BAC

Performing Arts Showcase

HeARTs for the Arts

Featuring middle and high school Exceptional Student Education students from Brevard Public Schools, and adults with disabilities from BAC's Adult Day Training program.

Tuesday, May 10th
Maxwell C. King Center Main Stage

Celebrate; HeARTs for the Arts!



Welcome to BAC Arts eighth annual Performing Arts Showcase! Thank you for coming.



Original Artwork By: Hannah Irish - 8th grade

Her favorite things are spending time with her family, having the world's best school, and having amazing teachers.

Today, performers from middle and high school Exceptional Student Education (ESE) classrooms in Brevard Public Schools, as well as a group of adults from BAC's Adult Day Training program, step onto the King Center's main stage to either act, sing or dance thanks to the instruction they've received from local professional performance artists. Many thanks to these professional artists who helped guide, encourage, inspire and motivate our performers during the past eight weeks of practice.

A special round of applause is extended to the dedicated members of BAC's Arts Advisory Council for their guidance in the continued production of this spectacular showcase. Of course, it goes without saying that a lot of leg work goes into the coordination of the Showcase. For that, we sincerely thank our BAC Arts Program Manager, Lee Sorensen, for her unwavering support of our arts for all.

We also would like to say "Bravo!" to our generous donors. This production would not be as spectacular as it is today without their gifts and encouragement of support.

While the pandemic has certainly impacted the way we live, work, and enjoy arts and culture in Brevard, and around the world, BAC is proud to have served more than 3,300 people this past year including the approximately 1,600 ESE students who participate in our studio events and employment training programs. We are well on our way to increasing our reach to pre-pandemic numbers, and your support today will help us reach our goals. Please visit the all new bacemploy.com for ways you can get involved.

Now please sit back and enjoy the show!

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 who gave our performers a chance to be in the
 spotlight, thank you so much!



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Performances

The **Heart Beats** from **Southwest Middle School** are performing a STOMP-inspired show using poles, kitchen pots and utensils, colorful boom whackers and Djembe drums. The famous Broadway touring show "STOMP" transforms ordinary objects to make music and rhythm in an unexpected way.

Classroom Teachers: Chelsea D. & Stephanie B.

Teaching Assistants: Ms. Christina and Ms. O.

Resident Artist: Andrea S.

Students: Hannah I. Jalyn S. Loren P. Rasheed S. Victor J. Ryan B. Ciara M. Shane K. Zikeese D. Ramong C. Kyle S. Devin M. Avnere S. Rosa B. Reinerio A. F. Reagan H. Colin G. Alwayne H.

The **Rockledge High School Raiders** perform an upbeat hip-hop style dance to "Can't Stop the Feeling".

Classroom Teachers: Caroline B. & Jolene T.

Instructional Assistants: Darlene S. Gisselle S.

Artist: Kam M.

Students: Michael B. Maurice B. Joey C. Jamier E. Jordan G. (Emcee) Tre'veon K. Annie M. Hailey N. Jamanie R. Aiden R. Cory S. (Emcee) Nevaeh T. Sirin W. Kris W. Peer Buddies: Naia B. Brianna O.

The **Stone Magnet Middle School Gophers** are performing a drum circle performance!

Classroom Teacher: Scott M.

Staff: Carol D Lizzy L Resident Teaching

Artist: Charles B.

Students: Rhianna A. Yandiel D. Isaiah D. Pershyia G. Trevon K. Matthew P. Brandon P. Angel S. Imari S. Madison S. Israel T. Nicolas W.

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The **Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School Vipers** are celebrating the arts with bright colors, dancing, singing, and painting accompanied by their orchestra students. They will be performing an original tune by Chris "Hearts for the Arts!"

Classroom Teacher: Christine L.

Orchestra Director: Linda W.

Instructional Assistants: Karen M. Rhonda S. Debbie T.

Resident Teaching Artist: Chris K.

Students: Aidan B. Noah B. Luke P. Reba P. Jordan R. Lillian S. Wm. "Tripp" S. Colby T. Wyatt E. Darren W. Walter B. Landon E. Cire R. Tai P.

Orchestra Students: Sephorah B. Archie C. Jayla W. Damion B. Chole' R. Connor S. Elizabeth A. Ethan A. Alex B. Haley C. James C. Drayton G. Abby M. Jasmin S.

Student Interns: Ray H. & Amariyon L.

Kelly Miller, Soloist, performs her rendition of "The Climb"

Kelly is a freshman at Satellite High School. She is currently working on the Musical "Bye Bye Birdie" with her American Musical Theater class. Kelly is passionate about singing, musical theater, composing her own music and drawing. Outside of school she takes classes at The Viera Studio for the Performing Arts. During her downtime, you will find her at Disney riding the "Tower of Terror!"

The **John F. Kennedy Middle School Panthers** are performing to "Groove is in The Heart"

Classroom Teachers: Natalie C. & Brenda S.

Instructional Assistants: Jessica R., Eric V., Kimberly W.,

Personal Care Assistant: Juliet B.D.

Speech & Language Pathologist: Ashley U.

Physical Therapist: Cecile H.S.

Artist: Alicia R.

Students: Kevin L. Richard I. Melani G. Atticus G. Issac W. Tamara T. Ziyoun P. Jayden B. Makyla A. Tyzelya M. Jozeylin W. Ryan J. Brayden A. Maddox O. Maria M. Landon P.

Central Middle School performing "Keepin' the Beat!"

Classroom Teacher: Ms. S

Instructional Assistants: Ms. T & Ms. P

Speech Pathologist: Ms S

Hearing Impaired Teacher: Ms W

Resident Artist: Dallas C.

Students: Karrel A. Emily B. Destiny L. Andy M. Sean M. Anastasia N. Corbin P. Chandler R. Jaden R. Joan S Troy S. Mika T. Nawin T.

Johnson Middle School is "Calling All Hearts" to the dance floor!!

Classroom Teacher: Tracy Oxley

Instructional Assistants: Susan B. Anne C.

Resident Teaching Artist: Jeena P.

Students: Xavier L. Isaac L. Madison W. Christopher M. Annalyse M. Rian M. Ransom N. Delaney

BAC participants will be performing an original tune by artist Chris K. "Get on Board the BAC Train!"

Staff: Lexi K. & Jim B.

Resident Teaching Artist: Chris K.

Participants: Jeffrey B. Joyce C. Eva D. Brooke D. Tim F Michael J. Adalicia M. Christopher O. Brooke P. Stevon R. Christopher W.

The **Eau Gallie High School Commodores "The Treasure Keepers"** troupe performs an interpretive movement piece to a tale about the power of love written by Joan Taddie and read by Terrence Girard over music composed by Fesliyan Studios.

Classroom Teachers: Deborah K., Candy C. & Liz C.

Staff: Alicia R. Jennifer B. Teresea G. Eva C. Ms H

Volunteer: Jennifer J.

Artists: Joan T. and Terrence G.

Students: Johnny B. Boydrich B. Novalee C. Alison C. Chris E. Sara G. Savannah H. Nathan H. Kyle K. Johnny N. Alex S. Ethan B. Hailey M. Benedetta O. Isaac P. Evan T. Diego V.

Peer Student: Ashleigh S.

Grand Finale: All performers on stage for "Celebration"





Liam Rushin - 12th grade

Liam dedicated his 2022 senior project to benefit the BAC Arts program.

"I hope that we as a community can not only make an integrated environment for neuro-divergent and neuro-typical people, but also a fun environment where everyone can have a good time together!"

Teaching Artists

Charles Baumgartner is a multi-instrumentalist performer, drum circle facilitator, instrument maker and private and group instructor of West African drums and Native American flutes. He is the founder of the Facebook group "Space Coast Drum and Dance". Charles participates in disability-related events throughout the Space Coast community including drum facilitating at The Studio at BAC and the annual BAC's Color in Motion Arts Festival at the Brevard Zoo. Charles earned an associate of science degree in music and video business from the Art Institute of Ft. Lauderdale. Charles demonstrates his passion for drumming and working with students and adults of all ability levels as evidenced on stage!

Chris Kahl is a musician who started performing in the late 1990's and, after graduating from Rollins College, he continued his musical journey in London for several years singing in the subways of the London Underground and performing numerous times on the BBC. Today, Chris works as an Artist in Residence in Central Florida schools, and travels around the state to perform at folk festivals. Chris enjoys singing about Florida's history and looks forward to carrying on the Florida troubadour tradition for years to come. Chris has also been a "regular" for the BAC Performing Arts Showcase and often teaches music for The Studio working with participants of the Adult Day Training Program at BAC in Rockledge.

Alicia Robin is a passionate dancer who began studying ballet and tap at the age of three, and continued to study jazz, modern, contemporary, and hip hop throughout her career. Today, she owns Dance Variations in Rockledge and loves sharing her love of dance with children and families in the community. Alicia hopes to continue to reach the community through dance and welcomes everyone to join the Dance Variations family. Alicia has also become a "regular" with PAS even with her very busy schedule as a mom and business owner!

Andrea Smith is a former music educator, church musician, legislative assistant, and event planner for various organizations. She played the piano and clarinet all through school and college, with piano being her major instrument studying for a Bachelor of Music Education and playing clarinet as a member of the Florida State University Marching Chiefs. In her 21 year public teaching career with Brevard Public Schools Andrea taught 9 years of elementary general music which included chorus, strings, keyboards, percussion ensemble, and musical theater, and then taught 12 years of chorus, orchestra, and drama at the middle school level. Her style of teaching has always embraced thinking outside the box and making music fun while teaching the skills needed to be a life-long lover of music. Andrea also spends her time volunteering with the Guardian Ad Litem Program and as a member of the BAC Arts Advisory Council.

Joan Taddie is a retired Brevard County teacher, who during her 41 years in the classroom taught 5th and 6th grade, Specific Learning Disabilities, high school English and Drama, and served as the Director of the Bayside Engineering and Technology Academy (BETA). Joan volunteers as a director of musicals in elementary schools and has directed and performed on stages across Brevard. Joan also volunteers in her community and is a member of the BAC Arts Advisory Council.

Kam McCarthy (they/them) began learning dance at the age of three, starting with ballet, and branching out into various other disciplines, including hip-hop and musical theater. In high school, they competed at the state level multiple times, both as a soloist and as part of a team. They continued on to study dance at the University of Kansas before returning home to Brevard County, where they hope to help enrich lives in the local community. Now, they are working for The Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program as a Youth Advocate.

Jeena Prasertlum is an experienced dancer with training in Ballet, Modern, Contemporary, and Tap. She trained under renowned artists within the Dance community such as Peter London, Gerard Ebitz, Lara Murphy, Jeffery Smith, Rebecca Cannan, Tina Santos, and more at a magnet performing arts school known as New World School of the Arts. There, she further developed her artistic skills and began training in different Modern techniques such as Limón, Horton, Graham, Paul Taylor, and Cunningham. She is currently teaching at The RAW Dance Center and Dance Variations. Jeena earned her undergraduate degree in Marine biology/ Dance and will be attending graduate school in the Fall to pursue her master's degree in Biology. She hopes to continue inspiring young students to push beyond their limits and reach for the stars!

Dallas Clark is the Executive Director and choreographer for DrumLuv. She also serves as the Director of Dance at Truth Revealed Ministries. She is a vibrant and energetic dancer, educator, and mother trained in ballet, modern jazz, and West African dance and drum. A native of Jamaica, Dallas loves the marriage of music and dance. She believes dance, percussion, and songs are woven into a beautiful and life-strengthening experience. Dallas is also a certified group fitness instructor and personal trainer who currently teaches classes in the community and conducts cultural and wellness outreach programs at various venues.





Thank you for coming to our Showcase!

Applause! Applause!

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that made this show happen! No matter how big or small, the results are wonderful for all involved.

This year's AH-MAZING Emcees:
Rockledge Raiders Jordan and Cory!

The wonderful and dedicated teachers and students at Southwest Middle School, Rockledge High School, John F. Kennedy Middle School, Stone Magnet Middle School, Space Coast Jr./Sr. High School, Eau Gallie High School, Central Middle School, Lyndon B. Johnson Middle School

Our wonderfully talented teaching artists

BAC staff and participants

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