

★ bac
PERFORMING ARTS
Showcase
2023



OCTOBER | 25TH | 2023

MAXWELL C. KING CENTER MAIN STAGE

together we
SHINE



color in motion:
together we
SHINE



SAVE
THE
DATE!



FEBRUARY 2024

27-29

9:45 AM - 1:15PM

Welcome to BAC's 10th Annual Performing Arts Showcase!

Thank you for coming. Today, performers from middle and high school Exceptional Student Education (ESE) classrooms in Brevard Public Schools, a private school and group of adults from BAC's Adult Day Training program, step onto the King Center's main stage to act, sing, drum or dance thanks to the instruction they've received from local professional performance artists. They all have been working together to create these wonderful performances that you will see today. I don't believe there is a better way to start your day than cheering on these very talented students.

A special round of applause is extended to the dedicated members of BAC's Arts Committee for their guidance in the production of this spectacular showcase. A very specific thanks to the PAS committee – Andrea Smith, Peggy Nolan, Joan Taddie and Deborah Smith who have been meeting for months to be sure the show provides the best experience for our performers and their teachers. We couldn't do this without their support.

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. BAC is honored to again receive the support of Sky Advertising, who will make this entire production available online. Please look to social media and our website for more information in the coming days.

BAC is a social enterprise dedicated to building communities that support members of unique abilities in growing their own personal success. The experience and opportunity that this event provides to our participants and those in our community, is a core service to our enrichment services, which you can become involved in or can support by visiting: bacemploy.com

Thank you for joining us this morning. Now sit back and enjoy the show !!



Lee Sorensen,
Arts Program Director

acknowledgments

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Patricia Tellechea,

Chair

Julie Thompson,

Vice Chair

Jason Miller, *Treasurer*

Diane E. Payne, *Secretary*

Don Weiss, *Past Chair*

Ellen P. Brown

Michael Cadore

Chris Delaney

Kamen E. Jenkins

Peter S. Kamon

Cindy S. Kane

Karen Ludeman

Trudy M. McCarthy

D. Travis Proctor

Michael S. Rogero

Aaron Stitzel

DIRECTOR EMERITUS

Linda Cobb

Robert Scott Page

Robert R. Sands

Mary Jane Watson

BAC ARTS COMMITTEE

Peggy Nolan, *Chair*

Megan Patel, *Secretary*

Christine Leroy

Karen Miller

Donna Naylor

Sally Shinn

Andrea Smith

Joan Taddie

Cindy Wickham

Karen Wilson

Deborah Smith

CHAIR EMERITUS

Kat Milikin

IN MEMORIAM

Sandi Paine



ARTS PROGRAM STAFF

Nataliya Belikova

Heidi Popp

Lee Sorensen

EVENT STAFF

Elliott Paine

Jalynne Perini

John Favuzza

DeeJay

Stage Manager

ASL Interpreter

JOIN US

Become involved in our Arts Committee, Contact
Lsorensen@bacemploy.com or text 321-537-4243

★bac
PERFORMING ARTS
Showcase
2023

schedule

OPENING REMARKS

ROCKLEDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Together We Shine

MERRITT ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL

We Are All In This Together

BAC ADULT PROGRAM

Feels So Good

NO LIMITS ACADEMY

My Lighthouse

SOLOIST, JESUS

Native American Fox Flute

BAYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

West African Drums

SOLOIST, KELLY MILLER

When You Wish Upon A Star

LYNDON B. JOHNSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Super Mario Dance Performance

JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL PANTHERS

Celebrate!

EAU GALLIE HIGH SCHOOL COMMODORES

Lumina

GRAND FINALE



our performances

7

ROCKLEDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Students start the show with their performance called "Together We Shine." Enjoy their original rhythm ensemble with spoken work. Listen to the beat, it sounds so fine. It makes us smile... that together we shine.

TEACHER(S) & STAFF:

Caroline Bornemann,
Samantha Marsh
Nicholas Vassar, Rhianne Green,
Gisselle Suarez, Pamela Nichols

VISITING ARTIST: Chris Kahl

PERFORMERS:

Nevaeh
T, Maurice B, Atticus G,
Ryan J, Sirin W, Jozeylin W,
Aiden R, Landon P, JJ B,
Jamier E, Jamanie R, Issac
W, Michael B, Shamela K,
Javon K, Logan H, Ryan F,
Brian H

MERRITT ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Students perform a snazzy dance number to "We Are All In This Together." This group has the moves to bring down the house together!!

TEACHER(S) & STAFF:

Angela Cecere, Amanda
Happel, Carlotta Lowenstein (SLP)
IA's - Julie Cope, Alicia
Kelderhouse, Patty Facompre,
Kim Bailey, Bob McCann

VISITING ARTIST: Kam McCarthy

MUSTANG MENTOR STUDENTS:

Ashley S, Carli H, Lorna B, Bridgette S

PERFORMERS:

Austin
C, Kadin G, Jacob R,
Morgan B, Jasmine P,
Max N, Jace K, Emma A,
Emma M, Emily M, Toby
S, Lola H, Christina C,
Maddie Z, Nick O, Andy
C, Aeden P, Lacy P,
Tyzeyla M, Hudson C

BAC

Participants from our Adult Day Training (ADT) Program keep the groove going with their dance moves to the popular tune "Feels So Good." It's hard to sit still so feel free to join in from your seats!

VISITING ARTIST:

Alicia Robin

PERFORMERS:

Carlee A, Kandi H, Eva D, Israel A, Hiram F, Michael T. Shance L

NO LIMITS ACADEMY

These students are making their inaugural performance with us today. Please enjoy their interpretation of "My Lighthouse!" and help us cheer on these first timers!!

TEACHER(S) & STAFF:

Ms. Melissa Wray,
Ms. Stacey Kuczynski,
Ms. Terese Dell'Oglio-Garrett
Ms. Taybi McFadden

PERFORMERS:

Valerie K, Hunter B,
Dominyk W, William L,
Aiden S

VISITING ARTIST: Phoebe Parker

SOLOIST, JESUS STEINLEITNER

Jesus is also performing with us for his very first time after being discovered on Facebook, Jesus is here to play his Native American Flute for us so you are in for a very relaxing treat.

Jesus is a self-taught musician and artist who has been playing the Native American Fox Flute for nearly a year. He has lived at Promise in Brevard for over 5 years. In his free time, he loves participating in art and music classes. He enjoys live theater, reading fiction, and cooking.

Bayside students return to the King Center as the Beatmaster's Delight wowing us with their ever improving drumming skills. See how they shine while keeping the beat!

TEACHER(S) & STAFF:

Cheryl Chamberlain,
Terri Decker, Ashlee Jackson,
Jonna Norris, Serena Richardson

PERFORMERS:

Ryan B, Christian B, Gary B,
Jeremiah D, Kyan F,
Mackenzie G, Robert H,
Alwayne H, Taylor H,
Fadi J, Victor J, William M,
Jordan M, Harry M,
Tryniti M, Kayla M, Devin M,
Joseph P. Kyle S,
Christopher S, Imari S,
Wayne T, Kevin W

VISITING ARTIST: Dallas Clark

SOLOIST, KELLY MILLER

Kelly Miller returns to grace our stage with a new rendition of "When You Wish Upon A Star." Get ready for another stunning performance by this multi - talented young lady.

Kelly is a Junior at Satellite High School where she is in the Women's Ensemble and Musical Theater classes. Outside of school she takes private Vocal Lessons and Advanced Musical Theater classes at the Viera Studio for Performing Arts. She loves drawing, singing, and performing but also writing plays and composing her own music. Although Kelly is on the Autism Spectrum and has a significant visual impairment, she has been able to overcome many obstacles through music and the arts. Her dream is to eventually work for Disney as a Cast Member or performer. Kelly would like to thank the BAC for including her in this showcase and for the opportunity to perform at the King Center.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students step out this year with an original Super Mario and friends inspired Dance Story for us to enjoy. Very cool !!

TEACHER(S) & STAFF:

Tracy Oxley, Anne Carroll

VISITING ARTIST:

Jinn Kahn and
Special Guest, King Leo
(the first service dog to ever
debut in our Showcase!)

PERFORMERS: Denice C,
Daimen D, Madeline K,
Aaliyah M, Syheam M,
Caleb S, Adrian Z

PEER HELPERS:

Harper H, Dorothy Huff,
Dayanara Bucio



King Leonidas Kahn is the first of his kind. He is Lion Shepard, a breed that hopes to combine the loyalty and love of a pitbull with the independent nature of a mountain dog. Jinn says that Leo is his loving service dog who is more of a super dog as he is helping reduce anxieties about being on the big King Center Stage! Welcome Leo!

JOHN F. KENNEDY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students return to treat us with their dance creation to the old favorite "Celebrate! " This is another performance that won't let you sit still !

TEACHER(S) & STAFF:

Jessica Reed, Eric Vickery,
Fay Floyd, Ashley Urness,
Natalie Carroll, Brenda Szofran

VISITING ARTIST: Alicia Robin

PEER HELPERS: Brianna, Lilly

PERFORMERS: Jojo P,
Keshan A, Christina P,
Ryan L , Ziaysha J, Jayce
K, Chandler H, Javien E,
Sebastian L, Shontravis
K, Daniela S, Eli C,
Keishlianny M, Kyle K

Students wrap up this amazing morning with a beautiful performance of acting and interpretive movement to an original story called "Lumina." Please sit back and take it all in.

TEACHER(S) & STAFF:

Debbie Kline, Candi Cook, Colleen Hall, Alicia Ruiz-Torres, Joshua Dailey, Carrissa Folsom, Robin Chieco, Marina Piette, Eva Carranza

PERFORMERS: Alison C, Johnny B, Sara G, Savannah H, Nathan H, Isaac L, Christopher M, Johnny N, Aaric, Ransom, Benedetta, Fallon, Evan, Diego, Aden S, Delaney S, Brandon R, Airies I, Riley R

VISITING ARTIST: Joan Taddie

NARRATOR: Terrance Girard

PEER STUDENT: Ashleigh



*Special Guest Appearance by Silas Scauzillo and Gianna Scauzillo of PLG Kindness Squad. PLG Kindness Squad is a 501(c)

(3) non profit organization with a mission to help improve our social climate and promote a deeper understanding and acceptance of all in our community. They hope to educate and inspire people to pay it forward and sprinkle kindness and compassion by finding ways to selflessly enrich the lives of others. www.peacelovegianna.com | Instagram: @PLGKindnessSquad

GRAND FINALE

Please stand and join our wonderful performers in their finale as we Light Up the stage! Please take out your phone and shine your light!

meet our artists

Alicia Robin is a passionate dancer who began studying ballet and tap at the age of three, and continued on 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. She is also a certified instructor for Rhythm Works Integrative Dance, a hip-hop based dance program for children and adults with special needs. Alicia hopes to continue to reach the community through dance and welcomes everyone to join the Dance Variations family.

Chris Kahl is a musician who started performing in the late 1990's and, after graduating from Rollins College, 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.

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.

DJ Paine – Elliott Paine first became interested in performing as a DJ after high school graduation. He was visiting his friend and mentor, DJ E (Erick Terhune) and he learned some basics. From

there he was hooked and has worked hard to improve his skills. When he is not rockin' out on his DJ Kit, Elliott can be found hard at work at the King Center as part of the custodial staff or pumping iron with his friends at Crunch Fitness. Elliott has participated for many years in improv classes and has been in commercials and print ads for ABLE United. At home Elliott enjoys social media and hanging around with friends. Elliott misses his mom so much.

Jalynne Perini is excited to be returning to the King Center. She previously worked behind the scenes at the Henegar Center for the entirety of their 31st and 32nd season. Currently you will find her stage managing for the Henegar Center's Feller Theater Academy.

Jinn Z. Khan, at the tender age of 22, navigates through life wearing multiple hats, notably as a voice actor and a devoted student at EFSC. Characterized as a modern renaissance man, he shapes his existence around a central mission: to selflessly assist others and imprint a lasting impact on our world. Caring and steadfastly loyal, Jinn embodies a spirit that is genuinely uplifting to those fortunate enough to know him. With a discernible zeal for leadership, he strategically positions himself to emerge as a pivotal leader for Generation Z in the near future, ensuring his actions reverberate meaningfully.

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 an Elementary School Assistance Principal and 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. She is presently a director and instructor with the Henegar Center's Feller Theatre Academy.

John Favuzza has been a professor of American Sign Language at Eastern Florida State College for the past year and a half.

Prior to joining the faculty, he worked for over a decade as a sign language interpreter in Brevard County, Florida. John began his own college journey as a student at EFSC in 2011. He is passionate about teaching ASL and opening up the world of deaf culture and communication to his students.

Kam McCarthy 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.

Phoebe Parker is an EFSC student and is so grateful that she had this opportunity to help the community and spread the joy of theatre and arts to students. Phoebe has participated in musical theatre around the area for many years now, and loves being involved in shows. She is so proud of these students she's been able to teach.

Terrence Girard is a veteran performer on Brevard's stages, having appeared in more than 200 plays and musicals since 1979. As a retired media producer, he is delighted to collaborate once again with Joan Taddie and BAC on this showcase of student talent.

THANKS!
FOR JOINING US

10TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE STARS



**ON
SALE
NOW**



AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY

These exquisite ornaments are more than just decorations; they are a testament to the power of creativity and determination. Each one is a unique work of art, handcrafted with love and care by individuals who bring their exceptional talents to this stage and our studio year after year.



A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE & THANK YOU!

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the generous support of our sponsors. Thank you for believing in our mission and for helping make this event such a success.

BradyIFS

Supplies & Solutions for
Cleaning & **Foodservice** Professionals



Lotane & Associates, P.A.
EST. 1979



Mick Barker,
Sky Advertising

“ Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. ”

- Mark Twain

Also, a special thank you to everyone that made this event happen! No matter how big or how small, your contributions impacted lives in ways you could never imagine.



A special round of applause to all of our incredibly talented resident/ performing artists, this year's AH-MAZING Emcees and all the wonderful & dedicated teachers and students at:



BAYSIDE
HIGH SCHOOL



EAU GALLIE
HIGH SCHOOL



KENNEDY
MIDDLE SCHOOL



JOHNSON
MIDDLE SCHOOL



MERRITT ISLAND
HIGH SCHOOL

No Limits
ACADEMY



ROCKLEDGE
HIGH SCHOOL

& Our  Studio Artists

FOLLOW US       / bacemploy.com



PLEASE TAKE OUR
SURVEY



SCAN ME



We value your opinion, and it plays a crucial role in our mission. By participating in our survey, you're not only helping us improve but also assisting us in securing vital grant funding to continue our important work.



IN DIVIDUAL

Your business is
INDIVIDUAL.

Your needs are
INDIVIDUAL.

Our solutions are
INDIVIDUAL.

BradyIFS

Supplies & Solutions for
Cleaning & **Foodservice** Professionals

<https://supplies.bradyindustries.com/>



★bac
together we
SHINE

321.632.8610
bacemploy.com

The support of our community is critical to continue to provide quality programs for our participants. To make a donation, please scan here.

SCAN ME



Sponsored in part by the Florida Department of State Division of Arts & Culture, the Florida Council of the Arts and Culture, and the National Endowment for the Arts