

We strive to provide a regional gathering place where the community can share the arts on an affordable basis.



Photo above from the play Frederick Douglass: An American Slave, Feb. 2019

As we move toward a full reopening, we're looking forward to restarting...

Klein History Theater: Educational plays about the lives, struggles and triumphs of influential figures in American history. Recent performances have included Eleanor Roosevelt: Her Secret Journey starring Loretta Swit, Ben: the life of Benjamin Franklin, and several successive performances of the powerful play Frederick Douglass: An American Slave. In early 2020, the show for schools was performed for over 2400, and the play has been recognized by the NAACP.

The **Klein Cinema Series** (which began in 2019 and included a screening of the Aretha Franklin concert documentary *Amazing Grace* and a Veterans Day Double Feature).

Comedy at The Klein, which in the past has included the political satire group The Capitol Steps and stand-up comedian Elizardi Castro.



Photo: Our favorite family-friendly holiday production, *The Elf Christmas*Spectacular!

And more!

The Klein is also a rental space for production companies and promoters, which have brought recent diverse programming including dramatic plays by Emerging Voices Production Company and *Her Time the play* presented by HangTime, *NY Kings of*

Comedy, and stand-up comedian Vic DiBitetto presented by Treehouse Comedy Productions.

Tomorrow, February 5th:

ReBirth Arts Collective presents
"Heritage: A Cultural Exchange"
West African Drum & Dance Showcase Livestream



Livestream begins 6:00PM EST

Celebrate Black History Month & see what the students learned during the 10-Day West African Drum & Dance Workshop!
Teaching Artists Tenisi and Baba Jide Davis have been drumming, dancing, and studying since the ages of 5 & 7 years old. Now their goal is to spread culture, history, self-love, and fun through the arts and traditions of Africa.

The suggested donation is \$5 with proceeds benefiting future programming and education at The Klein.

VIEW SHOWCASE



The Klein Is... CONCERTS DANCE DRAMA, COMEDY & SPECIAL EVENTS COMMUNITY EVENTS EDUCATION

Fairfield County's Giving Day is 3 weeks away!

If you like what we do here at The Klein as Bridgeport's performing arts center, please consider supporting us on Giving Day, Feb. 25th so we can continue to provide our community with quality programming & education, and maintain this facility so arts groups and organizations of all kinds have a spacious and convenient venue to hold their events.

MORE INFO

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Klein Box Office: (800) 424-0160 x2

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