



The Klein: Bridgeport's community hub for graduations, political debates, wine tastings, and more!



Photo above from one of our Wine at The Klein fundraisers

You may have noticed that these past few email newsletters differ from our usual content! Through this awareness campaign, we hope to showcase the wide range of events that happen at The Klein, both as rentals and self-presentations.

Some may know us as the dance spot during competition season, some may associate us with symphony concerts, and some may remember our venue as the one they graduated in. We are asking for your support on **Giving Day, Thurs. February 25th** so we can maintain this facility for years to come! Your donations during this challenging time before a full reopening are needed more than ever.

Your contribution would directly help to fund our programming, Klein Theatre Arts classes, and fixed operational costs so arts groups and organizations of all kinds have a spacious and convenient venue to hold their events.



Photo: Connect-Us presents their annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration "Bridgeport Has a Dream", Jan. 2020. Connect-Us continued this event in 2021 with an online showcase featuring 17 acts, many of which were recorded during a socially distanced video shoot at The Klein.

The Klein hosts various community events, which in recent years have included:

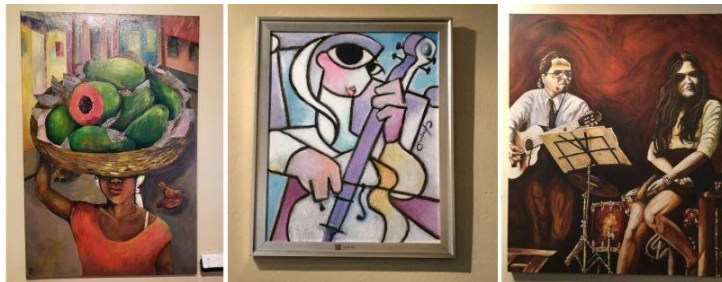
- Fundraisers** such as ADL's annual event *Voices*, and the Giving Day 2019 launch party powered by Fairfield County's Community Foundation.
- Graduations** for Bullard-Havens Technical High School, Bridgeport Police Academy, Mercy Learning Center, Bridgeport Adult Education, Porter & Chester and more.

-Church services and convocations provided by City Wide Church, Shiloh Baptist Church, and the Diocese of Bridgeport.

-Political debates such as the Bridgeport Mayoral Forum and City Council Candidate Forum.

Plus: annual Breakfast with Santa, seminars, weddings, company meetings, video shoots and more!

The Klein is a platform for the visual arts too! **The Klein Mezzanine Gallery** is open during events and features up to 14 local artists at a time. Exhibits are curated by artist Benjamin Casiano and have included art shows for Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, and Women's History Month.



Artists from left to right: Leonor Dao, Benjamin Casiano, Cesar Alvarez



The Klein Is...

CONCERTS

DANCE

DRAMA, COMEDY & SPECIAL EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

EDUCATION

Fairfield County's Giving Day is just 2 weeks away on Thursday, February 25th.

If you like what we do here as Bridgeport's performing arts center, please consider donating to The Klein on Giving Day so we can continue to provide our community with quality programming & education and maintain this facility for our community. ***Thank you!!***

MORE INFO

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Our Klein Theatre Arts Donors

Thank you to our corporate, foundation, and government partners who make this program possible. Klein Theatre Arts is tuition-free, and is the only after school arts education program of its kind in Bridgeport. Klein Theatre Arts is now in its eighth year, continuing to meet the needs of the inner city Bridgeport students and their families.

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