



Klein Theatre Arts is at the forefront of our mission to *"Enrich, educate and entertain through arts and ideas"*



Photo above from the KTA show "Contemporary Broadway", March 2019

KTA barely skipped a beat this past year! **With health safety measures put in place, we continued our tuition-free acting, dance, and technical production courses for Bridgeport youth.** Here are some recent highlights:

In the summer, we **added editing to our video production course** thanks to receiving funds to purchase a laptop and our own video editing software. Now students are writing, filming, starring in **AND** editing their own videos! An **Arts Expression course** was also added in the fall of 2020.

The students have expressed how much they love to be able to continue the courses in-person so they can still come in and socialize with others.

We **added 2 production interns** this year, and plan to add 2 more as they turn 16.



Photo: Students in our technical production course soundchecking and learning how to set up backline equipment, February 2021

In recent summers, **Klein Dance Company** had as many as 12 public appearances. Although most events were cancelled last summer, KDC did get to perform at the American Legion Post 140 Cookout, where our student Jaysa received the John Lewis Youth Award for Environmental Justice and Civic Engagement. This summer, KDC already



Photo: Jaysa performing in a KTA showcase

received an invitation to perform in the Juneteenth Parade on June 19th.

Our **spring semester concert** will be livestreamed on March 25th, and shortly after we'll be recruiting for the summer semester of our 9th year.

Aside from Klein Theatre Arts, The Klein also houses other education programs, like the youth leadership program Connect-Us and the KEYS music program.

We are asking for your support of The Klein on **Giving Day, Thurs. February 25th** so we can continue to provide and grow the Klein Theatre Arts program for our students.

Your contributions help to keep our education program running year-round with Spring, Summer and Fall semesters, and go towards payroll for our staff and instructors, cleaning supplies to maintain a safe environment, and healthy snacks.

Why donate on Giving Day?

Fairfield County's Community Foundation has held Giving Day since 2014 and it has served to the benefit of numerous nonprofits throughout the county. A portion of proceeds on Giving Day goes to FCCF, which they in turn use to assist local nonprofits with grants, like their generous donation of \$20,000 to Klein Theatre Arts in 2020.



**Fairfield County Children's Choir
presents "Broadway Our Way"
Saturday, February 27th
Online Event - 7:00PM EST**

Together but separate, FCCC's talented choristers from 19 towns perform an hour-long virtual concert of Broadway favorites!

Highlights include three show-stopping virtual choirs of nearly 300 soaring voices singing "The Greatest Show" from *The Greatest Showman*, "Happiness" from *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, and "Do Re Mi" from *The Sound of Music*. The concert will also feature talented soloists and two sing-alongs from favorites including *Aladdin*, *The Secret Garden*, *Newsies*, *The Last Five Years*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Bring It On*, *Amélie*, *Frozen*, and *Wicked*.

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**DRAMA, COMEDY & SPECIAL EVENTS
COMMUNITY EVENTS
EDUCATION**

Fairfield County's Giving Day is just 1 week 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 so arts groups and organizations of all kinds have a spacious and convenient venue to hold their events. **Thank you!!**

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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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