

IMPACT REPORT

2023-2024

# Living, breathing art.

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### **567** active volunteers donated **53,585** hours

# ticketed events

# **708,354** ticketed patrons







**51,000** community members reached through CAPA Education & Engagement programs

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President & CEO

n 1969, the group of individuals that saved the Ohio Theatre from the wrecking ball decided to call the new organization the Columbus Association for the Performing Arts (CAPA). This was a conscious decision to create an organization that was more than a building (even one as beautiful and historic as the Ohio), with a mission to serve Columbus and central Ohio through the full spectrum of performing arts.

For over 55 years, CAPA has been working to fulfill that mission, enriching lives through exceptional performances and programs, in our theatres and in our community, at events like Festival Latino. In recent years, this has evolved to include producing exciting local works, such as our collaboration with Short North Stage to return the beloved holiday tradition of A Christmas Carol to Columbus, and bringing once-in-a-lifetime arts events to our community, like the incredible and powerful Walk with Amal in September 2023.

Creating unforgettable performances and programs is how CAPA serves our community. As you will see in this report, the 2023–24 season was full of spectacular arts experiences that reached individuals of all ages and backgrounds from throughout central Ohio and beyond. We are proud to share this report with you, because you, our partners, make it all possible.

And we are just getting started! We continue planning events and building new partnerships throughout the community that will create exciting performances and experiences in the future. We look forward to working with you to fill our dynamic, growing community with living, breathing art.

On behalf of everyone at CAPA, thank you for your support of all that we do.





Columbus is a renowned artistic hub for living, breathing art.

CAPA enriches lives by cultivating and nurturing the arts, spreading an appreciation that can be felt in hearts, minds, and the economies of our communities.

> Black Violin Photo: Terry Gilliam

#### **Arts Leader & Collaborator**

Serve as a leader of the creative class in the region by supporting sustainability and collaborating with arts groups to raise the arts profile of our community.

Advocacy Shared Services Artistic/Community Collaborations Entrepreneurial Opportunities Free/Reduced Rent Programs

#### **Dynamic Presenter & Producer**

Present and produce exceptional, diverse performing arts programming that challenges, inspires, entertains, and engages audiences.

> Broadway in Columbus CAPA Presents A Christmas Carol CAPA Summer Movie Series Festival Latino Cinema Columbus Film Festival Walk with Amal

**STRATEGIC PILLARS** 

#### **Education & Access**

Expand community education and access programs to promote the appreciation of the performing arts and augment other arts education efforts.

> CAPA Marquee Awards Passport to Learning Series Community Engagement Career Development Access to the Arts

#### **Stewards of Spaces & People**

Operate and increase the capacity of firstclass performing arts spaces to provide enriching experiences and to meet the growing needs of the region.

Own and/or Operate Eight Performing Arts Spaces Investment in Accessibility and Enhanced Audience Experience Embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion Nurture & build relationships

# **CAPA PRESENTATIONS**

Moulin Rouge on Tour Photo: Matthew Murphy

#### **PNC**

Clue Come From Away Company Disney's The Lion King Jesus Christ Superstar Mamma Mia! Moulin Rouge! The Musical Mrs. Doubtfire Tina–The Tina Turner Musical

Co-presented by CAPA and PNC Broadway in Columbus

A Christmas Carol Co-presented with Short North Stage **Black Violin** Bluey's Big Play Jim Brickman **CAPA Summer Movie Series** Complexions **Countess Luann Cabaret** Elf Tommy Emmanuel Encanto: The Sing Along Film in Concert Fab Four **Craig Ferguson** Ghosts: Do You Believe? Buddy Guy Farewell Tour

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows Part 1 in Concert Co-presented with IAE

Justin Hayward

Hip Hop Nutcracker

Joe Jackson

Dave Koz and Friends

Storm Large Chelcie Lynn

Meow Meow

Pat Metheny

MOMIX

**Over the Rhine** 

Pinky Patel

Tom Papa Joe Pera: The PERAs Tour The Price is Riaht™ Pride Anthems Psychology of a Serial Killer Rumours of Fleetwood Mac The Second City David Sedaris Co-presented with IAE Shakti 50th Anniversary Tour Lightwire's Tortoise and the Hare Underwater Bubble Show Walk with Amal Welcome to Night Vale Wood Brothers Co-presented with Natalie's



Photo: Mitchell Multimedia

### WALK WITH AMAL

CAPA partnered with the City of Columbus, US Together, and Welcoming City to bring Little Amal, a 12-foot animatronic puppet representing a 10-year-old Syrian refugee, to Columbus as part of a national tour. Described as one of the largest-scale art projects in history, bringing this global production to Columbus was a major undertaking for CAPA and our city, and an unforgettable experience for the hundreds of attendees.

### **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

In 2023, we brought back the holiday tradition of A Christmas Carol to Columbus as a new, locally-produced production, in collaboration with Short North Stage. The production also toured to New Haven, CT. Our collaborative production of A Christmas Carol will return to the Ohio Theatre for the 2024 holiday season, with updates in response to audience feedback from the premiere.

# EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT



2024 Marquee Award winners Christian Strong and Allie Gomez. Photo: Harry Acosta

#### 2024 CAPA MARQUEE AWARDS SHOWCASE

**Best Musical Production** Whetstone High School Little Shop of Horrors

Best Actor in a Leading Role **Christian Strong** Pickerington **High School North** 

Best Actress in a Leading Role

Allie Gomez Upper Arlington **High School** 

To see the full list of winners, please visit www.capamarqueeawards.com/2024-winners Presented by

The CAPA Marguee Awards nurture high school musical theatre students through a series of workshops and awards for the best performances. The 2023–24 program served 2,100 high school students from 22 schools in five counties:

Bexley High School **Bishop Hartley High School** Bishop Watterson High School **Dublin Coffman High School** Eastmoor Academy High School **Fairfield Union High School** Grove City High School Licking Heights High School **New Albany High School Olentangy Berlin High School Olentangy High School Olentangy Liberty High School Olentangy Orange High School** Pickerington High School Central Pickerington High School North Reynoldsburg High School **Thomas Worthington High School** Upper Arlington High School Westerville South High School Whetstone High School Worthington Christian School Worthington Kilbourne High School



Scan here to learn more about CAPA Education & Engagement programs.



**Broadway for Kids Applause Program** 

Schooled on Poetry Photo: Mitchell Multimedia

#### CAPA's education programs served more than

students







# providing free and low-cost educational and artistic experiences.



**Columbus Africentric Early College students** participating in Broadway in the Classroom program. Photo: Lydia Miller

#### PROGRAMS

- Passport to Learning Series
- Broadway for Kids Applause Program
- Broadway in the Classroom
- CAPA Marguee Awards
- Schooled on Poetry
- ARISE
- Community Engagement



Sofa So Good, directed by Cole, Eli and Kyle Thiele, won the Narrative Feature Jury Award. Photo: Mitchell Multimedia

CAPA presented the third annual Cinema Columbus Film Festival over five days in April, featuring 26 screenings of independent films, in partnership with seven venues throughout the community.

CAPA extends special thanks to all sponsors who supported the 2024 Cinema Columbus Film Festival:

- Breezeline
- Cencam
- Gateway Film Center
- Ohio Arts Council

Audience Choice winner False Positive held a Q&A with film subject Butch Reynolds (center), Director Ismail Al-Amin (right), and moderator Rob Oller (left). Photo: Mitchell Multimedia

# CINEMA COLUMBUS

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AT COLUMBUS COMMONS DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS, INC. X CAPA CAPA again partnered with Downtown Columbus, Inc. for free Common Ground concerts at the Columbus Commons. The 2024 season featured concerts by chart-toppers Gavin DeGraw and Colbie Caillat, and 90s rockers Sugar Ray, Tonic, and Lit. Photo: Randall L. Schieber

**27<sup>th</sup>** Festival Latino and **16<sup>th</sup>** year produced by CAPA

**165,000** attendees **12** Community Service Orgs. **8** musical acts on the Fiesta Stage **51** Latino Vendors



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Photo: Randall L. Schieber

### HONDA

#### **Mercadito Raices**



Photo: Mitchell Multimedia

12 participants in the Mercadito Raices program debuted their businesses at the Festival. This program, a partnership with the Small Business Development Center, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, a program of Catholic Social Services, EDCI, and CAPA gives Latino entrepreneurs valuable training and tools for success.



Photo: Randall L. Schieber

The mission of Festival Latino is to provide the community with the opportunity to experience traditional and contemporary Latin American culture through the presentation of the performing and visual arts, educational workshops, and authentic cuisine.





LINCOLN 580 SEATS





2008

McCOY

790 SEATS





1914



1,600 SEATS



Volunteer Sherry Thompson (center) celebrates over 700 hours of service with Kristen Paige (left) and Ireland Webb (right). Photo: Mitchell Multimedia

Dedicated volunteers help CAPA to fulfill our mission every year. Ranging in age from 16 to 80+, some live just around the block, while others drive over 50 miles to serve our patrons and community.

# OLUNTERS



## **DIVERSITY**, EQUITY, & **INCLUSION**

In April, we offered our second annual free community celebration of El Día de los Niños (Children's Day), featuring performances, dance instruction, crafts, and more, all rooted in Hispanic/Latin cultural and artistic traditions.



Photo: Mitchell Multimedia



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### **ACCESSIBILITY** updates

in our theatres include a nursing station (shown below) and a gender-neutral restroom in the Ohio Theatre, braille programs for performances, and partnering with KultureCity, the nation's leading nonprofit on sensory accessibility and acceptance, to make our venues inclusive of individuals with invisible disabilities, such as PTSD, autism, or dementia.



Photo: Abby Valencic







Gala performance by Columbus native Michael Feinstein.

The Crane Family with Chad Whittington (far right).



Linda & Mike Stickney

On June 1, 2024, the stage of the Ohio Theatre was the setting for the annual CAPA Gala Celebration. It was a wonderful evening, and we loved seeing everyone come together to honor the Crane Family and their legendary support for the arts community. Michael Feinstein's performance and hearing about the impact of the Columbus arts community on his life and career was captivating.

A heartfelt thank you to our Honorary Gala Co-Chairs, Lisa and Jeff Edwards, and to everyone who contributed to raising much needed funds for CAPA! Together, we raised over \$260,000 to support CAPA's artistic and educational programs.



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### **CAPA** Trick-or-Treat

event, over 1,200 adults and children donned costumes and enjoyed exploring the Palace Theatre—many for the first time—collecting treats and participating in fun activities, including crafts, a photo booth, classic cartoons, and opportunities to meet favorite characters, such as Batman and Barbie



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