

Portland Center Stage at

THE ARMORY

Education & Community Programs

2018-2019 Report



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Photo: The Fringe Fashion Show at JAW. Photo credit: Kate Szrom



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Student Matinees

Our **Student Matinee** program aims to greatly increase the number of young people who experience high-quality, professional theater. The program offers deeply subsidized tickets, including free tickets for Title I and nonprofit organizations. **Student Matinees** also provides online resource guides, Armory tours, and in-school student workshops – all for free – to help educators incorporate theater into classroom curricula.

“What an amazing performance and experience. You and all of the staff were phenomenal and friendly. The students were just in awe. Thank you very much for the wonderful accommodations and breathtaking show.”

– Nina Brewer, Clatskanie Middle School

“The kids were elated. Some of them already asked, ‘When are we going to another one?’ The actors came out and talked with them after the show. Everyone laughed and cried. In other words, we are in for whatever experiences you can offer! I’ll be in touch and definitely we want to attend more plays.”

– Marie, Ft. Vancouver H.S.



Students Served

6,490 saw a play

3,564 free tickets to students where cost would be a barrier to attendance

1,101 participated in a workshop

938 Resource Guide downloads

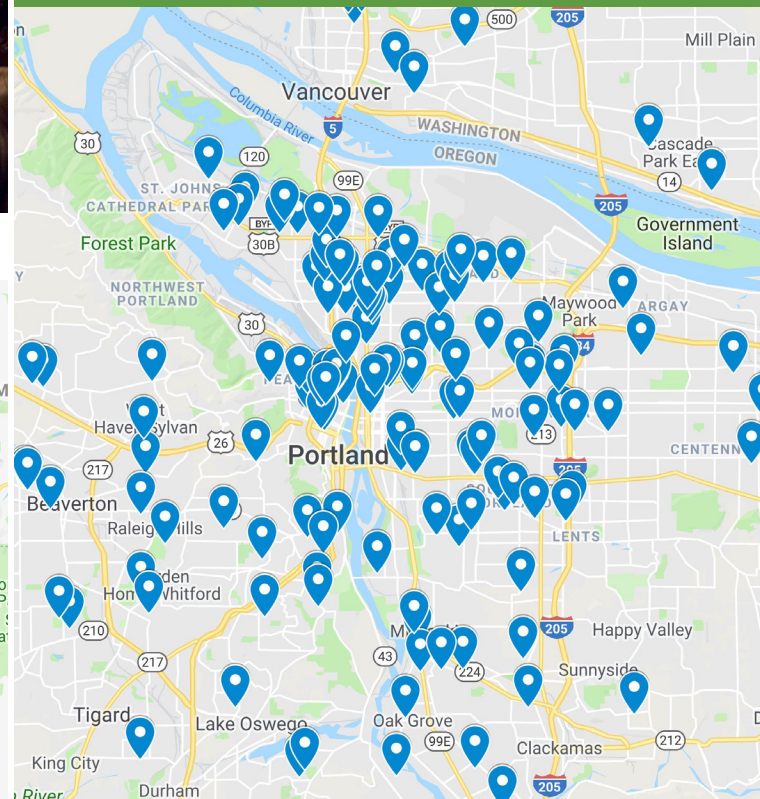
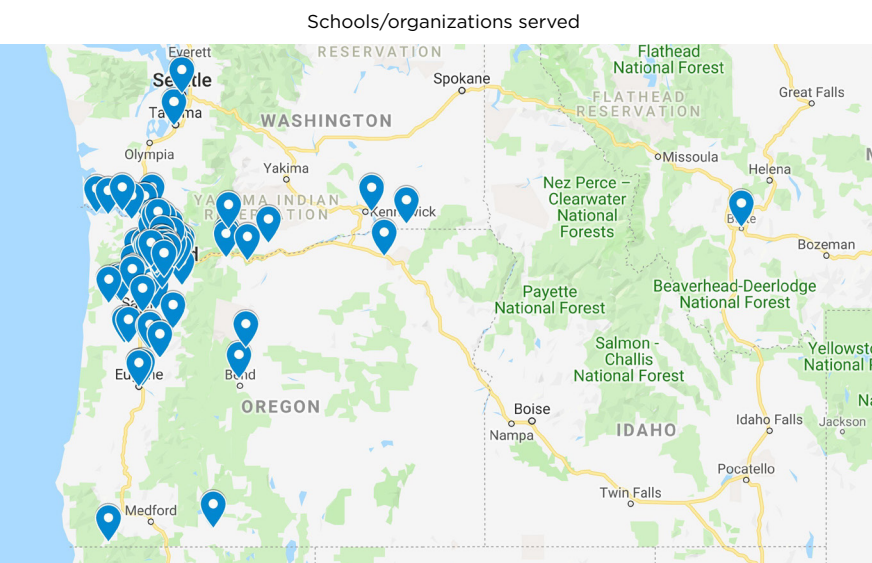
702 went on an Armory tour

200 groups saw a play

On a scale of one to five, 90% of youth responded with a 4 or 5 when asked if they were absorbed by and enjoyed the performance.

85% responded they learned something about other people’s experiences that are different from their own.

Schools/organizations served (metro region only)



Visions & Voices

Designed to meet Oregon benchmarks for Arts and English/Language Arts, **Visions & Voices** residencies address theatrical conventions and dramatic structure, as well as writing and constructive critical response. The playwriting program culminates at the end of the school year with free, public readings of plays selected from all the residency sites, performed by professional actors. In addition, up to six **Visions & Voices** “graduates” are paid to participate as Promising Playwrights in PCS’s annual JAW Playwrights Festival, working on new plays alongside professionals from across the country.

“**Visions and Voices has opened so many doors in my life that I didn’t realize were there. Thanks to the outstanding mentorship I’ve received over the past three years, I can honestly say that this workshop has made me a better writer and overall human being.**”

– Gabi Garcia, Sunset High School

“**During the time of the year where my school has Visions and Voices, there is a guaranteed safe, creative, professional space that I get to go to.**”

– Daltry Russo, Wilson High School



High Schools and Number of Students Served

Wilson.....	13
Sam Barlow.....	28
Lincoln.....	26
Grant.....	15
Liberty.....	18
Franklin.....	23
Sunset.....	33

Photos: Visions & Voices 2019 group.
Photo credits: Clara-Liis Hillier and Kate Szrom





Teen Council & Summer Teen Intensives

Summer Intensives introduce metro area teens to the confidence-building fun of learning performance skills in a stimulating, supportive environment. Our teaching professionals, drawn from Portland's theater elite, provide pre-professional theater training in auditioning, scene-work, monologues, stage combat, movement, and musical theater.

Our **Teen Council** is a group of Portland-area teens who work to further their involvement with the theater community, create opportunities for advanced theater experiences, and serve as ambassadors to their peers. Activities involve attending meetings, planning workshops with Portland Center Stage at The Armory professionals, and organizing and participating in Armory education efforts. Participation is always free, with attendance the only pre-requisite for inclusion.

"I've grown so much as a performer from this intensive and I've gained confidence in my skills that I didn't have before, as well as comradery between the other teens here. I feel so lucky and appreciative of receiving a scholarship as without it there's no way I would have been able to attend. Thank you so much!!" – Teen Participant

"I now know what I need to do to grow. I can move forward with certain tools I've gained here to confidently pursue my dreams as an actor."
– Teen Participant



Students Served

26 Teens in two Summer Teen Intensives

255 Teens participating in 10 Teen Council Events

60 Active Core Teen Council Members

Photos: Summer Teen Musical Theater Intensives and Mask workshop for Teen Council. Photo credits: Kate Szrom and Clara-Liis Hillier



Community Events

From pre-show Prologues and post-show Q&As to First Thursday celebrations and movie nights, public programs are built to enhance our audience's experience of the productions, help build community, and serve as places of connection and conversation.

"Portland Center Stage truly offers something special for the community. It's a place where stories become externalized and enter our imaginations to reflect and transform our lives. Latino Network's UNID@S leadership development program aims to create a strong, connected, intergenerational network of established Latino leaders from all sectors and regions of Oregon. Through a unified statewide voice and presence in all levels of leadership, UNID@S advances the wellbeing of all Latinos. We are grateful that we were able to celebrate our ever-evolving Latino narrative at Portland Center Stage."

- Joaquin Lopez, Latino Network

"Thanks for giving me the opportunity to be on the perspectives panel. It was a magnificent production, filled with emotion, pain, hope and rebirth. It was an honor to work with you and to share the experience with my phenomenal daughter, Lenanne, and the world famous Mel Brown. BRAVO! - Norman Sylvester"

Community Served

13,618 attended a community event at The Armory

5,442 came early for a Prologue or stayed for a Q&A

2,205 patrons downloaded a Resource Guide or interacted with a lobby exhibit.

846 new visitors and patrons generated through programs

Engaged 62 organizations for partnership in programming - 39 were culturally specific or social justice focused.

Hired 105 artists/experts, 74% were people of color.

Photos: Latino Network's UNID@S for Oregon Latino Leadership Graduation Ceremony and Portland Kora Project.
Photo credit: Jonas Angelet





Adult Classes

Taught by a diverse pool of talented professionals from throughout the region and beyond, our adult classes provide recurring opportunities for anyone interested in learning more about the living stage and other storytelling art forms.

“It’s always great to be in a safe space where you can share your ideas. That is something that always feels needed in a city that is as white, and one that feels as exclusionary, as Portland — thank you for making this happen. I was really curious about what the workshop would entail. I was also hoping it would put me back on the path of getting back on stage. I am happy to say that I got way more than that! Not only did I gain new knowledge, I also felt really felt alive and supported going up in front of strangers. The cost was very affordable.”

– Stand-Up Comedy Class for People of Color, Ray Mayer



Adults Served

136 adults enrolled for a space in one of our 16 classes offered.

Photos: Decimus and Michael Galen and Latino Network Happy Hours. Job shadowing with wig supervisor Jessica Miller. Photo credit: Clara-Liis Hillier



Addendum A: Student Matinee Groups

A3 - Academy of Arts and Academics	Fort Vancouver High School	Riverdale High School
Woodburn Academy of International Studies	Franklin High School	Riverside Centers
All Classical Portland	From the Ground Up	Rosemary Anderson High School
Alliance At Benson High School	Gervais High School	Santiam High School
Alliance at Meek High School	Glencoe High School	Scappoose High School
Benson High School	Grant High School	School of Science and Technology
Camas High School	H.B. Lee Middle School	SE Works
Camas High School	Hillsboro High School	SEI Academy
Camp Fire Columbia	Hood River Valley High School	Springdale Job Corps
Cascade Academy	Jefferson High School	Springwater Trail High School
Catlin Gabel School	Jesuit High School	St Andrew Nativity School
Catlin Gabel School	La Center High School	St Mary's Academy
Centennial Middle School	Madison High School	Staged!
Clackamas High School	McMinnville High School	Sunridge Middle School
Clatskanie Middle School	Metropolitan Learning Center	Sunset High School
Cleveland High School	Mt. Hood Theater Conference	The Dome School
Columbia Center for the Arts	Mt. Scott Learning Center	The Open School
Columbia Christian School	NAYA	Tigard High School
Columbia River Youth Corps	New Avenues for Youth	Trinity Academy
Community Alternative Learning Center	New Urban High	Trinity Lutheran School
Community Alternative Learning Center	North Clackamas High School	Trout Lake School
Culver High School	Northwest Children's Theater & School	Union High School
Da Vinci Arts Middle School	Oregon Connections Academy	Upward Bound - Seattle
De La Salle North Catholic High School	Oregon Episcopal School	Wahkiakum High School
Discovery Middle School	Outside In	Westview High School
Eddyville Charter School	Paideia Classical Christian School	Wilson High School
Fir Ridge Campus	Parkrose High School	Woodburn Arts and Communication Academy
	PPS Community Transition Program	Woodburn Success School
	Prairie High School	Woodland High School
	Rex Putnam High School	Yamhill-Carlton High School
	Reynolds High School	Youth Progress Association

Addendum B: Community Partners

ARTS GROUPS/ ORGANIZATIONS

Etsy
Five Letter Word
New Expressive Works
Strange Hotels
Anonymous Theater
Bollywood Dreams
PDX Playwrights
Hip Hop Day
Planning Committee
Back Fence PDX
Sofar Sounds
Portland Kora Project
YGB
Norman Sylvester Band
St. Johns Ballet
Folklorico
Pueblo Unido
We The Dreamers
Improv All-Stars
Minority Retort
Marion Singers
Laurelhurst Choir
300 Watt
The Dickens Carolers
Wilson Wave
Fireside Carolers
Chamber Music Group
Willamette Writers
The Skivvies
Just Humanitarian
Project (JHP) Legacy
African Dance
Invisible Spectrum
with Elina Lim
It's Future Time
Speaker Minds
Patrick & Irby
New House group
7 Deadly Sins
Freddy Vilches combo
YAE Camp! PDX

INDIVIDUALS/ ARTISTS/EXPERTS

Frankie Simone
Adam Bock
Steve Patterson

Mia Chung
Caroline McGraw
Yussef El Guindi
Michael Galen
Styk-9 and 2 8
THA NATIVE
Lenanne Sylvester
Norman Sylvester
Antoinette Edwards
Cyreena Boston-Ashby
Margaret Carter
Carmen Sylvester
Mel Brown
Omari Jazz
Brandon Woods
Tracey Harris
Mree
Timothy Douglas
Lady Dane
Darius Smith
Christian Checker
Beau Brousseau
Blossom
Isaac Pendergrass
Mohanad Elsheiky
Shain Brenden
Julia Ramos
Jason Lamb
Neeraj Srinivasan
Sharonlee McLean
Kollodi
Maarja
Nate Crosby
Julio Maxwell
Carla Rossi
Rich Hunter
Natasha Kmeto
Elina Lim
Vera Mysteria
Pepper Pepper
Jillian Harris
Mars
Alexis Campbel Star
Rita Lyn
Loretta Good Lordchild
Jennifer Rowe
Amenta Abioto
Courtenay Hameister
Cheryl Strayed

Jenna Barganski
Cannupa Hanska Luger
Yatika Fields
Brenda Mallory
Tom Lupton
Afrita Davis
Donovan Smith
Faisal Osman
Ruby White
Mikey Smith aka
Auvie Sinclair
Se-ah-dom Edmo
Laura Cale
Emily Washines
Lissalynn Loring
Deborah Maytubee
Denton-Shipman
Jacqueline Keeler
JoAnn Hardesty
Justice Adrienne Nelson
La Tevin Alexander
Mic Crenshaw
Imani Muhammed
RaShaunda Brooks
Donovan Smith
Ruby Jo White
Faisal Osman
Afrita Davis
Stephen Lee
Karen Zacarias
Vincent Magee
Sonja Corzano
Emily Prado
Diana Suarez
Carlos Juan
Emily Feldman
Matthew Paul Olmos
Margot Bordelon
Reece Marshburn
David Saffert
Karl Hanover
Neil Totton
Ithica Tell
Shalanda Sims
Kristen Mun
Tony Fuemmeler
Yasmin Ruvalcaba
Nicholas Kessler
Rebecca Sohn

Katie Nguyen
Heath Hyun
Michael Galen
Sera-Lys McArthur
Robert Mesa
Chris Murray
Cynthia Shur Petts

GOVERNMENT, CIVIC & OTHER COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Portland Women
In Tech
Portland School
of Astrology
Kick Ass Oregon History
Outsiders Pizza
Street Trust
ULPDXYP
Pueblo Unido
Highland Christian
Center
Muslim Educational
Trust / Madison High
School Muslim
Student Alliance
Jane Austen Society
Partners in Diversity
Central City Concern
p;ear
New Avenues for Youth
Jewish Museum
& Holocaust
Education center
NAYA
Portland Parks
Foundation
Street Roots
OPTA POC educators
Latino Network
Cohort Graduates
Squarespace, Inc.
Columbia Land Trust
Catholic Charities
Mt. Hood Cherokee
Backyard Habitat