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Dear Friend,

My child attends The Chicago High School for the Arts, Chicago's first public arts high school. ChiArts provides intensive pre-professional arts training and a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum *free of charge* to artistically gifted, diverse high school students from all of Chicago's fifty wards. I welcome you to view the "We Are ChiArts" video, which may be accessed via the following link <https://tinyurl.com/jne537x>, or the enclosed "We Are ChiArts" infographic to get a feel for the school.

As members of the ChiArts Parent Support Organization, we are committed to creating a stronger ChiArts. Later this year, we will be holding our school's third annual parent-run fundraiser, "ChiArti Gras," at the Polish Museum of America on February 24th, 2018. This event celebrates our school community while raising much-needed funds for ChiArts' five arts conservatories. **We are thrilled to build on the momentum of the last two years and come together again to support our diverse school community.**

We are approaching you in hopes that you'd be interested in supporting this year's event. Among the ways to support ChiArti Gras are sponsorship opportunities or the donation of in-kind gifts toward our silent auction. We are looking for items, tickets, and gift certificates. All donations and gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. **With your help, we can exceed our goal and continue upholding the mission of providing an accessible and world-class education for all of our students.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Marlena Dzis, Manager, Annual Fund and Special Events, at mdzis@chiarts.org or 773-534-9710, extension 12190. We look forward to partnering with you!

ChiArts Parent and Auction Committee Member

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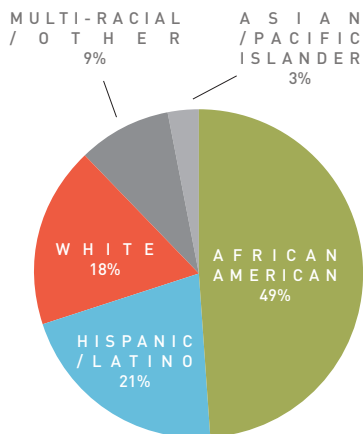
WE ARE CHIARTS

THE
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The mission of The Chicago High School for the Arts (ChiArts®) is to provide artistically gifted, diverse Chicago high school students intensive pre-professional training in the arts, combined with a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum. Each year, ChiArts serves 600 scholar-artists across five conservatories--Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts--with the goal of shaping them into creators, thinkers, and active citizens whose participation in the arts and culture will enrich their lives and society at large.

OUR SCHOLAR-ARTISTS ARE:

DIVERSE



Our students come from all **50** wards of Chicago.



65% of our 600 students begin as novices with little to no prior training.

DEDICATED



8:00 AM comprehensive academic courses begin



2:00 PM pre-professional arts training begins



5:00 PM private lessons, open studios, rehearsals begin

TALENTED



Hundreds of recognitions by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

17 winners in the prestigious national YoungArts competition.

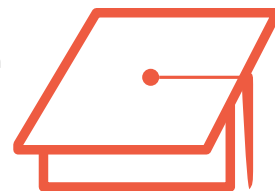
Dozens of ILMEA All-State musicians.

Multiple entrants in the All-City Senior Portfolio Exhibition each year.

College acceptances to prestigious institutions like Dartmouth College, Northwestern University, and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Students have continued their artistic development at Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Goodman Theatre, Harris Theater for Music and Dance, Hyde Park Arts Center, and more.

92% of the Class of 2016 graduated within four years. **100%** of graduates were accepted into college.



ABOUT CHIARTS:

COST PER STUDENT (\$)

15,512

FUNDING (\$)

9,453

6,059

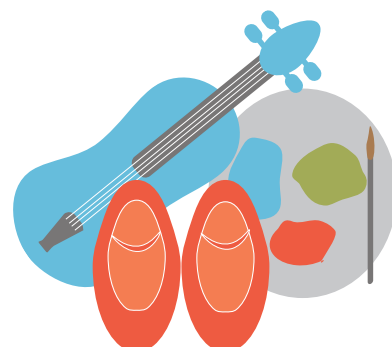
PUBLIC FUNDING

PRIVATE DONATIONS

More than **50%** of ChiArts students come from low-income families. ChiArts raises more than **\$3 million** annually from private donors to underwrite the arts conservatories.



ChiArts has been rated in the top **6%** of high schools nationwide by *U.S. News & World Report*, named an Exemplary School by the Arts Schools Network, and given the highest possible score by CPS' School Quality Rating Policy.



68% of the Class of 2016 plans to pursue the arts as a career.