ABOUT CHIARTS

The Chicago High School for the Arts is Chicago’s first public arts high school committed to building the diversity of the city’s cultural landscape. Before ChiArts opened in 2009, there were few accessible opportunities for young artists of diverse backgrounds – including talented students from low-income families – to benefit from the intensive preparation needed for a successful career in the arts.

ChiArts scholar-artists attend school from 8am-5pm beginning with a college-preparatory academic program that prepares students for admission to competitive colleges or arts conservatories. At 2pm, students transition to their conservatories in Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theatre, or Visual Arts for three hours, where they benefit from specialized courses, the mentorship of professional teaching artists, and school-furnished arts supplies and materials. Admission is audition-based, however, ChiArts provides opportunities for students at the Novice level who have had little to no previous training. As a result, ChiArts boasts a diverse and highly motivated student body, and each year ChiArts receives 1,100 applications for 150 spots in the freshman class.

ChiArts targets a critical gap of aspiring artists and for the future of the arts of Chicago and beyond. More than 50% of students come from low-income communities where training at a pre-professional level would otherwise be inaccessible. While Chicago Public Schools provides funding for the academic program, ChiArts relies on nearly $3 million in private support to provide the tuition-free conservatory program.

MISSION

The Mission of the Chicago High School for the Arts (ChiArts) is to provide artistically gifted, diverse Chicago students pre-professional training in the arts, combined with a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum.
MEMBERSHIP

$100
One hundred dollars underwrites two private lessons for our music students.
- Recognition on the ChiArts website
- Recognition in the ChiArts annual report
- Recognition in all ChiArts performance programs
- ChiArts performance “comp card” good for admission to 4 performances

$250
All previous benefits plus:
Two hundred and fifty dollars provides a year of visual arts supplies for one student.
- Invitation to mainstage theatre production and pre-show reception

$500
All previous benefits plus:
Five hundred dollars provides costuming for a dancer for one year.
- Printed invitation to ChiArts’ annual benefit Kerfuffle!

$1,000
All previous benefits plus:
One thousand dollars underwrites a live Creative Writing reading.
- Invitation to ChiArts Fall Salon donor event and showcase
- Invitation to Senior Visual Arts Exhibition & opening reception (spring)

$2,500
All previous benefits plus:
Two thousand and five hundred dollars helps our theatre students produce a play or musical.
- Invitations to Senior Dance Showcase and VIP reception following the performance

ABOUT CREATIVE CIRCLE

Members of the Creative Circle are giving communities and contribute annual support to ensure the sustained future of ChiArts.

Your membership in the ChiArts Creative Circle will support arts training in Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theatre, and Visual Arts, and will help provide a tuition-free arts education for our Scholar-Artists.

Help make a powerful statement about the importance of ChiArts to the public schools and arts organizations of Chicago and to the future of our city.

BENEFITS

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