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FRIENDS OF THE BCPA

Monthly newsletter and updates



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ART & CULTURE MATTERS MORE THAN EVER

Written by Cara Spence, Development Manager

When speaking to my friends and family, a common topic was how we are spending our time during the quarantine and how we are staying positive. We agreed that when our leisure time is dwindled down to just being at home, things are getting mundane and staying positive has been hard. The silver lining to more time at home has brought us the opportunity to try new things and finish old projects. It seems people are exploring new hobbies... including the arts. The arts have a calming effect and have been proven to significantly reduce our stress. Being creative gives us a distraction, giving our brain a pause from the day-to-day thoughts we have. This pause reduces our stress and anxiety and puts us in a meditative state. The quarantine has placed extra burdens on us and our families and the inability to see the light at the end of the tunnel has been stressful for us all. Ask yourself how you can be creative at home. We are all artists and we are all born with an innate desire to express ourselves. There are so many activities you can do alone or with family; pick up a pen and start doodling, sing along to your favorite musicians, or create photo collages...



FALL CONCERTS

JongHun Kim, Artistic Manager

Along with your at-home arts, join us virtually and enjoy a BCPA presented concert by local artists! Concerts will be streamed every other Thursday, starting September 10th and run until December 17th. We are focusing on continuing to bring together and showcase our diverse, local talent. Mark your calendars and enjoy these amazing concerts with family at the convenience of your home.
ON YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK

Shows will be uploaded to BCPA's social media platforms on Facebook and YouTube. Come see the show live! As a member of Friends of the BCPA, you are invited to the recording sessions for the series. If you would like to attend, please contact the box office at (309) 434-2777. The concerts are recorded on the BCPA stage and you may attend by sitting in the audience. To stay safe, audience is limited to 30 people for the 1,100 seat theater and masks are required.

YOUR MEMBERSHIPS

We invite you to continue to support our mission

With the uncertainty of when we will be able to open our doors again for shows, we understand you will not be able to fully utilize the benefits of your memberships. Your memberships not only help to bring amazing talent to our stage but also helps us serve our community and continue our mission to create an environment where all forms of artistic expression are encouraged and appreciated. Your memberships support programs like Miller Park Summer Theater which brings a free, outdoor community theater to Miller Park, Your Dinner Our Show which helped bring free, virtual shows to your homes to support the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal during the quarantine, and helps renovate the Bloomington Creativity Center. We understand that these are hard times but we invite you to continue your membership as a donation if you are able to help us to continue these programs. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact me anytime. We thank you so much for all that you do to support the BCPA, the Creativity Center and the arts community.

Sincerely,
Cara Spence, Development Manager

Dan Hubbard Band (Folk and Storytelling) - September 10th

Mixtape Mayhem (80s/90s cover band) - September 24th

The Bygones (Nostalgic rock) - October 8th

The Unemployed Architects (Multi-style original songs) - October 22nd

Robert Brown Band (Rock) - November 5th

Stone and Snow (Indie rock) - November 19th

Shuga Beatz (Alternative and Contemporary) - December 3rd

Soft Spoken (Motown) - December 17th

For the next few months, I will be reaching out to you with updates and arts news through mail, email and phone. I look forward to hearing how you are spending your quarantine days and how the arts are helping.

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