



SEASON 33

2021-22



YOUTH CREATING QUALITY THEATER

Vision: The Vision of AECT is a community that values youth creating art for the benefit of all.

Mission: This vision is accomplished by offering young people of all backgrounds, cultures, and lifestyles the opportunity to produce professional quality plays, study many aspects of the dramatic arts, and develop valuable life skills while providing outstanding entertainment to the community.

Anti-Discrimination Policy: All-of-us Express Children Theatre is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation and an equal opportunity employer providing programs and services without regard to age, color, creed, gender identity, disability, height, membership in any labor organization, national origin, parental status, political identification, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or weight.

Letter from the AECT Presidents



As the 2021-22 season of All-of-us Express Children's Theatre (AECT) and my service on its board as President comes to a close, I proudly reflect on the incredibly successful year we had. Season 33 had four amazing mainstage shows and a studio class production that delighted audiences of all ages, and our summer camps were filled to capacity. The board-sponsored Opening Night Receptions were very well attended and provided a great way for families, friends and supporters of AECT to get to know one another, enjoy some refreshments and revel in the excitement of opening nights. We launched a new and improved website (allofussepress.org), developed exciting outreach programs to further engage our communities, and held our first benefit concert. Financially, AECT continued to enjoy great success due to the dedicated grant support from our corporate and foundation sponsors, as well as the wonderful support from generous individuals and family donors.

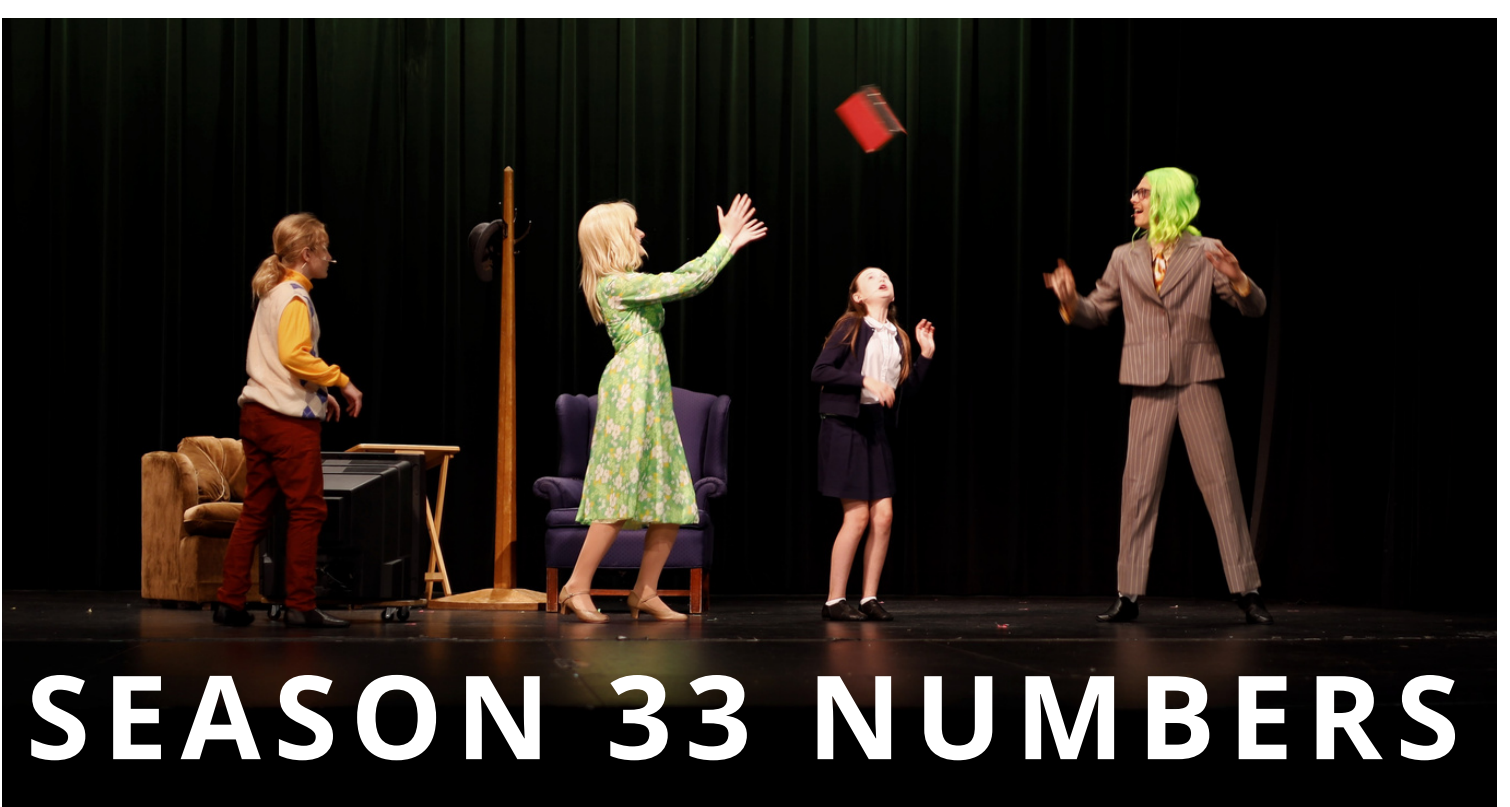
I am truly honored to have served as AECT's board president these past three years and I want to thank the dedicated AECT board, loyal membership, energetic youth, valued partnership with the City of East Lansing and our generous supporters for your continued support and hard work. I know I am leaving the board in good hands and feel confident that we have put AECT on a path to continue its mission far into the future.

-Paul Beczkiewicz, President 31st - 33rd Season, All-of-us Express Children's Theatre

As the incoming President of AECT, I want to first thank Paul for his years of service to the board. He has served a long term as President, stepping up early to the role when a previous President stepped down mid-season. Little did Paul know the COVID-19 pandemic was on its way. During those uncertain times, he led us with persistence and hope, and with his leadership and support we were able to continue to offer a rich slate of programming through zoom until we began to meet in person again in Summer 2021. Since then, we've enjoyed spending time together again as a theater community.

In the upcoming season, I look forward to building on this strong foundation as we continue to grow as a community through our Opening Night receptions and amazing productions. I also look forward to some new efforts toward Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in order to ensure that more youth and families are invited and able to participate in AECT as cast, crew, or audience members. I'm excited to work with this talented, enthusiastic board, get to know more of our members, and enjoy great children's theatre this upcoming season!

- Jen VanDerHeide President 34th Season, All-of-us Express Children's Theatre



SEASON 33 NUMBERS

1492

MALTIDA JR.
ATTENDANCE

116

TOTAL CAST
PARTICIPATION

151

TOTAL CREW
PARTICIPATION

76

AECT MEMBERSHIPS

308

DRAMA CAMP
PARTICIPATION

14

STUDIO CLASS
PARTICIPATION

3625

MAINSTAGE
PRODUCTIONS TOTAL
ATTENDANCE

7

AECT ALUMNI PINS
AWARDED



SEASON 33



November 5 - 14, 2021

Directed by
Tristan Tanner





February 4 - 13, 2022
Directed by
Dale Williams





April 29 - May 8, 2022
Directed by
Jen Shaw





July 29 - Aug. 7, 2022
Directed by
Jocelyn France





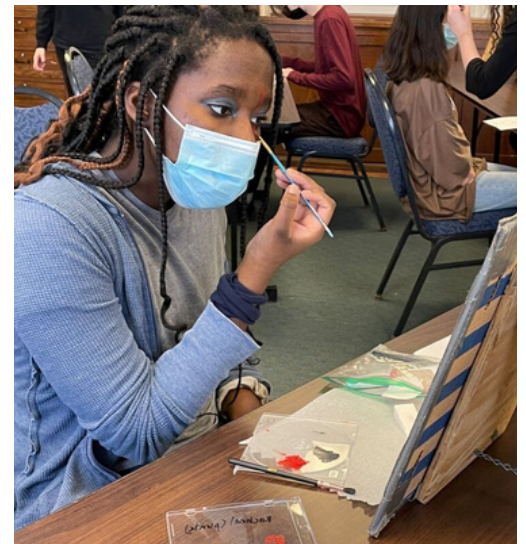
Studio Class
May 13-14, 2022
Directed by Steve Neal



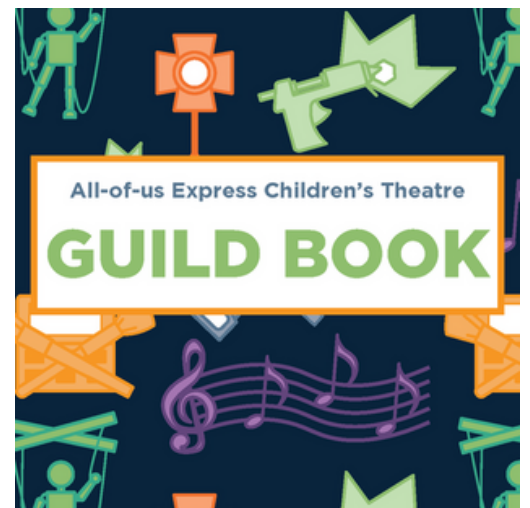
GUILD PROGRAM



AECT's unique Guild program affords youth the opportunity to learn and excel at backstage crafts. Adult Guild supervisors mentor young people through the sequential stages of learning each of the non-acting areas of stagecraft, including Director, Management, Set Construction, Props, Costumes, Makeup, and Tech (sound and lights) Guilds. This year was also the first full season for the Puppetry Crew. The new Youth Leadership Initiatives committee created a guild manual and met with participants to make the process of earning guild badges more transparent to youth and parents.



Youth that work and learn on the guild crews experience a sense of accomplishment, increased self-esteem and gain an appreciation for all aspects of theatre while having fun. Seeing what they helped to create on stage is very rewarding and many come to love the backstage work and want to be involved with it again. The real-life skills participants learn through this process have practical applications outside the world of theater also. Carpentry, sewing, project planning and management, teamwork, mentoring, design aesthetics, problem-solving, time management, and financial budgeting are some of the many skills they learn and practice on a guild crew.



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Mainstage Productions



Fall 2022



Winter 2023



Spring 2023



Summer 2023

AECT NONPROFIT STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR July 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022

Budget Description	Actual
Revenue	
Fundraising	27,422.67
Grants	25,052.00
Memberships	4,125.000
Sponsorship	1000.00
Other	2,500.00
Total Revenue	59,330.29
Expenses	
Fundraising	3,340.94
Other	90.86
Operations	2,864.88
Outreach	1,895.10
Production - City	36,510.00
Scholarships	2,035.00
Total Expenses	50,266.21
Net Revenue (Loss)	9,064.21

The AECT nonprofit board raises funds through a variety of fundraising activities, including concessions and a merchandise table at live performances, grants from private foundations and public entities, and donations and memberships from individuals.

The Greater Lansing community continued to give generously to our can drive, making up the majority of our donations.

As it does every year, the nonprofit board of AECT voted on its commitment to the City of East Lansing for the continued operation of the program. The board contributed \$36,510.00 to the City of East Lansing for the 2021 – 2022 season. We also gave over \$2,000 in scholarships. Our Outreach expenses increased with the addition of our popular Opening Night reception.

Thank You to our Season Grantors and Donors

The value of donors and grantors to the All-of-us Express Children's Theatre cannot be overstated. Their support is vital to the continued success of AECT, and we extend to them a heartfelt "thank you" for being our partners in providing quality theater to the community.

Grants/Sponsorships Awarded

Arts Council of Greater Lansing Young Creatives
Delta Dental
East Lansing Arts Commission
Ingham County Hotel/Motel Fund
Michigan Arts and Culture Council
MSU Federal Credit Union

July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 Donors

<u>Crown (\$1,000-\$1,500)</u>	<u>Strawboater (\$25-\$99)</u>	<u>\$251-\$1000</u>
Capital Area United Way	April Hunt	Anonymous
Melissa DeRosia	Christopher Gillett	Jeff Anderson
MSUFCU Desk Drawer Fund	Cynthia Wright-Pratt	Jeff D'Valentine
	Jen & Dan Shangraw	Chris Martin
<u>Top Hat (\$500-\$999)</u>	Jen & Brandon VanDerHeide	Chad Wing
Joy Campbell & Kyle Enger	Karen & Jerry Jennings	
Meijer	Kroger Community Reward	<u>\$151-\$250</u>
	Megan Logan	Anonymous
<u>Stetson (\$250-\$499)</u>	Ted & Florence Levy	Michael Andary
Anonymous	Tom & Kay Sparks	Andrea Besley
Jennifer Dunn & James Yen	The Blackbaud Giving	Magelone Bollen
Microsoft Rewards-Benevity	Fund-JNL Donors	Michael & Kellee
Fund	Vince & Andrea Tardino	Christensen
	Michael & Linda Brown	Nina & Brian Crumpton
<u>Derby (\$100-\$249)</u>	The Rathburn Agency,	Amy Connellan
21st Century Plastic	Inc.-Paige Miller	Ross Fort
Amazon Smile		Katie Hennessey
Andy Boyan		Alex Kincade
Bruce & Diane Cooke	<u>Can & Bottle Donors</u>	Chad & Krista Lewicki
Catherine & Robert Wilson	<u>\$1000-\$2500</u>	Erin Roberts
Lawrence and Mary	Jackson & Jackson	Larry T. Schaefer, Inc.
Hennessey	Associates	Clint Shaefer
Marcia Schlinger		Jen & Dan Shangraw
		Gary Stacey

\$25-\$150

Tom Alwin	Jeff Maitland
Aaron Bales	Jon Margules
Jeremy Barr	Dee McKay
Kristina Beauchamp	Cristian Meghea
Andrea & Lance Binoniemi	Rick Melahn
Billy Blaze	Bob & Nancy Metzger
Jen Bricarell	Stephanie Miller-Keen
Beth Brisco	Angela Mishlar
Kelli Careathers	Allison Murad
Maynard Christensen	Impression 5 Science
Cynthia & Ed Church	Museum
Diane Cortright	Steven Neal
Richard Crittenden	Jen Nelson
Amanda & Tim Darche	Heather & Kris Nicholoff
Ellie Darnell	Carol Nicholson
Adrienne DeFord	Nicholas Nipa
Sara Draper	Joan Nowinski
Tom & Nancy Edmiston	Melony Peabody
Erin Emerson	Laura Potter-Niesen
Joy Campbell & Kyle Enger	Matt Preisser
Keith Etheridge	Diane & John Revitte
Angie Falzon	Heather Rivera
Stephanie Fluegeman	Maureen Schmeider
David Fraas	Tom & Kay Sparks Ruth &
Andrea Fulgencio	Daniel Stump
Denise Fuller	Eileen & Aaron Sturm
Courtney Geisel	Lynne Swanson
Alyson Lokken Green	Ellen Trecha
Caley Gunthorpe	Bryan Van Dorn
Michelle Hallan	Peter VanZwoll & Family
Ryan Hanna	Paul Vance
Jason Hatter	Meghan Wallace
Donna & Fred Heiner	Sonya Wardell
Timothy F. Hughes	Alyssa Wethington
Brianna Johnson	Rick White
Jon Jorgensen	Jennifer Dunn & James Yen
Libby Keenan	
Colleen Keiper	
Phillip & Kara Kurzeja	
Mike & Sue Leffler	

2021-22 (Season 33) AECT Nonprofit Board of Trustees

The AECT Nonprofit is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. All Board officers and members are elected at the annual membership meeting held each September. The Board also consists of voting and non-voting youth members whose input is highly valued, and which offers valuable experience. Every Board member also serves on at least one committee.

Officers

President: Paul Beczkiewicz

Vice-President: Jen VanDerHeide

Secretary: Jen Shangraw

Treasurer: Jeff D'Valentine

Trustees

Joy Campbell

Chris Gillett

Jen Shaw

Cody Skalmowski

Peter VanZwoll

Reynie Enger, Youth Member*

Liam VanDerHeide, Youth Member*

*The AECT Bylaws provide for voting youth members age 16 or 17, as well as non-voting youth members under 16

City of East Lansing Department of Parks, Recreation & Arts-AECT Program Staff

Department Director: Cathy DeShambo

AECT Program Coordinator: Kathleen Miller

AECT Artistic Director: Elizabeth Cooke

AECT Theater Aide: Tristan Tanner

All-of-us Express Children's Theatre Members

Lifetime Members

The Bass-Pohl Family
The Brewer Family
The Campbell-Enger Family
Ainsley Coty
The Coy Family
Craig & Duncan Darnell Family
The DeRosia-Forman Family
Brent and Sara Dolan
The Downs Family
The Dreger-Sousa Family
The D'Valentine Family
The Dymond Family
Michael and Mian Fisher
The Fisk Family
The Fitschen-Brown Family
The Gisholt Family
The Hay Family
Paul & Judy Hershkowitz
The Hoagland Family
The Homant Family
The Ives-Johnson Family
The Kavanagh Family
The Lees Family
Neysa McGarrity
Tom Meyer & Susan Ahrens
The Michael Moore Family
The Amy Moore Family
The Nash Family
Marsha Parrot-Boyle
The Polinovasteiner Family
The Prush Family
The Reed Family
Danielle Robinson
The Schlinger & Gerry Family
The Shaw Family
The Sigworth Family
The Ericka Smith Family
The Stamfords
Will Tieman and Wendy Hart Family
The Treadwell Family
Dorinda & Gary Vankempen
Peter and Mary VanZwoll

Eileen Walters
Evelyn Weymouth
The Woodrough Family
The Yates Family

Family Members

The Bartlett/Jones Family
The Beczkiewicz Family
The Biddington Family
The Boyan Family
The Canfield Family
The Charest Family
The Drahota-Velazquez Family
The Fishel Family
The Gillet Family
The Gorchow Family
The Hoogstraten Family
The Hunt Family
Libby Keenan
The Lapidus-Winnie Family
The Meghea Family
The Nawyn-Hellinga Family
Mr. & Mrs. Dustin Nichols & Family
The Ogilvie-Howard Family
The Palmer & Koch Family
The Shangraw Family
The Sharp Family
The Speaker Family
The Tait Family
The Tardino Family
The Unruh Family
The VanDerHeide Family
The Wilson Family
The Yen Family