



CHILDREN'S THEATRE

SEASON 34  
2022-23



## YOUTH CREATING QUALITY THEATRE

**Vision:** The Vision of All-of-us Express Children's Theatre 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:** AECT is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation and 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 PRESIDENT

It was a whirlwind first year as President of AECT as we experienced many changes. During the 34th season, we welcomed Nina Crumpton first as Interim Artistic Director in March and then as our official Artistic Director in August. We also welcomed Blake Weil, an AECT alumnus, as Assistant Artistic Director. We are excited about the vision both Nina and Blake bring to the program, the many processes they are streamlining, and the continuation of the strong community that they are building with the youth and with families.

The AECT board also worked to change many of our processes, bringing new show-based merchandise to the board table and bringing technology to concessions to help us serve more patrons more quickly. These changes would have been impossible without the help of many family volunteers who stepped in to help with the green room, opening night reception, concessions, merch table, laundry, cast party, and more. We are delighted to see more families get involved in the AECT community.

We continue to focus on increasing access to more families through providing scholarships for cast and crew fees. We also are working to make AECT more inclusive of all youth and families. Some changes we are making include providing a gender-neutral private dressing room, buying microphones in a variety of flesh tones, buying a variety of makeup bases, and accommodating individual youth needs as requested. We hope that we can continue taking actions that invite all youth and families to be a part of our community.

After breaking many records this year, including three sold-out show dates, I can't wait to see what excitement Season 35 brings!

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





# SEASON 34 NUMBERS

**2196**

FROZEN JR.  
ATTENDANCE

**150**

TOTAL CAST  
PARTICIPATION

**253**

TOTAL CREW  
PARTICIPATION

**89**

AECT  
MEMBERSHIPS

**401**

DRAMA CAMP  
PARTICIPATION

**11**

STUDIO CLASS  
PARTICIPATION

**6005**

MAINSTAGE SHOWS  
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

**3**

SOLD OUT  
SHOW DATES





# SEASON 34 IN REVIEW



November 4 - 13, 2022  
Directed by Jen Shaw







**February 3 - 12, 2023**  
**Directed by**  
**Elena Forman**







**April 28 - May 7, 2023**  
**Directed by**  
**Jocelyn France**







**July 28 - Aug. 6, 2023, Directed by Jocelyn France**







**Studio Class**  
**May 12 - 13, 2023**  
**Directed by**  
**Steve Neal**

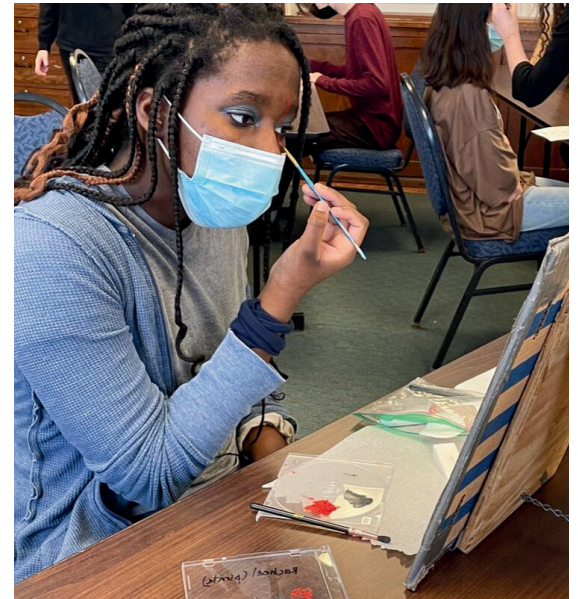




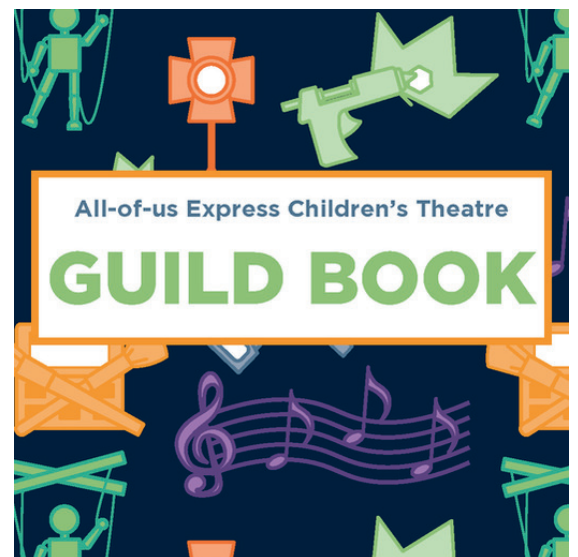
# GUILD PROGRAM



AECT's unique guild program affords youth the opportunity to learn and excel at backstage craft. 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, Puppetry, Makeup, and Tech (sound and lights) Guilds. The 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 families.



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 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 as well. 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.





## AECT Nonprofit Statement of Revenue and Expenses for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

<b>Budget Description</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	
Fundraising	\$25,263.91
Grants/Sponsorships	\$31,576.00
Memberships	\$3,960.00
Other	\$2,269.96
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$63,069.87</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Fundraising	\$8,305.19
Other	\$623.23
Operations	\$3,258.85
Outreach	\$1,516.86
Production - City	\$25,550.00
Scholarships	\$2,686.25
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$41,940.38</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Loss)</b>	<b>\$21,099.49</b>

The All-of-us Express Children’s Theatre 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 and families.

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 \$25,550 to the City of East Lansing for the 2022-2023 season. We also gave over \$2,600 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
- East Lansing Arts Commission
- Ingham County Hotel/Motel Fund
- Michigan Arts and Culture Council

### July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023 Donors

#### \$1,000-\$1,500

Gary & Dorinda Van Kempen

#### \$100-\$249

Anonymous

Christopher Gillett Family

Gary & Melodie Stacey

Albert & JoAnn Tracynski

#### \$25-\$99

Amazon Smile

Cynthia & Ed Church

Kroger Charity Giving

Microsoft Benevity Fund

### Can & Bottle Donors

#### \$1,001-\$2,500

Jackson & Jackson Associates

#### \$251-\$500

Anonymous Donors

Tom Astley

Amy Donnellan

Jennifer Dunn & James Yen

Jeff D'Valentine

Courtney Geisel

Chris Martin

#### \$101-\$250

Michael Andary

Aaron Bales

Kristina Beauchamp

Magelone Bollen

Michael & Kellee Christensen

Richard Crittenden

Lori Cunningham

Amanda & Tim Darche

Tom & Nancy Edmiston

Erin Emerson

Ross Fort

David Fraas

Jason Hatter

Donna & Fred Heiner

Jon Jorgensen

Alex Kincade

Phillip & Kara Kurzeja

Mike & Sue Leffler

Rick Melahn

Carol Nicholson

Larry T. Schaefer, Inc-Clint

Schaefer

Jen & Dan Shangraw

Bryan Van Dorn

Rick White

#### \$25-\$100

Tom Alwin

Michele Ballein

Beczkievicz Family

Susan & Jim Bence

Joy Campbell & Kyle Enger

Ruth Chapman

Maynard Christensen

Cynthia & Ed Church

Diane Cortright

Ellie Darnell

Sara Draper

Alice Erickson

Keith Etheridge

Angie Falzon

Andrea Fulgencio

Bob Geier

Caley Gunthorpe

Emily & William Haggerty

Michele Hallan

Dick & Sue Hall

Clint & Andrea Hoagland

Anne Hudzik

Timothy F. Hughes

Tom Jewell

Libby Keenan

Colleen & Bill Keiper

Nancy Kelly

Cathy Lancaster

Chad & Krista Lewicki

Alyson Lokken Green

Claire Margerison

Ann Marie McCullough



### **\$25-\$100 (Cont.)**

Bob & Nancy Metzger	Laura Potter-Niesen	Gary & Melodie Stacey
MSU Center for Survivors	Matt Preisser	Ruth & Daniel Stump
Dee McKay	Liz Quillam	Jodie Unkovich
Jen Nelson	Erin Roberts	Paul Vance
Heather & Kris Nicholoff	Maureen Schmeider	Peter Van Zwoll Family
Nicholas Nipa	Jessy Sielski	Meghan Wallace
Joan Nowinski	Sue Snodgrass	Sonya Wardell
Laura Potter-Niesen	Tom & Kay Sparks	Marjory Wisniewski

## **2022-23 (Season 34) 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: Jen VanDerHeide  
Vice President: Peter VanZwoll  
Treasurer: Jeff D'Valentine (through Feb. 2023); Jen Shangraw (beginning Feb. 2023)  
Secretary: Jen Shangraw (through Feb. 2023); Joy Campbell (beginning Feb. 2023)

### **Trustees**

Chris Gillett  
David Patton  
Jen Shaw  
Cody Skalmowski  
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: Nina Crumpton (beginning March 2023), Elizabeth Cooke  
AECT Theater Aide: Blake Weil (beginning August 2023), 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 Greiter 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  
The Neal Family  
The Oppenheim Family  
Marsha Parrot-Boyle  
The Polinovasteiner Family  
The Prush Family  
The Reed Family  
The Ringlever Family  
Danielle Robinson  
The Schlinger & Gerry Family  
The Shaw Family

Will Tieman and Wendy Hart Family  
The Thiede Family  
The Treadwell Family  
Dorinda & Gary Vankempen  
Peter and Mary VanZwoll  
Eileen Walters  
Evelyn Weymouth  
The Woodrough Family  
The Yates Family

### Family Members

The Aste Family  
The Beczkiewicz Family  
The Bucci Family  
The Charest Family  
The Dua Family  
The duPlessis/Levine Family  
The Elia Family  
The Fitton Family  
The Fitzpatrick Family  
The Gillet Family  
The Gorchow Family  
The Hoogstraten Family  
The Hunt Family  
The Kalt Family  
The Koehler-Bratschl Family  
The Kolka Family  
The Lampe Family  
The Lapidus-Winnie Family  
The Latz Family  
The Lindeman/Lyons Family  
The Lomas-Ayala Family  
The Manning Family  
The Meier Family  
The Murphy Family  
The Nawyn-Hellinga Family  
The Page Family  
The Polischuk Family



## **Family Members (Cont.)**

The Schwarz-Steinke Family  
The Shangraw Family  
The Sigworth Family  
The Ericka Smith Family  
The Sharp Family  
The Stamfords  
The Sumego Family  
The Tardino Family  
The Torres Family  
The Truluck & Cavanaugh Family  
The VanDerHeide Family  
The Wiskniewski Family  
The Yang  
The Yen Family



# SEASON 35 PREVIEW

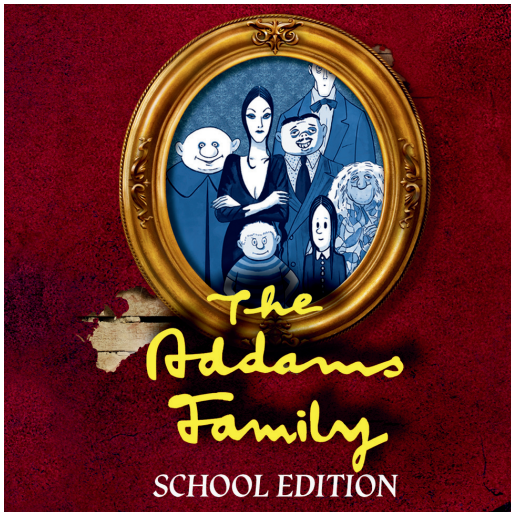


THE WITCH'S  
PRINCESS

Fall 2023



Fall Studio Class



Winter 2024



Spring 2024



Spring Studio Class



Summer 2024