



present

Sunday Showcase

January 26, 2025

at

UTC Fine Arts Center

featuring

Barger Academy of Fine Arts Movement Makers

Center for Creative Arts Choo Choo Kids

Center for Creative Arts Project Motion Dance Ensemble

Chattanooga Ballet School Ensemble

Chattanooga Boys Choir

Christian Family Theater

Civic Ballet of Chattanooga

Tivoli Foundation's Camp Broadway

Julian Ramirez de Arellano, 2024 Scholarship Winner

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The Performing Arts League (PAL) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting youth involvement through grants and scholarships in the performing arts throughout Chattanooga and the surrounding area. Begun in 2011, The Performing Arts League, Inc. has grown to over 50 members composed of women and men, including active professionals and retirees.

Sunday Showcase began in October 2014, with its goal to highlight and celebrate school-age talent and the organizations that foster and support that talent. The now annual production features performances by Chattanooga's outstanding young artists from numerous area schools. The disciplines of dance, theater, instrumental music, and vocal music are represented.

Between 2014 and April 2024, **the Performing Arts League has awarded over \$270,000** in Scholarships and Grants to individuals and local 501c3 arts organizations to support youth arts programs and individual study in the arts. Our scholarships and grant awards have directly impacted the young performers you see on stage today. Grants are available to nonprofit organizations that actively support young performing artists through dedicated youth programming. Scholarships are available to students who are current 8th – 11th graders to attend performing arts training opportunities.

All proceeds from our memberships, contributions, and fundraisers go to our Grants and Scholarships program. The members of the Performing Arts League extend a cordial invitation to join our fellowship and help us promote youth involvement in the performing arts. We are a dedicated group of individuals who feel that the arts are vital to enriching the lives of our youth. With your interest and support, the Performing Arts League looks forward to awarding even more funds to enhance success of our area's performing youth.

Please consider becoming a member and/or making a contribution to our organization to allow even more young artists to attend workshops, summer intensives, and conferences to hone their crafts. When the artistically talented youth in our community flourish, everyone benefits.

Membership information and contribution envelopes are available on the table in the lobby and on our website at www.palchattanooga.org

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Welcome to our 2025 performing groups!

Barger Academy of Fine Arts Movement Makers

Barger Movement Makers was established in 2012 under the direction of Felicion McMillon. BMM is an audition-based 3rd - 5th grade dance ensemble. The very dedicated dancers rehearse twice a week after school. These dancers may be young but they are hard workers that are up for any challenge. They have performed all over the city and beyond. They will be performing at Disney World in a few months. They are excited to grace the stage with so many talented young performers of Chattanooga.

Center for Creative Arts Choo Choo Kids

The Choo Choo Kids, founded by Allan Ledford, is the premier musical theatre ensemble of the Center for Creative Arts, known for their dynamic vocals and captivating stage presence. Under the direction of Cody Murphy and with the assistance of their student music director Remy Maple, the group will present selections from their fall revue, *Broadway Rhythms and Beyond*, at the Performing Arts League Sunday Showcase. Be sure to catch their full production of *Songs for a New World* on May 2, where they will bring their artistry and storytelling to life in an unforgettable performance.

Center for Creative Arts Project Motion

Project Motion is the student dance company of Chattanooga Center for Creative Arts' (CCA) Dance Department, under the Direction of Jessica Laliberte Bowman. Project Motion has appeared at Ignite! Dance Festival, Tennessee Dance Festival, BalletFest Georgia, March of Dimes' Gourmet Gala, American Heart Association's Heart Ball, McKamey Center's MAC Ball, Chattanooga Symphony & Opera, and at The International Youth Arts Festival in Gangneung, South Korea. Project Motion has appeared at the Magnet Schools of America Conference and was invited to perform on the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage as a result of CCA's National School of Distinction award.

Chattanooga Boys Choir

Founded in 1954, the Chattanooga Boys Choir has a long 70+ year history of contributing to Chattanooga's cultural landscape with innovative programming, outreach events, premiering new works, and outstanding performances and performance tours to more than twenty countries. Upcoming events this semester include the first performance in the new Harrison Community Center, a collaboration with the Be the Change Youth Initiative featuring music which emphasizes the importance of youth mental health, and a summer tour to Florida highlighted by a performance in the oldest basilica in the United States.

Chattanooga Ballet School Ensemble

Since its founding 50 years ago, Chattanooga Ballet has been the premier dance institution in the region. We have grown and flourished alongside the city for generations, projecting Chattanooga's energy, diversity, and artistry onto the stage through the professional company performances. The school's dance education programs, and our community enrichment classes train over 520 students annually. Chattanooga Ballet School Ensemble is a student-based performance group that is comprised of the top levels of the school. Celebrating its 50th Anniversary Season, Chattanooga Ballet is dedicated to "serving through the power of dance".

Christian Family Theater

For nearly a decade Christian Family Theater has been operating inside local area churches as a family friendly theater organization training children and teens in the theatrical arts while providing performance opportunities in youth versions of Broadway style musicals. They perform 2 children's 1 hour musicals each season based upon Broadway Shows, a 2 week teen summer camp intensive in June and a community musical review or a mystery dinner theater where children have the opportunity to work with adult actors from our community.

Civic Ballet of Chattanooga

The Civic Ballet of Chattanooga was founded in 1953 making it one of the oldest Ballet organizations in the region. It is based at the Massari-Wood Dance Center in East Brainerd. They have produced an annual production of the Nutcracker since 1983. The Senior and Training Company members have performed for the Very Special Arts Festival, the PAL Showcases, Chattanooga Dances, and the Tennessee Association of Dance. They have also appeared with The Scottish American Ballet, Allegro Dance Theater, and the Tennessee Festival Ballet. With funding from the Allied Arts of Chattanooga and Project ABLE, the Civic Ballet has presented the educational program ABC DANCE in past years for over 10,000 area children.

The Tivoli Foundation's Camp Broadway

The Tivoli Theatre Foundation seeks to make the arts accessible to the Chattanooga community at large, regardless of income or background. Our Education Department programs focus on performance and technical skills, soft skills, performing arts career exposure, and community engagement.

Our current programming through this department is **Camp Broadway, Tivoli Education (TivEd), and The Jewel Awards.**



Sunday Showcase **January 26, 2025**

WELCOME

Karen Wilson, PAL president & Steve Ray, UTC Theater Dept. Head
Emcee: Vincent Hale, Dean of Fine Arts, Center for Creative Arts.

PROGRAM

Chattanooga Ballet School Ensemble
Excerpt from *La Vivandière*

Director: Ryland Acree

Choreographer: Staging by Ryland Acree after Arthur Saint-Léon and Fanny Cerrito

Composer: Cesare Pugni

Performers: Abigail Anselmi, Finley Holmes, Gabe Tunks, Isabelle Alpers, Isabella Moore, Reagan McMullin

The Tivoli Theatre Foundation's Camp Broadway "New York, New York"

Director: Ellie Austin

Choreographer: Gabriella Alvarez, Mary Catherine Schimpf

Composer: Fred Ebb, John Kander

Performers: Eli Costellow, Teagan Dupree, Presley Guess, Trent Guess, James Hood, Zachary Ledford, Ayanna Lin-Steadman, Milo Martin, Jocelyn Neighbors, Luke Schimpf, Max Schimpf, Zoey Taliaferro, Libbie Weaver

Layla Reed – 2024 Scholarship Winner
"Winter Fairy Variation" from *Cinderella*

Center for Creative Arts Choo Choo Kids
"Something About This Night" from *Finding Neverland*

Director: Cody Murphy

Choreographer: Crystal Newson

Composer: Eliot Kennedy and Gary Barlow

Performers: Margherita Barioli, KaShya Dunigan, Emina Foderingham, Ty'ree King, David Lee, Izzi Mathew, Gabe Tunks, Liv Tunks, Baleigh Wadel

Barger Academy of Fine Arts Movement Makers
Onward

Director: Felicion McMillon

Choreographer: Felicion McMillon

Composers: James Brown, Sevyn Streeter, and Beyonce

Performers: DeShay Bell, Bella Black, Chrissi Bledsoe, Markenlei Bradford, Marleigh Bryant, Emari Fluellen, Nia Hill, Tedra Hubbard, Mia Kelly, Ti'Ann Lee, Natasha Martinez, Aminah Mohammed, Olivia Morgan, Teagan Rawlings, Avery Shuknecht, Kalen Tucker, London Whittaker, Kasleigh West, Khole West, and Sha'Nyla Word

Chattanooga Boys Choir
"Hope Lingers On"
"Hold Out Your Light"

Director: Vincent Oakes

Composers: Andrea Ramsey, Stacey V. Gibbs (arr.)

Performers: Julian Ramirez de Arellano, Tilson Boshears, Aiden Cook, Trent Dunn, Mason Foxwell, Hyrum Gee, Gabe Jackson, Robby Kennedy, Clayton Lord, Gabe Lowe, Benjamin Lusk, Javier Maldonado, Waylon Marine, Grayson McGee, Brandon Oakes, Caleb Reeves, Clark Shadrick, Jake Sedgwick, Stevie Wheatley, Carter Witt, Anthony Xian, Glaekan Elkins, Tate Harrison

Center for Creative Arts Project Motion
Impetus

Director: Jessica Bowman

Choreographer: Jerigray Eduave

Composer: LVDF

Performers: Heiress Dotson, Lucy Herrod, Owiin Merritt, Ava Mudd, Layla Reed, Teryn Rodriguez, Trinity Stone, Alezah Trimble, Riley West

INTERMISSION

Barger Academy of Fine Arts Movement Makers
Human Invasion

Director: Felicion McMillon

Choreographer: Aiyanna Jenkins and Felicion McMillon

Composers: Beyonce, Megan The Stallion, Chiba, Koshiro Ota, Kendrick Lamar, TitoM, Yuppe, Lil Baby, and Que

Performers: DeShay Bell, Bella Black, Chrissi Bledsoe, Markenlei Bradford, Marleigh Bryant, Emari Fluellen, Nia Hill, Tedra Hubbard, Mia Kelly, Ti'Ann Lee, Natasha Martinez, Aminah Mohammed, Olivia Morgan, Teagan Rawlings, Avery Shuknecht, Kalen Tucker, London Whittaker, Kasleigh West, Khole West, and Sha'Nyla Word

Christian Family Theater

Something Rotten Jr.

Director: Karen Stoll

Choreographer: Suzanne Dye

Performers: Abby DeMaria, Ava Williams, Bennett Hammontree, Bryson Young, Caroline Davis, Charlie Knox, Chuck Barker, Cole Hayes, Della Quattrochi, Ella Davis, Hailey May, Hannah Hamill, Jack Anderson, Libbie Weaver, Lillian Anderson, Lucy Ireland, Luke Scharff, Margherita Barioli, Mary Parker, Max Stoll, Mia Litchford, Oliver Petty, Sam Spann, Thomas Dixon, Zoey Talaiferro

Civic Ballet of Chattanooga

"Arabian Dance" from The Nutcracker

Director: Donna Massari

Composer: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Performers: Emily Crumley, Elssa House, Charlotte Howard, Sophia Jones, Owinn Merritt**, Teryn Rodriguez, Emma Schultz, Claire Tindol, Marylou Treece, Riley West*

*Arabian Princess

** Guest Artist: student at CCA & Chattanooga Ballet

Center for Creative Arts Choo Choo Kids

"I See Stars" from Mean Girls the Musical

Director: Cody Murphy

Choreographer: Crystal Newson

Composer: Jeff Richmond

Performers: Margherita Barioli, KaShya Dunigan, Emina Foderingham, Ty'ree King, David Lee, Izzi Mathew, Gabe Tunks, Liv Tunks, Baleigh Wadel

Julian Ramirez de Arellano – 2024 Scholarship Winner

Accompanist: John Echols

"When I bring to you color'd toys"

Center for Creative Arts Project Motion

Gallivant

Director: Jessica Bowman

Choreographer: Jenison Eduave

Composer: Ezra Collective

Performers: Heiress Dotson, Owiin Merritt, Ava Mudd, Trinity Stone, Alezah Trimble, Riley West

Special thanks to the following:

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Showcase Co-Directors: Steve Ray & Karen Wilson

Lighting & Tech: Alex Miller-Long

Emcee: Vincent Hall

UTC Box Office Manager: Chad Daniel

UTC Facilities Manager: Sean Stewart

2025 Grants and Scholarships Guidelines & Applications are now available

Complete Grant Application must be received by February, 21
Complete Scholarship Application must be received March 7

Forms are available on our website: <https://www.palchattanooga.org/scholarships-grants.html>

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