



Our Students Tell The Story


Defining Excellence Through Impact

2024 Annual Appeal



SCPA FUND

Investing in the Future of the Arts



The School For Creative & Performing Arts' mission is to foster independent thinking in a creative and challenging environment. By providing a diversified curriculum and environment for bright and talented individuals, we seek to offer preparation for higher education and professions in the arts.

Greater Cincinnati Arts & Education Center dba **The SCPA Fund** is a nonprofit organization created to support The School For Creative & Performing Arts' mission of academic and artistic excellence. Ongoing financial support is critical to maintaining the superior quality of SCPA's artistic and academic programs.



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Dear Cincinnati,

It's more than a dream. It's a plan. It's our North Star, informing every decision, defining our now, and shaping our tomorrow. Because we are not just nurturing the future. We are creating it at SCPA.

And dear friend, we humbly ask you to partner with us.

Thank you - your generous gift makes the difference, facilitating life changes for our students. Give today and see a bright tomorrow.

Onward,

Teresa Summe-Haas
External Relations Officer

John O'Connor
SCPA Fund Board of Directors Chair



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Of Honor and Excellence

- **ASN (Arts School Network) Exemplary School**, its highest honor signifying that SCPA meets ASN's Principles of Exemplary Practice in its purpose, operations, and educational programs.
- **Cognia Accreditation** - SCPA received an Outstanding Index of Education. This is awarded to schools and systems that best exemplify excellence and stand out in their service to learners.
- **US News & World Report 2022 & 2023** ranked SCPA in the top High Schools in Ohio.

Of Accomplishment

- **100%** Graduation Rate for 7 years
- **98%** SCPA Artistic Diplomas
- **9,608** attendees to Mainstage Productions

Arielle

A Story of Inspiration

Career Goal:

Lawyer and Art Gallery Owner

Accomplishments:

- Scholastic Art and Writing Award Gold and Silver Keys Recipient 2021, 22, 23
- Published Illustrator of the children's book *Peanut Butter & Jealousy* by Keith Linton

Recognized For:

Organization, Motivation, Supporting Others

12 Year SCPA Student



Jaemir

A Story of Leadership

Career Goal:

Professional Stage Manager

Accomplishments:

- Corbett Mayerson Winner for Technical Theater
- Stage Manager for The Children's Theater of Cincinnati

Recognized For:

Commitment, Strong Work Ethic, Focus on Time Management

12 Year SCPA Student



Rowan

A Story of Innovation

Career Goal:

Architectural Design

Accomplishments:

- Mural Design selected for Queen City Book Bank
- Corbett Mayerson winner for Visual Arts

Recognized For:

Intelligence, Nurturing, Determination

10 Year SCPA Student



Abel

A Story of Excellence

Career Goal:

Aerospace Engineer with NASA

Accomplishments:

- Harpist for the Cincinnati Symphony Youth Orchestra
- GE Engineering Academy Scholar

Recognized For:

Creativity, Problem Solving, Ambition

8 Year SCPA Student





The Story vs The Need

Addressing Students of Need

An artistic education is expensive and excellence in academics requires optimal resources. With 53% of our students living below poverty level, community support makes the difference.

Addressing The Numbers

- **225** Students – Reading Support
- **1,000** Pointe Shoes
- **140** Hours of Tutoring
- **254** Instruments & Repair
- **65** Scholarship Lessons
- **250** Performances



Mission Moments

Our Numbers Support Our Mission

- **150** Students perform in the Future of the Arts Gala
- **700** Cincinnati community members raise funds at the Annual Concert
- **435** Children audition for SCPA
- **184** Students accepted through auditions

Our Action Plan

- **Grow** our Primary Instrumental Music Program K-3
- **Expand** student access to our reading specialist
- **Increase** the number of students receiving scholarship lessons
- **Broaden** artistic curriculum offering



We Are Grateful For

- Jane Frieder Ellis Library
- Klinedinst Family College & Career Support Center
- The Manuel D. and Rhoda Mayerson Avenue of the Arts
- Corbett Theater
- O'Connor Family Harp Studio
- Bill & Liz Knodel Vocal Room

The SCPA Fund Board of Directors

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