



The Daily Donor

Donor Newsletter for Beck Center for the Arts



Pat Miller, Eric Fancher, Gilgamesh Taggett, Emmy Brett, Kayla Lehman, and Warren Egypt Franklin at Chairman's Circle
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Performance and Philanthropy

At Beck Center for the Arts, our theater performances are always innovative, thought-provoking and a delightful escape. On any given day, you can find our theater spaces and classrooms flooded with people practicing their art, whether it be music, theater, creative arts therapies, or dance!

We thank you!

The work our performers do would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. We want to thank you for your part in producing our productions and supporting our programs.

On The Cover...

2019-2020 Exclusive Season Preview at Chairman's Circle Event

On May 7, 2019, our Chairman's Circle donors were honored for their commitment to Beck Center with our Chairman's Circle event. We gathered at Vosh Lakewood for an evening of food, drinks, and the exclusive 2019-2020 season announcement.

Led and presented by Scott Spence, Artistic Director, the announcement program featured performances of songs from the upcoming professional season. The professional season includes stories from *Glengarry Glen Ross* featuring Austin Pendleton; *Shrek the Musical*; *Meteor Shower* written by Steve Martin, a wild and crazy play that pulls back the curtain on two married couples; *The Member of the Wedding*, based on Ms. McCullers' novel about a young awkward outcast; *The Scottsboro Boys*, based on the Scottsboro Boys' trial; *Disgraced*, a 2013 Pulitzer Prize winner about politics and prejudices; and finally *Something Rotten!*, a story set in 1595 of two brothers who just happen to be the nemeses of a little known William Shakespeare.

Ed Gallagher, Director of Education, presented the Youth Theater 2019-2020 season, including the shows *Mockingbird*, *The Trials of Robin Hood*, and *Once Upon a Decade*.

The caliber of our upcoming season would not be possible without the support of our donors. For more information on becoming a season subscriber, please contact Customer Service at 216-521-2540 x10.



Meet our New Staff

Have you met Megan Torok?

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Megan Torok joined the Development team in April as the Associate Director of Development. Previously, she has worked for both Medworks and The Salvation Army of Greater Cleveland in development roles. Megan has been involved in Cleveland-area theater since a young age. She is Beck Center alumna and attended the Experimental Theatre Wing at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. After returning from New York, Megan earned her Bachelor of Arts at Cleveland State University.

(Photo: Michelle Loufman, MML Photography)





Razzle Dazzle 2019 Cast and Crew
Photo Credit: Beck Center for the Arts

Razzle Dazzle

Enriching Lives Onstage and Off

On May 3 and 4, 2019, Beck Center for the Arts hosted the annual Razzle Dazzle performances, benefitting our Creative Arts Therapies program. A combination of 36 individuals with and without disabilities completed the cast and crew for this year's production.

Razzle Dazzle's theme this year was *It's SENSEational!* with all songs within the program relating to the five senses. Ann Huebner, Razzle Dazzle director for 19 productions, led the cast and crew through a 12 week rehearsal period (1 rehearsal per week) and 3 performances.

At the end of the 2019 production, 600 individuals had attended the program, experiencing with the cast and crew the enthusiasm and joy of sharing their talents through theater entertainment. Ed Gallagher, Director of Education, remarked that "arts participation enriches every life, young and old, and those that take part in Razzle are no different...making memories through a shared artistic experience."

We are grateful to those who give to help support our Creative Arts Therapies program and attend our productions of Razzle Dazzle. With your help, Beck Center continues to connect our communities and people through the transformative power of the arts.

Legacy Society Luncheon

Oh the Thinks You Can Think!

On May 16, 2019, we honored our Legacy Society with a special program, including a featured matinee performance of the Youth Theater production, *Seussical*, followed by a luncheon in Beck Center's Main Gallery. During the luncheon, Legacy Society members and Women's Board guests were able to meet and greet characters from *Seussical*: Horton, Maisie, the Cat in the Hat, and JoJo. Both performers and supporters alike enjoyed bright conversations and a fun photo session. See the photo below.

Programs like our Youth Theater productions would not be possible without the support of our generous donors like our Legacy Society members. As a part of our planned giving program, the Legacy Society consists of those who include Beck Center in their estate plans. This foresighted generosity ensures that future generations will benefit from the dynamic arts experiences we offer, while providing Beck Center the support to continue to grow and improve our programs.

For more information on planned giving and to join our Legacy Society, contact Dena Adler, Director of Development. (dadler@beckcenter.org or 216-521-2540 x18).



Legacy Society Members and *Seussical* Cast Members
Photo: Julie Gilliland



The Community West Foundation

Helping Beck Center Connect People, Communities, and Cultures

Beck Center for the Arts has been fortunate to receive funding from the Community West Foundation since 2008. Its mission is *to advance the health & well being of our community*. The foundation is dedicated to supporting organizations that provide basic needs: food, shelter, and physical and mental health care.

Beck Center's education and Creative Arts Therapies programs have greatly benefited from the support of the Community West Foundation. We thank them for the role they have played in helping us provide arts experiences for those of all ages and abilities.

Upcoming Beck Center Events

May 31-June 30	King Lear
June 12-August 11	Matilda the Musical
June 14- August 24	Something Dada
September 13-October 6	Glengarry Glen Ross
October 4-November 3	The Member of the Wedding
December 6-January 5	Shrek the Musical

Get involved with Beck Center!

There are plenty of ways to further engage with Beck Center for the Arts. You can do more by **making a donation, volunteering, or making a planned gift.**

Want to know more?

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**COMING SOON TO BECK CENTER
on November 2nd at Red Space**



Featuring Beck Center Dance Performance

We are excited to honor Lynda Sackett, founder of the dance program and outreach, teacher for over 50 years; Melanie Szucs, Associate Director of Dance, faculty member for over 35 years; and Betty Kemper, advocate and champion of our dance program. *Tickets on sale now!*



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