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Welcome back!
It's been a busy
start to another
school year!

In this edition of our newsletter, we update you on all things Marquee Awards, introduce you to the three Ohio-based artists on this year's Passport to Learning Series, and share Little Amal's walk in Columbus.

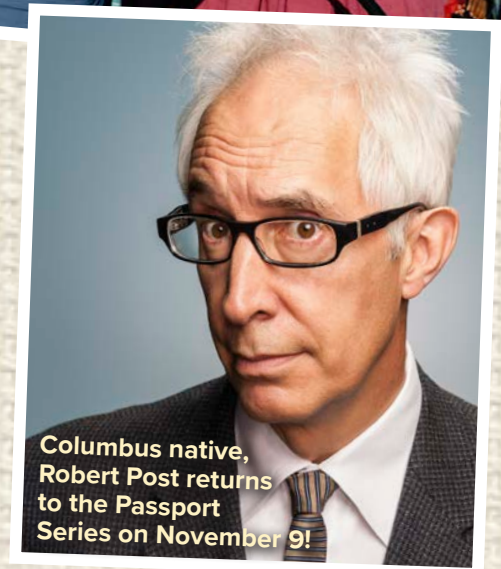
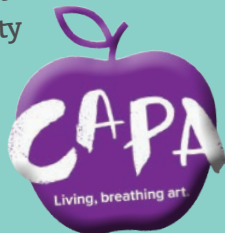
Little Amal's Walk on September 22
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CAPA's Education & Engagement programs enrich the lives of central Ohio residents by providing free and low-cost creative experiences that are varied, diverse, and accessible. We believe everyone in our community deserves to experience the transformative power of the arts and our many community collaborations enable us to fulfill that belief.

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Columbus native,
Robert Post returns
to the Passport
Series on November 9!



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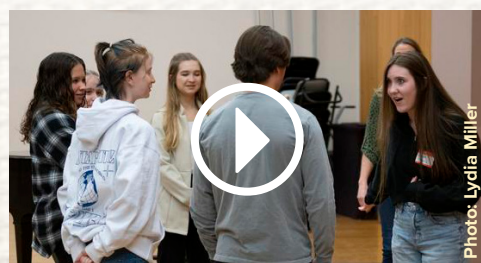
We are so excited to return for our sixth annual CAPA Marquee Awards presented by American Electric Power Foundation.

On June 6, the 2024 CAPA Marquee Awards will culminate with a red-carpet ceremony and student showcase at the Ohio Theatre

at which winners in all 13 categories will be announced.

Educational opportunities this year will include Broadway Master Classes with *MRS. DOUBTFIRE*, *MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL*, *COMPANY*, and *TINA: THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL*.

Our Workshop series kicked off on October 26 with an informative session on Auditioning for College Theatre Programs. Additional workshops this year include Vocal Performance: The Exploration of an Anthem on December 9, Improv! on January 20, Dance Audition on February 3, and Technical Theatre on a future date to be announced.



Click on the screen to learn more about our master classes and workshops.



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We are delighted to announce we have accepted 23 schools from five central Ohio counties.

2023-24 CAPA Marquee Awards Schools

- Bexley High School, April 11-13, Show TBA
- Bishop Hartley High School, April 18-21, *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Bishop Watterson High School, April 4-6 & 12-14, *Les Miserables (School Edition)*
- Columbus Africentric Early College, April 18-20, *Once on This Island*
- Dublin Coffman High School, April 3-6, *Mean Girls (School Edition)*
- Eastmoor Academy High School, February 29-March 3, *The Wiz*
- Fairfield Union High School, March 21-23, *Mamma Mia!*
- Grove City High School, April 11-14, *Shrek The Musical*
- Licking Heights High School, March 14-16, *The Wedding Singer*
- New Albany High School, November 16-18, *Mean Girls (School Edition)*
- Olentangy Berlin High School, February 22-24, *Footloose*
- Olentangy High School, April 12-14, *Catch Me If You Can*
- Olentangy Liberty High School, March 8-10, *Anything Goes*
- Olentangy Orange High School, April 11-14, *Sister Act*
- Pickerington High School Central, March 21-24, *The SpongeBob Musical*
- Pickerington High School North, November 16-19, *Shrek The Musical*
- Reynoldsburg High School, April 12-13, Show TBA
- Thomas Worthington High School, February 16-18, *The Sound of Music*
- Upper Arlington High School, March 14-17, *Mean Girls (School Edition)*
- Westerville South High School, October 27-29, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*
- Whetstone High School, March 15-16 & 22-23, *Little Shop of Horrors*
- Worthington Christian School, February 22-24, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*
- Worthington Kilbourne High School, November 17-18, *Into the Woods*



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Click on the logo to learn more about the 2023-24 CAPA Marquee Awards.



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23-24 Passport to Learning Series

This season, we are excited to welcome three Ohio-based artists to our Passport to Learning Student Matinee series to share their talents with our students in central Ohio.

Robert Post



As he explains on his website, one of Robert Post's childhood report cards in Columbus, Ohio, gave a hint as to how his future might unfold. Not amused by Robert's antics, his

teacher created a whole new column of categories describing his behavior. Happily for audiences around the world, Post stuck with his antics. The result: a dazzling performance career spanning more than forty years that continues to defy categories.

The creator of *How to Survive Middle School* discovered the joys of the stage at The Ohio State University, where he studied theatre and dance before hitting the road with a touring mime and improv troupe.

The sketches that make up Post's one-man variety show—Post Comedy Theatre—have captivated audiences across the United States as well as in Canada, Mexico, Japan, Turkey, and Europe. He has appeared on the *Today* show, and a PBS special on his work, "Robert Post—in Performance," won an Emmy.

See Robert Post in *How to Survive Middle School* at the Davidson Theatre on November 9.

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Fun Fact

Robert Post also enjoyed success as a golf caddy and carried the bags of some of the greatest players of all time including Byron Nelson, Tom Weiskoff, Lanny Watkins, Judy Rankin, and Chi Chi Rodriguez.



Click on the Passport to learn more about the 2023-24 series.

Brandi La'Sharrill



Brandi La'Sherrill was born in Cincinnati but spent much of her childhood in Chicago. When she returned to Cincinnati in 2010, she booked her first show with

The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati (TCT) as a pirate in *Peter Pan, Jr.*

A modern-day renaissance woman, she has served in various roles since joining TCT, including company manager, performer, and playwright.

She has written and starred in several one-person shows based on historical figures including *Harriet Tubman: Straight Up Outta' the Underground* and *Shirley Chisholm: The Chisholm Trail*. In an interview with the NEA, Brandi said, "I feel a particular responsibility while performing the role of a Black woman trailblazer not just to recreate the story but to tell it like it is. Presenting facts and direct quotes allows the voice of the person that I am portraying to speak for themselves."

See Brandi La'Sharrill in *Harriet Tubman: Straight Up Outta' the Underground* at the Davidson Theatre on February 27.

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Kevin Cornell, aka Mister C



Kevin Cornell spent most his early years in Germany, where his father was stationed with the Air Force. At 16, his father was transferred to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton.

He started his career as an elementary teacher, but from the first moment he walked into his first classroom as a teacher, he had more going on in his head besides science and math. He also had a beat, which gave him an idea.

In an interview with Dayton.com, he explains the genesis of his performance career began by taking Christmas carols and replacing the lyrics with science and math principles. That grew into writing songs and making videos with his students, and when he posted the videos to his YouTube channel, the Mister C persona took off. www.youtube.com/user/learningscienceisfun

Now, he partners with PBS Stations across the country to produce regional Emmy Award winning children's programming and takes his show on the road presenting at theatres, schools and speaks as a Keynote for organizations across the country.

See Kevin Cornell in *Mister C Live, Vol. 1—Air is Everywhere* at the Davidson Theatre on March 5.

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Click on the arrow for his YouTube channel.

LITTLE AMAL

Little Amal, the internationally celebrated 12-foot-tall puppet of a 10-year-old Syrian refugee girl arrived in Columbus on September 22 as part of her epic 6,000-mile journey across the United States this fall.

During Amal's two-month trek, which will span more than 35 U.S. cities and towns for 100+ events, some of the country's most influential cultural institutions and artists will come together to greet Amal in the spirit of welcome, to help build an awareness and understanding of the challenges of displaced individuals and families, and to learn more about organizations dedicated to serving immigrant and refugee populations.

More than 500 people greeted Amal and participated in her journey through Columbus.

Activities included the opportunity to make welcome signs and love notes for Amal, as well as paper craft-making to commemorate the occasion. At 6 pm, Amal began her Columbus journey near the U.S. Supreme Court Building and continued across the Broad Street bridge and into Genoa Park. During her walk she was joined by artists and performers from the Columbus community, including poet Sara Abou Rashed and dancers from Momentum, Thiossane West African Dance Institute, and Warithat Arabic Dance Troupe.

"Anyone who has entered a foreign world knows the power of a warm welcome. We're thankful to our hundreds of cultural partners who have thoughtfully organized events of welcome for Amal, allowing this young girl to learn about her new home and make new friends along the way," said

Nizar Zuabi, Artistic Director for The Walk Productions. "We invite Americans from every corner of the country to join us in not only welcoming Amal, but also empathizing with the millions of other migrants who have bravely entered this country in search of a better future."

"Amal Walks Across America" in Columbus was presented by CAPA in partnership with the City of Columbus, Mayor Andrew Ginther's Office, Columbus City Council, Councilman Emmanuel Remy's Office, US Together, Welcoming City, Bell Tree Productions, and Zen Genius. The event was presented with funding support from PNC Arts Alive.



Click on the screen above to learn more about Little Amal's walk in Columbus.



According to data from the City of Columbus' New American Initiative, **Columbus is home to more than 155,000 residents** who were born in nations including Bhutan, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, India, and Mexico, among others.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Engagement



OCTOBER

- October 12 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Applications open for Backstage Excellence, Outstanding Student Designer & National Student Reporter, 12pm
- October 19 **School Engagement**, Applications close for Broadway in the Classroom
- October 21 **Community Engagement**, Trick-or-Treat at Central Community House, 5:30–7:30pm
- October 25 **Community Engagement**, Arts Activities, Halloween at the Palace, 5:30–7:30pm
- October 26 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Auditioning for College Theatre Programs, 6–7:30pm
- October 27 **Passport to Learning**, *The Adventures of Tortoise and Hare: The Next Gen*, 10am & 12:30pm
- October 27–29 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Westerville South's *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*

NOVEMBER

- November 1–5 **Broadway APPLAUSE Program**, *MRS. DOUBTFIRE*
- November 2 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Master Class with *MRS. DOUBTFIRE*, 4–5:30pm
- November 9 **Passport to Learning**, *How to Survive Middle School*, 10am & 12:30pm
- November 16–18 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, New Albany's *Mean Girls (School Edition)*
- November 16–19 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Pickerington North's *Shrek The Musical*
- November 16–19 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Worthington Kilbourne's *Into the Woods*
- November 27 **Passport to Learning**, *A Christmas Carol*, 10am

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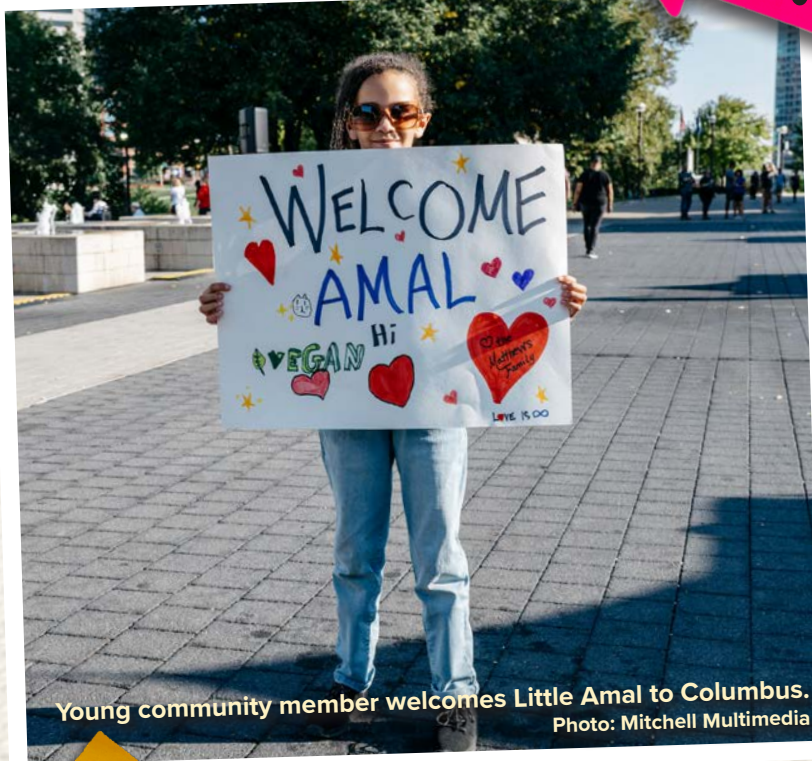
- December 9 **CAPA Marquee Awards**, Vocal Performance Workshop, 11am–12:30pm



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TO THE WORLD
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BY SHARING OUR
CREATIONS.”

—Brandi La’Sherrill

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Young community member welcomes Little Amal to Columbus.
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