
Profiles of Beneficiaries

“Kyle” had a tough time fitting in at middle school academically and socially. He felt lonely, misunderstood and marginalized. Joining VPAA for the summer musical in seventh grade helped him find a place of acceptance. Two weeks before leaving for college and just minutes before his final performance with VPAA, he gathered the cast around him. At 18 years old, Kyle was now the lead actor who towered above the younger cast. Poignantly, he told them of the personal struggles he faced before finding this VPAA family that had helped create a positive turn in his life and had pulled him through some very difficult times. He urged the cast to relish their moments on this stage together and to give nothing less than their best. And, to no one’s surprise, they did. Kyle’s impromptu testimonial has become a new VPAA tradition as the older students now pass on their wisdom and encouragement to the younger set before each show. It’s called The Circle of Love.

“Maya” was a ten year old coping with a disability when her family moved to Vail from the other side of the world leaving all of her friends and relatives behind. Worried that her daughter wouldn’t have any way to meet new kids before school started, Mom signed Maya up for the VPAA Summer Musical. That vision of a long, lonely summer was immediately dispelled as Maya had the time of her life singing, dancing and developing lasting friendships at rehearsals. Her mother tearfully thanked our directors for helping Maya overcome her obstacles. VPAA has connected Maya with a warm valley-wide community in her new home in a new country, while supporting her emotional growth through her love of performing arts. Maya, now 15, is counting down the days until the next rehearsals start!

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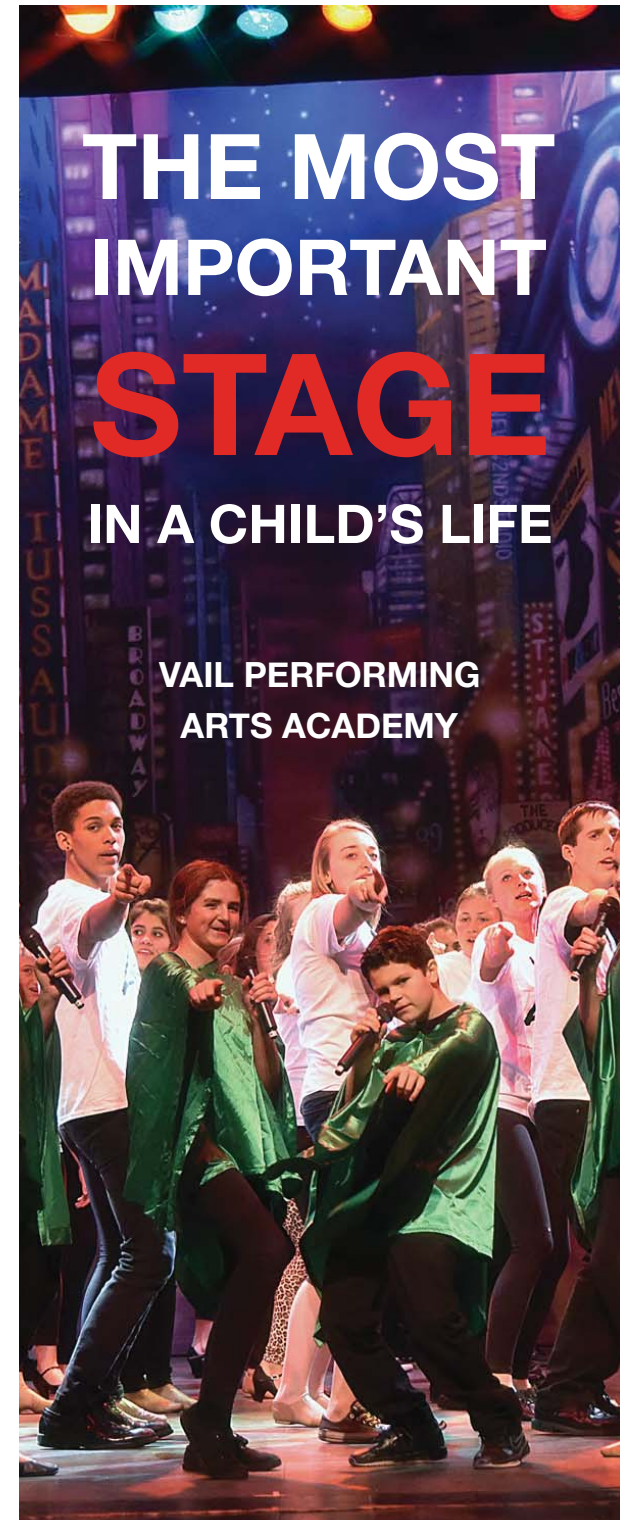
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We believe...

that the Arts bring vibrant culture to our mountain community and provide an essential and healthy creative outlet for our children and their families.

that no child should be denied the opportunity to develop and grow through the Arts. We keep our overhead to a minimum and provide financial assistance to those who demonstrate the need.

that ALL community members play an important role! From the chorus to the leads, from backstage to booth, and from the audience to our donors, the show cannot go on without YOU.

that an extraordinary top-quality production perpetuates our legacy of excellence and personal transformation! VPAA weaves lessons of self-awareness and self-discipline inherent to the Arts and necessary for future successes in life.

We believe that Vail Performing Arts Academy is **"The Most Important STAGE in a Child's Life."**



Our Mission



Vail Performing Arts Academy enriches the lives of children through theatrical instruction and performance, fostering each child's talents, while joyously nurturing reativity, self-expression, and onfidence.

Direct instruction from our highly-qualified professional staff and performances on a world-class stage create positive life-changing experiences.

Research shows a direct correlation between arts classes and increased academic and personal success.

Our focus combined with mega doses of fun cultivates life skills that VPAA students carry with them into every STAGE of life!

From one of our many proud parents:
"By far the best life experiences my son had while growing up in the Vail Valley occurred in VPAA!"

About VPAA

- Vail Performing Arts Academy was **founded in 1995**
- VPAA has **served more than 7000 students** and counting
- **Year-round programming** benefits hundreds of students a year
- **All students 8 to 18 welcome.** No experience necessary
- **Financial aid offered to those in need.** Approximately 30% receive assistance through donor generosity
- **3 major productions:** Summer Musical, Fall Revue, and Spring Showcase
- **VPAA works with local schools, both public and private, to offer specialized enrichment programs** throughout the academic year including Star Power Theatre Arts, Cotillion, Video Production and Acting for the Camera, Public Speaking and Improvisation, Pre-School Dance
- **VPAA integrates our diverse population** into one big forever "VPAA family." Lasting friendships develop across geographic, cultural, and economic barriers
- **VPAA offers performance opportunities in local events** such as The Star Dancing Gala, Holiday festivals, Flash Mobs, Minturn Youth Theater...**making the Arts for youth an integral part of our community**