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 mostly 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 now called The Circle of Love. Through his involvement with VPAA, Kyle’s sense of human dignity was restored.

“Maya” was ten years old 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. Mom tearfully thanked our directors for saving her child’s life. 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 is counting down the days until the next rehearsals start!

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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 local children and their families.

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

That ALL cast 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 each doing their part.

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

That Vail Performing Arts Academy is “The Most Important STAGE in a Child’s Life.”

About VPAA

• Vail Performing Arts Academy was founded in 1995

• VPAA has served more than 8000 students and counting

• Year-round programming positively impacts hundreds of students a year

• All students 8 to 18 welcome. No experience necessary.

• Financial aid offered to those in need. Approximately 30% of students depend on tuition assistance.

• 3 major productions: Summer Musical, Fall Revue, and Spring Showcase

• VPAA works together with local schools, both public and private, to offer specialized enrichments 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 bringing our diverse population together in one big forever “VPAA family”. Lasting friendships develop across geographic, cultural, and economic barriers.

• VPAA offers performance opportunities in local events including The Star Dancing Gala, The Holiday Tree Lighting, Flash Mobs, Minturn Youth Theater Workshop and more! …bringing the Arts for our youth to the forefront of our community.

Our Mission

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

All students are welcome to join our VPAA theatre family.

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

VPAA is grass-roots and operates on minimum overhead yet produces top-quality performances.

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

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