After pivoting our programming online and adapting to the changes brought by COVID-19, we are excited to connect with you! Your generosity as our donor has given us the support we need to move forward and keep providing our inclusive arts experiences. In this issue, we will share with you what programs Beck Center has been offering and how we plan to welcome you back to campus.

We thank you!
Your commitment makes all the difference! Thank you for believing in our mission and the future of our arts organization!
Online Arts Experiences
Logging on from Home

Due to COVID-19, Beck Center has pivoted our arts experiences to online courses, classes, camps, and resources. We started the free program, #BeckAtHome, designed to connect students with the arts through virtual lessons on our social media channels. The various art forms featured in our programming include theater, music, dance, yoga, art therapy, visual arts, and more!

In addition, Beck Center has continued private lessons and small classes virtually. Our 2020 summer semester will be fully online, including about 70 classes and 20 camps. Instructors will utilize online platforms like Zoom and Google Classroom to stay connected to students from their homes.

Beck Center’s priority is to keep the arts accessible and safe to experience. Online programming allows our students to continue their arts education while practicing social distancing. The generosity of our donors has allowed us to make this pivot and continue to provide access to the arts to those who need it most.

Check out these photos of our students studying hard from their homes!

A Glimpse into our New “Offices”
Our staff is still hard at work, but social distancing from their homes. Who can you spot?
A Drive for Supplies  
You Can Donate Today!

As we charge forward with our online summer semester and prepare to welcome our community back on our campus, we have a need for some supplies and items!

**Masks**

We recognize that some individuals may not have access to face masks. By collecting masks now, our goal is to be able to provide them to our visitors in need once our campus is open for normal operations. We are accepting donations of both masks and supplies for making masks (fabric, elastic, etc) at this time.

**Art Supplies**

Our students will be given access to supplies that are needed for their summer classes. You can help them continue their arts education by donating any of the items below.

- Permanent Markers (black)
- Micron Art Pens (black)
- Watercolor or Mixed Media Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Yarn Skeins (worsted weight)
- Brushes (all sizes)

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**Safety Protocols**

**Reopening our Campus**

We are excited to welcome you back onto our campus in the near future! Below are the new protocols we have instituted for your protection and safety.

- **Social Distancing**
  
  We practice appropriate distancing of at least 6 ft.

- **Increased Cleanings**
  
  We frequently clean and disinfect our campus throughout the day.

- **Face Coverings**
  
  Staff is required to wear face coverings. We strongly encourage our visitors do as well.

- **Sanitation Stations**
  
  Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout campus for your use.

- **Drinking Fountains Blocked**
  
  Drinking fountains are unavailable for use on our campus.

- **Communication**
  
  Patrons and students will receive emails with protocols before each show and class.

**When will you feel comfortable returning to Beck Center?**

We want to know your thoughts! If you have a moment to spare, please fill out the anonymous survey at the link below.


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*We believe in connecting people, communities, and cultures through the arts.*
Capital Campaign Update

After our kickoff of the public phase of our Capital Campaign in March, we are excited that we are on our way to making big changes to our campus! Below are some accomplishments we’ve achieved:

- March 10, 2020 Beck Center’s Campaign went public!
- We launched a Public Phase Rally, with over 150 people in attendance and have formed a public phase committee.
- To date, we have raised over $3M in gifts and pledges, with 100% board participation.
- We are well on our way to raise a $1M challenge grant for the community with $780,000 secured to date.
- Beck Center with the help of the City of Lakewood, submitted a grant to Cuyahoga County for $50,000 in support of the capital campaign greenspace, and that came through favorably.

We plan to begin renovation of Beck Center’s Education Wing this summer during this rare downtime on our campus, which gives us an opportunity to reduce expenses. As funds are acquired (since we are self-financing all renovations), we will begin work on a new Center for Creative Arts Therapies and Music, a new ADA accessible entrance, restrooms near the entrance to the front door, and a Center for Dance Education on the second floor of the main building. Our transformed campaign will enhance arts experiences for all, and we are grateful to be able to share this with our community.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, November 6, 2020

This year’s Spotlight gala is on the calendar, and we hope you will save the date to spend November 6th with us! We will be honoring our Professional Theater department and honorees: Joyce & Walter Senney and Artistic Director Scott Spence. Over the next couple of months, our planning committee will be discussing different options for this event to keep our guests safe while raising important funds for Beck Center. More details coming soon...

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.

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