ANNUAL FUND UPDATE & FINAL APPEAL

The Annual Fund provides essential operating support to continue our dynamic arts education, performances, outreach, and exhibits. Out of Beck Center’s $2.9 million annual budget, 60% is earned revenue from theater ticket sales, class registrations, and program fees; however, that leaves approximately $1M to be raised each year through contributions from individuals, foundations, companies, special events, and government support. In short, we couldn’t provide access to our quality arts education and professional performances without you!

We are still chugging along in our fundraising efforts as we make our way to the end of our fiscal year on August 31st. With your help, we have raised over 95% of our $800,000 goal, an amazing feat that could not have been accomplished without the generosity and support of our donor community.

You can help us reach our last 5% of our Annual Fund by making a gift here: beckcenter.org/give and choose Annual Fund.

A SPOTLIGHT ON SPOTLIGHT 2022

Thank you so much to everyone who helped us celebrate our 89th season at the Spotlight Gala this past July. Proceeds from this event support Beck Center’s arts education and performances, enabling our continued commitment to offering high quality arts education and performance programming to our community. At Beck Center, we feel the arts are important to everyone’s life, and it’s very important provide arts experiences to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity to participate. Two ways that we do this are by providing financial assistance to those who cannot afford to experience the arts, and providing experiences to those with disabilities, who might not be comfortable attending a performance. Because of you, we will be able to continue to do so while also reaching more underserved students and audience members through financial aid and sensory-friendly offerings.

The Spotlight 2022 gala honoree was The George Gund Foundation, recognizing over 50 years of their transformational grant support to Beck Center. Over 230 people attended, including Gund Foundation Board Trustee Margaret Bernstein, Lakewood Municipal Court Judge Tess Neff, and State Senator Nickie Antonio. Maureen Kyle, Anchor & Reporter with WKYC, served as MC.

Thank you so much to Beck Center faculty, students, and alumni who provided entertainment: Bill Shaffer, Jeremy & Patricia Johnson, Virginia Ashley, Ryan & Keira Finley, Neeley Gavaart, Shane O’Neill, Beck Center Performers from Youth Dance and Youth Theatre, and Moss Stanley & Nitebridge.

THREE BROADWAY SHOWS | TOURS | PRIVATE PERFORMANCE

OCTOBER 13 - 16, 2022
BECK CENTER ANNUAL NEW YORK ADVENTURE

This fall, you're invited to experience the latest and best of Broadway theater alongside other passionate fans for an unforgettable adventure in NYC!

4 days/3 nights at the Knickerbocker Hotel, a member of Leading Hotels of the World. Built in 1906 by John Jacob Astor IV in the Beaux Arts style, the Knickerbocker was fully renovated and reopened in 2015 as Times Square’s only formally designated 5-star hotel. Amenities include Fitness Room, room refrigerator, complimentary WiFi, and an indoor/outdoor roof bar looking down on Times Square.

Contact Lucinda Einhouse, President & CEO of Beck Center for the Arts for more information at: Lucinda.Einhouse@beckcenter.org

$2395 per person with double occupancy.
Additional cost for single occupancy: $650

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$2275 per person approx. (2019 price for comparison)

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: CREATING OUR FUTURE UPDATES

The focus of Beck Center’s capital campaign, “Creating our Future,” is to bring the standards of our facility up to the great standards of the programming provided to the community. Through the generous contributions from donors like you, we have achieved 95% of our $6.7M goal! We are now on the home stretch of our fundraising and renovations. Thanks to you, here is what has been accomplished as of today: The Fowler-Spellman Education Wing is fully renovated and operational, as well as the Center for Music & Creative Arts Therapies. On August 15th, we will be demolishing the annex building to create a beautiful new pocket park, a fully ADA accessible front entrance, and a grand new marquee for the Senney Theater. With the remaining campaign dollars, we will be building new restrooms, and finally raising the roof of the main building to create a Center for Dance Education to support the growth one of our most popular programs. We’re eager to finish the fiscal year strong by reaching our fundraising goal and making way for the final improvements to our building. We can’t wait to have a space that shows our dedication to serving our community in ways that meet them where they are.

There are a number of Naming Opportunities are available starting at $30,000 that will help us reach that last 5% of funding, including the Front Yard Pocket Park, Entry Plaza, the East Stage, and more! Please contact Kristen Levy, Development Director (klevy@beckcenter.org) for more information.

You can support our efforts to update our building by making a gift here: beckcenter.org/give and choose Capital Campaign.

BEHIND THE SCENES: DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Kristen Levy (she/her), Development Director
Kristen Levy has ten years of experience fundraising in the arts, including Development Manager at Assembly for the Arts (formerly Arts Cleveland), Cleveland Institute of Art, as well as the American Film Institute and Center Theatre Group in Los Angeles, California. Outside of her professional experience, she is an avid theater and arts fan and has participated in a number of productions throughout Northeast Ohio.

Charles Battaglia (he/him), Development & Volunteer Manager
Charles has been at Beck for three years and oversees the grants and foundations, volunteer program, and donor database. He received his BA in English with a minor in music at Youngstown State University. He and his wife, Carina, recently had a son, Benjamin! His hobbies include reading, working out, watching movies, and playing video games.

Jay’da T. Hall (she/her), Annual Fund Coordinator
Jay’da Hall works on daily gift entry, planning and executing events, and donor communication. Jay’da holds a Bachelor of Arts in Arts Management & Entrepreneurship with a focus in Music from Baldwin Wallace University. Jay’da enjoys crocheting, listening to music, and playing video games when she is not entering gifts or planning cultivation events.

Bryce Evan Lewis (they/them), Development Associate
Bryce Evan Lewis is a grant writer, educator, and actor with 5 years of development and fundraising experience. They started their career at Talespinner Children’s Theatre (TCT) as their Director of Development. Other experience includes producing children’s theatre in Lusaka, Zambia with Barefeet Theatre Company. When not fundraising, they enjoy weaving knitting patterns, spinning, and hand dyeing yarn.

ON STAGE NEXT AT BECK CENTER

BUYER & CELLAR - Written by Jonathan Tolins, Directed by Jamie Koeth
September 9 – October 9, 2022, Studio Theater

Barbra Streisand in Harper’s Bazaar: “Instead of just storing my things in the basement, I can make a street of shops and display them.” Taking that fact, and the fictional character of Alex (of course he’s a struggling actor!) who becomes the only employee of these “shoppes”—plus a frozen yogurt machine—we join him in his day job as he awaits the “Funny Girl” herself to check out. That’s when we find out the true price of fame.

“Frothy and hilarious, satisfyingly seasoned with treachery, bitchery, idolatry, and punctured celebrity hero-worship.” —The New Yorker

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are a critical part of Beck Center’s mission to inspire, enrich, and transform lives through dynamic arts experiences. As a nonprofit organization, we rely on civic-minded individuals, like you, to help provide important volunteer services. Besides providing Beck Center with a multitude of benefits, volunteers gain the following:

• Strengthen your community and improve your health and well-being
• Improve self-esteem and confidence
• Create a difference in your local arts community

For more information about volunteering at Beck Center for the Arts, please fill out the volunteer form at beckcenter.org/about/volunteer