



Making

Theatre



2019 summer musical "The Wizard of Oz"

4 SHOWS

20 PERFORMANCES

263 VOLUNTEERS

19,848 recorded volunteer hours valued at \$504,727 ... now that is passion for arts!

3,277 Complimentary

5,786 Tickets Sold

450 Avg Audience

MTVarts is making theatre. .. fulfilling our mission and contributing to a thriving arts culture. We can't do it alone. Partnerships are vital!

To cover our 2019 production costs, our tickets should have averaged \$31, but thanks to support from cash donors, advertisers, local foundations, and sponsorship from businesses and organizations, **no ticket was over \$20.**

MTVarts and YOU ... making theatre and making a difference.



2019 Classics Series "A Raisin in the Sun"



2019 artsIQ Disney's "Willy Wonka KIDS"



2019 artsIQ Disney's "Willy Wonka JR"

Let's talk educational outreach...

Thanks to your support, MTVarts was able to provide performances for schools free of charge. Field trips to see live theatre produce significant educational benefits. Both as participants and patrons, students (from kindergarten to college age) are acquiring the skills needed to thrive.



Benefits in the community go beyond the walls of our schools with complimentary tickets donated to fellow non-profit organizations for their fundraising efforts and to groups like Riverside Recovery and Merit Court rewarding participants hard work.



Live theatre unifies and breaks down barriers.



CLASSICS SERIES



A capacity crowd from local high schools filled the Woodward Opera House as the first live theatrical play was presented on the historic stage.

Especially poignant was the diversity of the "A Raisin in the Sun" cast and its message of unity and hope. Students benefits from seeing the works they study in class come alive. **That is education!**

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All kindergarten, first, and second grade students from Mount Vernon City, Knox County, and Saint Vincent schools experienced their first

field trip of the year attending "Willy Wonka KIDS" or "Willy Wonka JR" at the Memorial Theater. For some, this was their only opportunity to enjoy live theatre.

Supporting MTVarts means that you are bolstering quality, live theatre; ensuring our tomorrow; and perhaps most importantly, fostering a love and appreciation for the arts in our community.

MTVarts and YOU

making theatre to entertain, engage, and educate!



Art work by Mrs. Campbell's first grade class at Twin Oak

Our brick and mortar location, warehouse14, is a veritable factory for the arts.

19,848 recorded volunteer hours in 2019, but many gave beyond that by organizing, cleaning, and preparing our facility for rehearsals and productions. Our extensive inventories are managed by a core of dedicated volunteers. Susan Brown and Deborah Reidmiller meet weekly to maintain our costumes. Ruth Frady maintains our wig and hair accessory inventory while Kerri Mahan maintains our makeup inventory. Steve Stone, with support from Scott Swingle, oversees surveillance and door entry systems to ensure safety.

Joseph Bell, part-time staff, manages our scene shop and builds sets for all MTVarts shows and outside groups. In 2019, the Mount Vernon Public Library, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, the Alcove dinner theatre, and Knox County Jazz Orchestra utilized warehouse14.

Staff member Eli Chung, whose support was made possible by a grant from Ariel, supported and facilitated productions and projects like our apprenticeship program and artsIQ tech track. His dramaturgy on "A Raisin in the Sun" won an invitation to present at the LMDA conference in Chicago. Eli worked with COTC and with instructors Joseph Bell and Bruce Jacklin to teach two College Aspire workshops at warehouse14.

Utilizing warehouse14 nearly every day of the year was made possible in part by discounts on rent and donated HVAC maintenance, yardwork, and even gravel for our parking lot. Our facility is serving as a hub for arts activities, not only for MTVarts, but for the community.



2019 was a very good way to end the decade, and now we roar into the twenties. Our goals for 2020:

- ◆ **Mount 4 innovative, quality, affordable live theatre events**
- ◆ **Offer arts education opportunities**
- ◆ **Purchase equipment like an animated scenery ultra short throw projection system for the Memorial; digital signage for warehouse14; laptop and phone for community ticketing at First-Knox National Bank; and additional portable event lighting**
- ◆ **Make continued improvements to warehouse14 like painting the east exterior wall**
- ◆ **Support the development of Knox County as an arts destination**

Passionate volunteers and community support make it all possible.

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