



2025-2026

Program Guide



Creating the Future through Arts Education

Mission

The **MISSION** of ArtsBridge Foundation is to enrich the lives of Georgia Pre-K to 12th grade students through transformative arts education experiences.

The **VISION** of ArtsBridge Foundation is that all Georgia students and educators have access and exposure to the arts.

ArtsBridge Foundation provides quality performing arts education and community engagement programs designed to foster our Pre-K - 12 students as the next generation of artists and art supporters. In collaboration with leading regional and national arts organizations, ArtsBridge has paved the way for nearly **425,000 students and educators** from **70 Georgia counties** to experience and benefit from the positive power of the arts!

Programs



The 2025-2026 Program Season is designed to connect with and to inspire all ages, while featuring diverse aspects of the performing arts! The ArtsBridge season consists of the programs listed below.

- Field Trips to the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre expose students to a slate of *curated, high-quality* educational performances that connect to the *Georgia Standards of Excellence*, which are a comprehensive roadmap to help educators, parents, and community members promote and improve college and career readiness for all students. To increase accessibility of these performances, ArtsBridge offers *Snack Packs* and a need-based *Financial Aid Subsidy* program.
- Modeled after Broadway's Tony Awards, the *Georgia High School Musical Theatre Awards - Shuler Hensley Awards* program celebrates excellence in high school musical theatre and involves thousands of students, educators, and theatre professionals in a competitive season that culminates in a live, televised awards show. The GHSMTA program has been nominated for 12 Southeast Emmy Awards and has won six thus far.
- Students and educators benefit from a variety of *skill and talent development* workshops in the performing arts. Training opportunities are taught by notable arts professionals from Georgia and beyond.

Field Trip Guidelines

TICKETS & RESERVATIONS

- Field trip performance **tickets are \$10** for students and adults.
- **One complimentary ticket** will be issued **for every 15 tickets** purchased and can be used for teachers and chaperones of public, private, charter, and homeschools.
- **Every attendee needs a ticket** for admission.
- An **Education Guide** has been designed for the show that provides additional learning activities for your classrooms. To download a PDF of the guide, visit **ArtsBridgeGA.org**.
- ArtsBridge programs are **age specific** per the recommendations listed with each show.
- Inform us of any **accessibility accommodations** (e.g. wheelchair seating, phonic ear devices, etc.) during the reservation process.
- A **nonrefundable 50% deposit** is due 30 days after reservation with balance due four weeks prior to field trip date. Invoices will be provided.
- **Confirmation, instructions, and the Education Guide** will be emailed to you before the performance. The confirmation will serve as your group's ticket. We do not print individual tickets.
- Reservations may be canceled **no later than four weeks prior** to the performance date, after which you will be held liable for the amount due.

ARRIVAL & ETIQUETTE

- Doors will open approximately **one hour prior** to show time.
- We recommend **early arrival** to the performance. Seating is based on the order of arrival and entry. Early arrival begins at **10:00 a.m.** Arrivals before 10:15 a.m. receive the best seating, Arrivals **at or after 10:30 a.m.** run the risk of delayed entry and seating. To expedite egress, seating is based on bus arrival and **not** by school groups. If group seating is desired, buses must be coordinated to arrive together; we do not hold seats.
- A **curtain speech** will be provided at the beginning of each performance to review theatre etiquette.
- All ArtsBridge performances are approximately **one hour in length** unless otherwise noted.
- All backpacks and lunchboxes **must be left** on buses or in vehicles.
- Lunch areas are not provided at Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre ArtsBridge performances. **No food or drink** is permitted in the theatre.
- Snack Packs **must be taken out of the building** and eaten elsewhere. Please be sure to pick up any trash from the Cobb Energy Centre grounds.

How to Get Here

FIELD TRIPS

September 17th, 2025 - Atlanta Symphony Orchestra



\$10 tickets

**Financial Aid
Available**

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra unites, educates and enriches our community through the engaging and transformative power of orchestral music experiences.

The core of our passion is the rich history of symphonic repertoire spanning centuries. We honor this body of work by holding ourselves to the highest artistic aspirations, bringing it to life in new and exciting ways. While we pay homage to the great masters, we also seek out new voices that speak to our contemporary landscape. As we perform, we engage the diverse international community of our city, bringing people together in harmony—including our youngest citizens, with extensive opportunities for youth and families to fall in love with music.

October 21st, 2025 - “Petit Rouge” by Synchronicity Theatre

A swamp chorus sings backup in this foot-stomping zydeco musical steeped in hot sauce. Imagine a Cajun Red Riding Hood with a big, bad gator in the wolf role, dying to make some gumbo out of a little duck riding hood, and a wild chase through the bayou -- all the way to Mardi Gras! From the playwright and composer of the Junie B. Jones and Miss Nelson musicals.



\$10 tickets

Financial Aid Available

Snack Packs Provided

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

FIELD TRIPS

November 17th, 2025 - "Mr. C Live! When Science Goes Viral"



\$10 tickets

Financial Aid Available

Snack Packs Provided

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

Join Mister C in his lab for another amazing day of learning as he attempts the world's coolest and most popular experiments on stage with YOU, his science crew!! Jumbo centripetal force boards, on-stage mentos geysers, GIANT elephant toothpaste and so many more experiments will transform how students, parents and teachers feel about learning science! Mister C's positive attitude, his love for science and his passion for creating media makes this show fun for learners of all ages. **Warning: Attendees may experience laughter, learning and a love for science!**

March 27th, 2026 - "Snow White" by Atlanta Ballet

Experience the magic in this one-hour family performance of the classic fairy tale, Snow White, where goodness abounds, true love triumphs, and friendships flourish. This timeless story of innocence, kindness, and bravery will mesmerize our youngest audiences as they follow the young heroine and her prince in their quest to outsmart the Evil Queen, while also forming seven friendships along their journey.



\$10 tickets

Financial Aid Available

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

"I love the connection of the performing arts to the common core.

The show was engaging and very interactive for the young audience. It was a great exposure for our kids and students to see the beauty of Drama!"



"This was our first year of homeschooling. I was so excited to learn about the ArtsBridge program! I love that it included homeschool students and was so affordable! Thank you for a wonderful experience!!"

"The students enjoyed the play, and they also learned about theater behavior and conduct. Many had never been to a theater like this before. They got the friendship message. This was a great experience in all. They have already asked if they can go to another performance."



"ArtsBridge field trips at the Cobb Energy Centre are fun and well run, with efficient support, friendly ushers, easy parking, and clean bathrooms and facilities. My students and adult chaperones have a wonderful time enjoying the arts in pleasant surroundings and at low cost. We go to field trips here about 2-3 times each school year."

Financial Aid

ArtsBridge provides admission and/or round-trip transportation financial aid to students and schools in need of assistance. Financial Aid is granted based on individual need and available funds on a first-come, first-served basis.



Snack Pack Program

ArtsBridge provides nutritious Snack Packs to eliminate the hunger pangs of **every student** who attends a Field Trip to Cobb Energy Centre. Each **Snack Pack** contains fresh fruit, bottled water, a sweet snack, and a salty snack. ***(please note that contents may vary and may contain allergens)***

Schools, nominees, faculty, adjudicators, friends, and family join in the celebration of our **six-time Southeast Emmy® Awards** winning production of the Georgia High School Musical Theatre Awards in Atlanta's world-class Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, recognizing excellence across **18 categories** including Overall Production, Direction, Choreography, Leading Performers, Costumes, and more. Recently introduced, participating schools are also eligible to receive a **Standing Ovation Award** in recognition of their commitment and exemplification to I.D.E.A. within their production.



Eligible schools must adhere to the following:

- All Schools must pay a non-refundable program fee of **\$250**
- Schools must be located in the state of **Georgia**
- Musical Productions must take place between **September** and **mid-March**.
- All Directors of **CONFIRMED** Participating Schools are required to attend a Director Orientation via Zoom.
- To be adjudicated, a musical production qualifies if it is a full-length musical listed on the **National High School Musical Theatre Awards Qualifying Shows & Roles**.

How it Works

GHSMTA Registration will begin on **August 6th, 2025**.
The link for registration can be found on our website.

- Two students from each school may be nominated to participate in the GHSMTA Ensemble, performing in the opening and closing numbers of the show.



- Two students from each school may be nominated for the S.T.A.R. Council (Students Take A Role), serving backstage and behind the scenes of the GHSMTA.

- Students are also eligible to apply for **cash and in-kind scholarships**. Recipients are invited to attend the GHSMTA VIP reception on the night of the show.



- As recipients of the Leading Performer Award, the Leading Actor and Actress both move on to compete in the **National High School Musical Theatre Awards® - The Jimmy Awards®** in New York City.



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