



Inspiring & Transforming Lives!

2019 Theatre Education Program Report

Educational Programming

Claude McNeal Productions partners with schools and community organizations to provide alternative educational theatre experiences for children and adults in order to build healthy relationships with individuals and communities.

182 total productions, for 14,800 program participants!

2019 was an incredible year for our educational theatre



programs, reaching 8,105 students, 3,819 adults, and 2,876 Indiana State Police

Officers!

Our *ACT Out!* Ensemble traveled to over 60 different schools, organizations and community centers throughout Central Indiana and Northern Ohio.

With 140 total school-related performances, and 42 Indiana State Police Mandate shows, we ended the year with **182 total productions**. **Some of our highlights included:**

- 119 *ACT Out!* shows for Indianapolis-area and Central Indiana schools
- 3 productions of *A Raisin in the Sun*, 6 of *Into the Woods: the Musical*, 3 of *The Greeks*, and 3 of *A Holiday Revue* at Herron High School

- Our second annual program with Sycamore Services, Inc. – another local non-profit serving individuals with developmental disabilities – partnering on a “recreational arts therapy” program for their clients
- Our annual Performing Arts Camp serving 25 youth from 4 different area high schools in musical theatre and acting workshops
- 3 shows for 2,250 University of Indianapolis students & 1 show for 300 Franklin College students on date rape & resident asst. training
- 28 shows for the Indianapolis Public and IPS Innovation Schools reaching 1,370 students
- 1 show for 2,000 IU Health administrators around the state of Indiana
- 1 show for 150 Indianapolis Public School teachers on social/emotional learning
- 6 IPAI shows of “Pippin” for over 620 patrons



[More on back](#)



Our work with the Indiana State Police

Since 2006, a health and human service initiative by the Indiana Drug Education Association has partnered *ACT Out!* with the Indiana State Police. The State of Indiana requires each police officer to attend mandatory training on SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome), biohazards, human trafficking, mental illness, domestic violence, and blood-borne pathogens. *ACT Out!* helps the Indiana State Police meet state mandates while the ensemble expands its social outreach, illuminates root problems and identifies solutions.

In 2019, our *ACT Out!* Ensemble performed 42 shows for 2,876 Police Officers in 23 different counties.

CMP & SYCAMORE SERVICES Developmental Disability Arts Program

Starting late-May 2019, and running through July 2019, Claude McNeal Productions partnered for a second year with another local non-profit, Sycamore Services, Inc., to present a unique "Recreational Expressive Arts Therapy Program"



(REAT) for their clients. **Sycamore Services, Inc.** is a local non-profit organization that provides a

variety of services for individuals with developmental disabilities..

Indiana Performing Arts Initiative: "Pippin Undergoes a Provocative Makeover!"



As part of our semi-professional Summer Stock theatre training program for area high school and college students, this summer's performance of *Pippin: the Musical* received rave reviews and broke box office records with six sold out performances!



Local critic, Tom Alvarez declared, "an outstanding cast of student and adult avocational actors, alongside professionals, that featured some of the best performances I have seen on any stage thus far this season!" and "proof of the wealth of talent that exists in these parts, "Pippin"

was an unexpected treat I highly recommend for those who appreciate innovative, well-produced, live entertainment!"

Thanks to our Sponsors!

Our 2019 educational theatre programs were made possible by the following sponsors:

Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Mr. John Mutz

Indiana Arts Commission & The N.E.A.

Indianapolis Classical Schools

IN Dept. of Child Services/Children's Bureau, Inc.

Lilly Endowment, Inc.

The Braveheart Foundation

Mr. P.E. MacAllister/MacAllister Machinery

Markey's Audio Visual

Pacer's Foundation

The Indianapolis Foundation

Sycamore Services

Downtown Optimists Foundation

Indpls Classical Schools: A Perfect Laboratory

Our **Youth and the Arts (YATA) program** partners Claude McNeal Productions with Indianapolis Classical Schools (a collective of the acclaimed Herron and Riverside High School's) in downtown Indianapolis.



The Greeks – Sept. 2019

CMP brings their many years of expertise in educational theatre programming for youth to this endeavor by teaching beginning, intermediate and advanced theatre courses throughout the school year, and in the supervision and mounting of ICS's four annual productions. ICS is the perfect "laboratory" for the innovative programs offered by Claude McNeal Productions, working with over 250 students in the theatre department.

ACT Out! to become Evidence-Based!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc., Claude McNeal Productions' live social-issues theatre program, *ACT Out!*, has started the necessary work to become evidence-based in social/emotional learning. Through this 19-month process, *ACT Out!* expects to identify benefits of this approach to integrating social issues into theatre production and performance. **MORE DETAILS TO COME!**

NEW LOGOS! NEW WEBSITES!



In 2019, CMP worked with local designers from HUNT CREATIVE GROUP to produce new logos for our *ACT Out!* and IPAI programs.



In addition, they totally revamped and updated our Claude McNeal Production and IPAI websites! Find us at www.claudemcnealproductions.com, and www.theipai.com