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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of the Arts,

Having just completed Summer Stage's remarkable 50th anniversary season, I'm filled with gratitude for the generations of young artists, families, and supporters who have made our stages come alive with magic. Since 1976, Summer Stage has witnessed over 30,000 young people discover their voices through theatre. MusicMan Academy, supported by the Schoener Legacy Fund, has inspired countless students to find their rhythm through music education, from our Butterfly Buddy creative arts therapy programs to JazzJam! Camp and beyond. Together, these programs have built lifelong friendships and filled our world with love through the transformative power of the arts.

This milestone year reminded us that while we honor our rich history, we must also look forward with bold vision. The Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation has always been about more than performances—we're about creating inclusive spaces where every person can discover the artist within, regardless of background or ability.

That's why I'm thrilled to announce our vision for the SPARC—a community center focused on arts and education launching in 2026. Building on our successful pop-up classes, SPARC will revolutionize how we deliver year-round arts and education opportunities to our region. This innovative initiative will ensure that the confidence, creativity, and connections our young people gain through Summer Stage and MusicMan Academy can flourish twelve months a year alongside other older demographics who would also now benefit from this shared space.

As we embark on this next chapter, we invite you to help us ensure that no child in our community is denied the opportunity to find their voice through innovative creativity. Together, we're empowering people to become confident, creative leaders who will shape our community's future. Thank you for believing in the transformative power of our mission and the arts and for helping us write the next act in our story.

With gratitude and excitement for what lies ahead,



John Hawk

Executive Director
Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation

2025 IMPACT STATS

1,000+

Summer Program
Participants

700+

MusicMan 5K
Participants

25,000+

Audience Members



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPONSORS

Your support fuels meaningful arts and education experiences for young people and families across our community. As a 501(c)(3), the Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation depends on generous partners like you to provide inclusive arts education, performances, and creative opportunities that change lives.

Whether through sponsorship, matching gifts, volunteering, or in-kind contributions, every gift strengthens our programs and empowers the next generation of artists. Together, we can keep the arts thriving in Upper Darby and build a brighter, more creative future for all.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:	BRONZE \$250	SILVER \$500	GOLD \$1,000	PLATINUM \$2,500	DIAMOND \$5,000
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Event Tickets	4	8	16	30	50
VIP Event Access			X	All Events	Exclusive Access
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Presenting Sponsor: For these transformational partnerships, we can customize appropriate recognition, including (but not limited to) naming rights, category exclusivity, and customized combinations of benefits described in our matrix of offerings.

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UPPER DARBY Summer stage

Magic on stage.
Memories for life.

BEHIND THE PROGRAM

Upper Darby Summer Stage is one of the nation's oldest and most respected youth theater programs, with a rich history of inspiring creativity, building confidence, and developing young talent. Since its founding in 1976, Summer Stage has provided thousands of students through young adults with the opportunity to sing, dance, act, and collaborate in a professional-quality theatrical environment.

Each summer, over 800 participants come together to produce multiple full-scale productions, entertaining up to 30,000 audience members and providing students hands-on experience in every aspect of theatre. From onstage performances to technical theatre experiences, Summer Stage allows participants to build confidence, foster teamwork and form lasting friendships in an environment that inspires courage, resilience and authenticity.

For 50 seasons, we've been celebrating stories on and off stage by taking artistic risks, fearlessly. At Summer Stage, we invite our entire community to step beyond their comfort zone and discover the power within themselves. So, come along and have some fun! Experience the magic yourself. Because stories are meant to be shared and at Upper Darby Summer Stage, your story is our story.



In 2025, Upper Darby Summer Stage proudly celebrated its 50th season, marking half a century of inspiring young performers and bringing the magic of theatre to the community.



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1 MILLION
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900
PARTICIPANTS
EACH SUMMER

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*I'm a much more confident performer!
The Summer Stage environment provided
the motivation and safe space to explore
my talent!*

- Children's Theatre Participant



PROGRAM OFFERINGS



At Summer Stage, everyone is invited to step into the spotlight whether it's in a classroom, on stage or backstage. Through our legendary summer production and year-round education offerings, anyone can find their magic at Summer Stage.

Summer Stage Junior

Get ready to Find Your Voice, Become A Part of an Ensemble and Put On A Show at Summer Stage Junior! Theatre fundamentals take center stage offering opportunities in music, dance, acting, storytelling, theatre games and more! Participants will refine their skills before advancing to Children's Theatre and share what they learned in a Session Showcase! Summer Stage Junior is the perfect training ground to take risks and take notes before taking a bow.

Summer Stage Junior is for participants who are rising 5th Graders (Theatre Bugs), 6th Graders (Magic Makers) or 7th Graders (Rising Stars).

Children's Theatre

Step into the spotlight with our award-winning Children's Theatre productions. Each summer, we produce six productions on a level unmatched throughout our region and nationally. Children's Theatre productions feature dozens of cast members working alongside a professional creative team and designers to present a fully produced production. From Disney classics to groundbreaking pilot productions, Children's Theatre transports audiences while connecting our community through the power of storytelling.

Children's Theatre is for participants who are rising 8th graders through graduating 12th graders.

Technical Theatre

Our Technical Theatre program at Summer Stage is your cue to create! Working alongside professional technical staff from across the region, Technical Theatre offers hands on opportunities in; Scenic Painting, Props, Puppetry, Lighting, Electrics, Sound, Backstage Operations and more! Participants will work backstage on all Summer Stage productions and help to bring to life the theatre magic for our audiences.

Technical Theatre is for participants who are rising 9th graders through graduating 12th graders

Mainstage & Summer Stories

Mainstage at Summer Stage is the pinnacle of our Season. Bringing to life Broadway's biggest and best musicals, our Mainstage production features adult performers, a live orchestra and "reaches a level of professionalism and aesthetic excellent that is nothing short of miraculous" (Philadelphia Inquirer). Summer Stories brings to life Broadway musicals in an innovative, immersive site-specific location. Staged with minimal technical elements and focused on the shared experience of storytelling.

Mainstage and Summer Stories is for participants age 18-35.

Shooting Stars

The Shooting Stars are a dynamic show choir who perform across the Philadelphia region throughout the year. This auditioned group features energetic performers who inspire audiences through their music, dance, and storytelling. The Shooting Stars are comprised of participants of Upper Darby Summer Stage and share the magic of Summer Stage all year long through the power of ensemble and joy of performance.

Shooting Stars is an audition based group for participants who are rising 8th graders through graduating 12th graders.



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Schoener MusicMan Academy

UNITING COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC

BEHIND THE PROGRAM

The Schoener MusicMan Academy of the Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation is a premiere music education initiative dedicated to inspiring and empowering young musicians. Through a variety of offerings, including MusicMan Camp, Jazz Jam! Camp, Stellar Strings Camp, Butterfly Buddy Camps and Clubs, and the Delaware County Flute Choir, participants of all ages and skill levels receive world-class instruction, hands-on performance experience, and access to instruments, scholarships, and mentorship.

The MusicMan Academy is proud to be supported by the Schoener Legacy Fund, which ensures that talented students from all backgrounds can participate regardless of financial need. This fund honors Brad Schoener's lifelong dedication to music education and his belief in the transformative power of the arts. By supporting the MusicMan Academy, sponsors and donors help continue his legacy—giving students the tools, opportunities, and encouragement they need to explore their passions, perform on stage, and grow into confident, community-minded individuals.



The BRAD SCHOENER MEMORIAL FUND *Celebrating a Life in Music*

The mission of the Schoener Legacy Fund is to support the musical abilities and aspirations of instrumental music students in the Upper Darby School District through the funding of instruments, instruction, and experiences for interested and talented students who might not otherwise have the opportunities due to personal circumstances.

BRAD'S THREE WISHES

- 1 Provide lessons for students who may not be able to afford them.
- 2 Provide instruments for students who have the desire to learn.
- 3 Establish a summer camp for elementary school students – now the Schoener MusicMan Academy!



Since 2009 the MusicMan 5K has raised more than \$150,000 to support Brad's 3 wishes.

“
Camp sparks (and resparks) my older child's interest in playing music in a group. She gets back to working and playing her instrument and takes so much inspiration from this experience.” - MusicMan Academy Parent



PROGRAM OFFERINGS



Summer camps and year round programs for musicians of all ages are hosted throughout Upper Darby and offer instruction on a variety of musical instruments that all skill levels can enjoy. These engaging sessions are designed to foster creativity, passion, and a love for music in every participant. We invite people of every age and stage to unleash their creativity and play their passions!

MusicMan Camp for Band & String Players

Students in this program explore the wide world of instruments, improvisation, drum circles, ukulele/guitar, music theory, composition through music technology, basic instrument care, conducting, and even mindfulness and movement. At MusicMan Camp, every camper has the opportunity to play their primary and/or a secondary instrument to improve their skills in a variety of ways.

For young band and orchestra players grades 3-8.

Stellar String Camp

This intermediate level camp offers a week of intensive skill-building and fun. Participants enjoy expert instruction on violin, viola, cello, and double bass, including music theory, masterclasses, and exploration of various techniques that they may not traditionally learn in school. Students walk away with more confidence in their playing abilities and new friends.

For young string orchestra players grades 5-8 with 2+ years of experience.

Butterfly Buddy Programs

Our Butterfly Buddy Camps and Clubs, for neurodiverse and their families, prioritizes small group sizes. Each group is led by a certified creative arts therapist and an assistant or "Buddy." We incorporate daily social skills lessons through structured creative arts activities in art, music, and dance/movement therapy.

These programs are available for late elementary, middle school, and high school students.

JazzJam! Camp

This unparalleled jazz education experience was developed for young musicians eager to explore digital music production, participate in live recording sessions, and learn from Philly's best in masterclass sessions. Students also have the opportunity to play in big bands and combos, delve into music theory, and compose their own soundtracks for improvisational practice. We strive to inspire and give students the space to improvise, explore, and create with freedom.

For elementary and middle school band players with 2+ years of experience.

Delaware County Flute Choir

Where flutists of all levels come together to explore the beauty and versatility of the flute family, from piccolo to bass. Participants refine their tone and technique, build ensemble skills, and perform captivating repertoire spanning classical, contemporary, and popular styles. Guided by experienced directors, this intergenerational ensemble offers a supportive and inspiring environment for growth, creativity, and connection at any age.

For flutists ages 10 to adult with prior playing experience who can read standard music notation and provide their own instrument.



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Brad Schoener Fund - MusicMan Academy



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SPARC

CREATIVITY · COMMUNITY · CONNECTION

BEHIND OUR NEW HOME

The SPARC at Barclay Square, opening in early 2026, will serve as the new home of the Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation and a dynamic hub of creativity, learning, and community connection. Designed to welcome everyone, from the youngest dreamers to the wisest elders, the SPARC will be a place where individuals can discover their passions, express their creativity, and connect through shared experiences. This state-of-the-art space embodies the Foundation’s mission to transform lives through inclusive arts and education programs that empower all people and unite the community.

Since 1998, the Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation has enriched the lives of young people and families through award-winning programs such as Upper Darby Summer Stage and the Schoener MusicMan Academy. The Foundation also supports the UDAE Service Club and the Upper Darby Nonprofit Collaborative, fostering service, leadership, and collaboration across neighborhoods. With the opening of the SPARC, the Foundation will be able to expand its impact by offering even more opportunities for creativity, connection, and lifelong learning in the heart of Upper Darby.



When I think of this building, I see all of our community members finding a place to be welcomed and to learn through the arts.

- Rachel Brown, Director of Education, Upper Darby Arts & Education Foundation



PROGRAM OFFERINGS



Creativity has the power to transform lives and unite people. At the SPARC, we are committed to offering accessible, high-quality programs that inspire self-expression, celebrate diversity, and prepare all people for a lifetime of learning and success.

Black Box Theatre & Event Space

The Felker Black Box Theatre & Event Space is a versatile venue designed for performances, classes, workshops, meetings, and community events. It offers flexible seating for up to 120 guests, along with adaptable open-floor layouts for dance and interactive programs. The space is equipped with professional sound and lighting, plus access to an on-site kitchenette to support a range of events. Affordable, community-friendly rental options make it accessible for groups of all kinds.

Innovative Arts Lab

The Innovative Arts Lab is a dynamic, imagination-fueled space that provides learners of all ages with the tools to explore and create. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology for digital audio, visual design, and 3D creation—and strengthened by expert partnerships with CreateAccess and Ripple Hub—the lab offers immersive opportunities in music, video, and 3D production. It also supports creative career pathway development through mentorship and hands-on learning.

Creative Arts Therapy

The Creative Arts Therapy space expands on the success of MusicMan's Butterfly Buddy Club & Camps to support emotional expression and well-being. Using art, music, movement, and creative play, the program helps participants build social skills, manage emotions, and grow self-confidence. All sessions are led by certified therapists and teaching artists to ensure expert, compassionate guidance. The SPARC is proud to include a Kulture City-designed sensory room, a calming, inclusive space designed to help individuals of all ages regulate and reduce sensory overload.

Visual Arts

The Visual Arts program offers inspiring classes and workshops that invite learners of all ages to explore their creativity and develop artistic skills. With opportunities to work across a variety of visual art and design mediums, participants are encouraged to experiment with a wide range of techniques and materials. All sessions are led by skilled teaching artists who nurture growth, confidence, and creative expression.

Creative Seniors

The Creative Seniors program is designed to support the well-being, creativity, and joy of older adults. Open to individuals of all abilities—including those with limited mobility, Parkinson's, dementia, or caregiving responsibilities—the program offers gentle, engaging movement focused on rhythm, flexibility, balance, and overall wellness. Experienced instructors provide compassionate guidance tailored to the unique needs of seniors.

Music

Building on the success of the Schoener MusicMan Academy, the SPARC's music program offers diverse classes and ensembles for musicians of all levels. Participants can explore groups like flute, brass, chamber, and jazz, as well as classes in drumming, guitar, and music production while strengthening technique and performing with peers. Skilled teaching artists provide supportive instruction and specialized guidance.

Theatre

Keeping the magic of Summer Stage alive year-round, the SPARC's theatre program invites performers to explore and expand their artistry. With classes in improv, acting, technical theatre, stage design, and more, participants build confidence, strengthen performance skills, and grow as storytellers. Experienced teaching artists guide students through the full theatrical process—from script development to live performance—nurturing talent and imagination.



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