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**Urban Gateways** engages young people in arts experiences to inspire creativity and impact social change.

Cover Image: Traveling Minds program at Pickard Elementary. Photo by Lucas Arts.

Urban Gateways se empeña jóvenes en experiencias de artes para inspirar creatividad y afectar cambios sociales.

Urban Gateways se ofrece ayuda en la reserva de programas en español. Además, ofrecemos programas y presentaciones en español. Contactarnos a 312.922.0440 por hablar con alguien en español.
Urban Gateways engages young people in arts experiences to inspire creativity and impact social change.

Our programs span many artistic disciplines and methods of creative engagement through which young people and their communities acquire and refine artistic skills, demonstrate their talents, and engage in critical thinking and civic discourse - all while exploring new possibilities. Programs are led by trained and experienced professional artists and staff.

We collaborate with a wide variety of partners that include schools, community centers, youth service organizations, higher education institutions, treatment facilities, museums, performance venues, parks, and other settings where youth and communities can benefit from enriching and educational arts experiences.

We embrace the tenets of Creative Youth Development, encouraging youth to become agents of change in their own lives and communities. We also strive to offer healing-centered engagement by nurturing youth and community expressions of creativity, hope, and resilience.

PARTNER WITH US
We’d love to explore a partnership with your organization and discuss the most effective ways to bolster your programming and/or curriculum through the arts!

Check out the different sections of this Program Guide for ideas regarding program areas that may be right for your community.

Interested in touring performances, residencies, workshops, and/or professional development? Visit urbangateways.org/programs and fill out an Interest Form for the program of your choice. Our staff will get back to you to discuss the possibilities.

For information or questions regarding any of our program areas, including Street Level and Teen Arts Pass (TAP), you can find contact information throughout this Program Guide and at urbangateways.org.

Looking for program funding opportunities? We may be able to point you in the right direction. Examples include Title I funding, Creative Schools Fund grants for Chicago Public Schools, and the Safe & Peaceful Communities Initiative for community organizations.

Contact residencies@urbangateways.org or 312 922 0440 with any questions.
We believe that all youth deserve equitable access to opportunities that support their personal development, social well-being, and passion for lifelong learning. The professional artists and staff who lead our programs work alongside partners that range from schools to community organizations, ensuring that we reach and engage young people where they are. We embrace the tenets of Creative Youth Development and strive to become a more healing-centered organization, so that we can meet the needs of diverse youth populations under the premise of mutual respect and accountability. We feel it’s what our city needs.

We are grateful to you, our partners. You make it possible for us to do what we do best: Engage young people in arts experiences to inspire creativity and impact social change. With your support, we are able to engage even more young people in innovative experiences of creativity - transforming not only our organization, but society itself, one step at a time.

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

“I consider myself lucky. The partnership that we’ve been able to build with Jesse, the Urban Gateways resident artist...we could have never [predicted] what the benefit was going to be for our students. He’s changed our school in so many ways. Urban Gateways has been an amazing partner and without them we would not be where we are today.”

>> Joshua Long, Principal, Southside Occupational Academy

“It’s been really wonderful to watch students develop their voice over the years throughout the duration of our partnership with Urban Gateways. I’ve seen students come out of their shells in the classroom and watch them perform on our final night; that final performance is really something special. As they’re building their confidence in those forms of expression, we can see that translating into the classroom.”

>> Dr. Sara Haas, Principal, Brighton Park Elementary

TEEN ARTS PASS

“A program like this has the capacity to change a young person’s life in one engagement. Seeing someone on stage and saying, ‘You know what? I can do that too.’”

>> Tracie D. Hall, Program Director, The Joyce Foundation

“The program has given me the opportunity to leave the south side neighborhood I grew up in and explore places I would have never dreamed of visiting without being a part of this program. If you told me 8 months ago that I would be going to see performances by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera for just $5, I would have looked at you like you were crazy.”

>> Jamani, TAP Teen Council Member

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

“Urban Gateways, in partnership with UCAN, has invested in providing services to communities like North Lawndale in a way that recognizes the trauma that the community endures while being mindful in the healing power of the arts. When Urban Gateways shows up in the community, UCAN knows that quality service delivery will be provided to help young people experience the arts in a fun and creative manner.”

>> Jacob Dancer III, LCSW, Program Manager, UCAN

“Children need to be given as many cultural opportunities as we can give them. Your organization allows us to host these [touring performances] without having to take expensive transportation to and from. Urban Gateways offers quite a diversity in programs. I love the idea of supporting the arts and artists.”

>> Administrator, Country Meadows Montessori

STREET LEVEL

“Lisa, she taught me a lot about the sound board, how to mix tracks, how to set up the microphone. Because of that I was able to record a lot of music on my own without even needing a [sound] engineer.”

>> Marke, Street Level youth participant

“I love the Street Level podcasts, and with the skills I’ve learned at Street Level, I am currently launching a daytime talk show aimed at issues from the queer black male perspective.”

>> Shane, Street Level youth participant

“Street Level is the place for young people to hone their craft.”

>> Lisa Davidson, Street Level Instructor & Studio Coordinator

TOURING PERFORMANCES

“Urban Gateways offers a diverse range of programs and since its inception in 2012, it has provided arts education to more than 17,000 young people.”

>> Administrator, Country Meadows Montessori
ARTIST RESIDENCIES

Urban Gateways Artist-in-Residence programs build collaborative partnerships between teaching artists and schools or community-based organizations, providing meaningful exploration in the arts.

Our diverse and talented teaching artists develop and implement integrated curricula in visual arts, music, theater, dance, new media arts, and literary arts for all types of learners. A residency’s curriculum reflects both the artist’s unique skill set and the input of the partner - we work with you to determine an impactful experience for your students or community members. Residencies can be short- or long-term, ranging from just a few weeks to several months.

In-School Residency
Teaching artists work in partnership with a classroom teacher during instructional time to develop hands-on integrated arts experiences in a subject area.

After-School Residency
Teaching artists lead after-school classes for students in a specific art form. Typically, artists are on-site for a minimum of two hours, working with one to two groups of participants.

Community-Based Residency
Teaching artists partner with members of a community-based organization to develop hands-on art making experiences for the young people and community members they serve. Residencies focus on a specific art form that can be integrated into the partner organization’s mission or goals.

Learn more about our teaching artists, see program examples, and fill out an Interest Form for residency programs at urbangateways.org/residencies.

Contact residencies@urbangateways.org or 312.922.0440 with any questions.

ARTISTAS EN RESIDENCIAS

Por las Residencias de Urban Gateways, nuestros maestros de artes preparan e implementan currículo integradas en artes finas, música, teatro, baile, artes digitales, y artes literarias por todo tipo de estudiantes, de todas maneras. Contactanos para más información desde las residencias o programas en español: residencias@urbangateways.org o 312.922.0440.

2018-19 TEACHING ARTIST ROSTER*

ARTISTS BY DISCIPLINE
Within the disciplines of dance, new media arts, literary, music, theater, and visual arts, Urban Gateways artists introduce young people to a host of different art forms and experiences.

DANCE
Creative Movement Creative Writing Choreography Contemporary Cultural Dance

NEW MEDIA ARTS
Digital Music Composition Film & Video

LITERARY ARTS & THEATER
Acting/Drama Creative Writing Improvisation

IMPROV

MUSIC
Composition Percussion/Rhythm

VISUAL ARTS
Animation Collage Drawing Fiber Arts Mosaic Murals Paint

* Our artist roster and artists’ availability are both subject to change throughout the year. For a list of current artists, please visit our website.

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The Four Layer Players, an Urban Gateways drumline program at EPIC Academy. Photo by Alayna Kudalis.

LITERARY ARTS & THEATER
Roger Barin-Agad
Mykelia Daville-Colicutt
Jennifer Green
Runako Jahi
Eunsong Angela Kim
Mark Nicholas
Jessica Fane
Jeremy Schoefer
avery r. young

INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS
Laura Crotte
Irekan Fereyra
Lanal Freeman
Kimberly Mahal-Laude
Mercedes Martinez
Jennifer Sencel
Marvin Tata

MUSIC
Zahra Baker
Kevin Brown
Josh Guy
Danny Howard
Amy Lowe
Michael Riendeau
Tameka Schultz
Michael Taylor
Carol Wastan
Jason Wolf

MEDIA ARTS
Jesse Avina
‘Adad’ Demetrius Barry
Gonzalo Reyes
Olivier Rodriguez
Erika Valenciana

VISUAL ARTS
Montserrat Alsina
Nicole Beck
Aquil Charlton
William Eiler
William Estrada
Roberado Ferreyra
Jonathan Franklin
Jillian Grydzik
Sanja Henderson
James Jankowiak
Jaff Maldonado
Victoria Martinez
Grace Needlman
Jean Parisi
Amaniyea Payne
Yolanda Pittman-Moloney
Lin Shook

DANCE
Kimberly Baker
Zinab Chraibi
Elisa Foshey
Leida “Lady Sol” Garcia
Mukwacha
Ravyn Jenkins
Kadlin Kiegan
Anne Marie LoSchi
Amaniyea Payne
Yolanda Pittman-Moloney
Lin Shook

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Urban Gateways Workshops provide opportunities for young people, families, and/or community groups to engage in the artistic process together.

Offered as a one-time event or as a short series in multiple art forms, workshops allow for hands-on art making experiences with talented professional artists guiding the way.

**Youth, Family, and Community Workshops**

These workshops can be offered as a one-time experience or a short series, bringing people of all ages together for hands-on art making experiences alongside Urban Gateways teaching artists. A workshop can include a central idea or theme – for example, relationship-building through a collaborative project or exploring world cultures through music-making. Youth, Family, and Community Workshops can act as stand-alone experiences or can be combined with other programs such as Residencies, Touring Performances, and/or Professional Development to provide deeper engagement in the arts.

**Immersion Workshops**

These workshops are designed to pair with a Touring Performance to extend and deepen the audience experience. Learn more on page 10.

**Street Level Workshops & Field Trips**

Schools or community groups participate in hands-on learning experiences at Street Level, our new media arts center, located at 1637 N Ashland Ave in Chicago. Learn more on page 26.

Led by Urban Gateways teaching artists, Professional Development programs guide educators, youth workers, and administrators in implementing arts-based approaches and teaching practices.

Professional Development opportunities can vary in length and are offered in multiple topics, from learning how to integrate the arts into the daily life of a classroom, to creating hands-on art projects that support relationship-building and community.

As part of our healing-centered approach, Urban Gateways offers Professional Development opportunities that focus on self-care and address the compassion fatigue often experienced by youth workers and educators in various settings.

Professional Development programs can stand-alone or can be combined with other programs such as Residencies, Workshops, and Touring Performances to deepen a community’s arts experience.

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**TALLERES**

Los Talleres de Urban Gateways le da oportunidades para jóvenes, familias, y grupos de comunidad a empeñarse en el proceso de arte juntos. Contactanos para más información desde talleres a programas en español workshops@urbangateways.org or 312.922.0440.

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**DESARROLLOS PROFESIONALES**

Instruido desde las maneras de arte. Desarrollos Profesionales les enseñan educadores, asistentes sociales, y administradores en empayar estrategias basado en arte. Contactanos para obtener más información desde los desarrollos profesionales: professionaldevelopment@urbangateways.org or 312.922.0440.
TOURING PERFORMANCES

Urban Gateways Touring Performances thoughtfully engage audiences in a wide variety of artistic disciplines and cultures through live dance, music, and theater experiences.

The 45 shows on our roster are entertaining, educational, and interactive; they combine masterful performances by some of Chicago’s top professional artists with insightful context to deepen the audience’s understanding of the cultures and art forms. We offer performances appropriate for school or community audiences of all ages. Educational materials are provided to help draw connections in classrooms or other learning environments.

LENGTH: 40 MINUTES
AUDIENCE: UP TO 350
BASE PRICE: $400-$750

Things to consider when booking our touring performances:

- Additional shows can be booked on the same day to accommodate audiences larger than 350; discounts apply for additional performances on the same day in the same location and scheduled within two hours of the first show.
- Base price includes weekdays before 6pm; additional fees apply for evening and weekend performances as well as extended travel.
- Shows should be booked a minimum of two weeks in advance; more time is required for a specific date or show.

IMMERSION WORKSHOPS

Want to extend and deepen the audience experience? Pair an Immersion Workshop with your Touring Performance. Immersion Workshops feature interactive arts activities led by touring artists and typically take place just before or after a show, helping audience members to build hands-on connections to the Touring Performance. Contact performances@urbangateways.org or 312.922.0440 for more information or note your interest in your Touring Performance Request Form found at urbangateways.org/performances.

All of our shows are entertaining, educational, interactive, focused on arts and/or culture, and explore themes. Icons highlight shows that are outstanding in each category.

- Culturally Focused
- Incredibly Interactive
- Dual Language
- Message Based
- Entertainment Focused
- Special Education
- Focused on Arts Learning
- Highly Educational
- New Show

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DANCE

AMAZING AFRICA
Ayadele
Traditional rhythms, acrobatic dancing, and native attire immerse audiences in West African culture while sharing messages of empowerment and respect for all people. M-F; Weekends | All Ages $550

BREAKIN’ IT DOWN: HIP HOP HISTORY
Chicago Dance Crash
This highly interactive performance focuses on the history of various hip hop dance styles, including popping, waving, funk, breakdancing, and more. Audiences will join in as dancers demonstrate these exciting techniques, from the origins in freestyle to choreography seen today. T/Th/F; Mornings M/W | All Ages $600

CELEBRATION DANCES OF WEST AFRICA
Soli Performing Arts Company
This exciting performance explores Africa’s indigenous cultures through traditional dancing, drumming, and proverbs that have guided Africans for many years. Featuring authentic attire and native instruments, this show includes fun and unforgettable audience participation. M-F; Weekends | All Ages $550

CHA CHA CHA: LATIN AMERICAN DANCES
Nelson & Paola Sosa
Tour Latin America and explore how geography, culture, and customs influence each region’s music and dance in this highly interactive performance. Audiences will be invited to play instruments and learn basic steps to salsa, rumba, and more. M-F | All Ages $450

CHINESE FOLK AND CLASSICAL DANCE
Chinese Dance Duo
The rich heritage and artistry of Chinese dance comes to life as audiences experience the elegant flow of the silk fan, the aggressive yet graceful martial arts style, and other traditional dances, all of which feature authentic Chinese props and costumes. T/W/Th/F, Weekends | All Ages $450

DANZAS CEREMONIALES DE MEXICO
Nahui Ollin
Experience pre-Hispanic traditions of Central Mexico with ancient ceremonial dances and music, complete with authentic attire and instrumentation. M-F, Weekends | All Ages $500

FAN DANGO
Son Monarcas
See full description under Music. M-F, Weekends | All Ages $550

FLAMENCO: THE MUSIC OF MOVEMENT
Flamenco Quartet Project
See full description under Music. M/Th/F | All Ages $550

GAME OF WARRIORS: BRAZILIAN CAPOEIRA
Gingarte Capoeira Chicago
This exciting live performance introduces audiences to the history and meaning of capoeira, a Brazilian cultural art form that beautifully combines dance and music with the acrobatic skills of martial arts. M-F; Weekends | All Ages $550

“We are thrilled that Urban Gateways is a part of what we can offer our students and community! Over the past three years, you have greatly changed and increased our students’ exposure to the arts. We are grateful and look forward to future ways to partner!”

>> Principal, Pope John Paul II Catholic School
TOURING PERFORMANCES

DANCE

HEARTBEAT OF JAPAN
Tsukasa Taiko
See full description under Music.
M&Th | All Ages
$650

HISTORY OF DANCE FROM BALLET TO BREAKDANCING
Chicago Dance Crash
Audiences will enjoy demonstrations of exciting concert and urban dance forms including jazz, hip hop, modern, and ballet. The program includes explanations of each style's creative origins and examples of how combining techniques can create something new and original.
T/Th/F: Mornings M/W | All Ages
$600

KATHA: DANCES OF INDIA
Kalapriya
Through enchanting performances of a vast array of styles from classical to Bollywood, three dancers illuminate how storytelling and movement are seamlessly intertwined in the traditions of Indian dance.
Please Inquire | All Ages
$500

RHYTHM INSIDE/OUT
Be the Groove
See full description under Music.
M-F | All Ages
$550

SPAIN’S DANCING RHYTHMS
Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater
Learn about Spanish music and dance through a variety of innovative Spanish ballets, traditional folkloric suites, and fiery flamenco dramas from medieval times to the 21st century, all featuring vibrant costumes.
M-F | All Ages
$600

THE HARMONY OF KOREAN DRUMMING & DANCING
Global Pungmul Institute
See full description under Music.
M-F, Weekends | All Ages
$550

THE HEART OF THE STORY
Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre
Through a dynamic variety of dances, audiences will see first hand how movement can tell stories in ways that transcend the limits of words. Featuring rotating pieces from the company's repertoire, this show highlights where different dances come from and the stories they tell.
M-F, Weekends | All Ages
$750

THE ROOTS OF BLACK DANCE IN AMERICA
Joel Hall Dancers
Explore the evolution of black dance in America from traditional African to concert jazz dance seen today through dynamic performances and interactive elements. Through the course of the show, audiences will discover how movement and expression can create community.
M-F | All Ages
$550

VOICE OF DANCE
DanceWorks Chicago
The connection between dance and the art of self-expression is expertly demonstrated through diverse contemporary dance pieces that emphasize the power of the unique perspective and personal voice that each person brings to the arts.
M-F | All Ages
$750

Ready to book a Touring Performance? Fill out a Request Form at urbangateways.org/performances.
Contact performances@urbangateways.org or 312.922.0440 with any questions.

“I really enjoy all of Urban Gateways’ performances! The quality is consistently high and the students get a chance to see performances from many genres and places around the world.”
>> Music Teacher, Peirce Elementary

“We really enjoy the Urban Gateways performances. The variety of offerings is amazing, and our students love the shows. The performers themselves are professional and a pleasure to work with. Thank you for all you do.”
>> Administrator, St Catherine-St Lucy Catholic School
### Touring Performances

**Music**

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**Amazing Africa**  
Ayodele  
See full description under Dance  
M-F, Weekends | All Ages  
$550

**American Groove Evolution**  
Edgar Gabrieli's StringFusion  
This unique violin-led band takes audiences on a musical tour through Africa, Asia, and Europe, demonstrating how rhythms from around the world fused in North America to produce jazz, blues, Latin, rock, country, and pop music styles.  
Please inquire | All Ages  
$550

**Energia: Roots of Latin Jazz**  
Contrabanda  
This musical journey leads audiences to discover the roots and characteristics of the lively rhythms of Latin jazz music and its relationship to the original American style.  
M-F, Weekends | All Ages  
$600

**Band of Steel: The Courage of Creativity**  
Potts & Pans Steelband  
A trio showcases a wide variety of musical styles including traditional calypso, classical, and pop, while highlighting the unique history behind the development of the steelpan from Trinidad & Tobago.  
M-F, Weekends | All Ages  
$500

**Celebration Dances of West Africa**  
Soli Performing Arts Company  
See full description under Dance  
M-F, Weekends | All Ages  
$550

**Cha Cha Cha: Latin American Dances**  
Nelson & Paola Sosa  
See full description under Dance  
M-F | All Ages  
$450

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**Danzas Ceremoniales de Mexico**  
Nahui Ollin  
See full description under Dance  
M-F, Weekends | All Ages  
$500

**Fandango**  
Son Monarca  
This lively performance explores the rhythms, movement, and melodies of authentic Mexican music and dance, and examines the indigenous, African, and Spanish cultures that have influenced these traditional art forms.  
M-F, Weekends | All Ages  
$550

**Flamenco: The Music of Movement**  
Flamenco Quartet Project  
A solo dancer and trio of musicians showcase the evolution of flamenco and emphasize the importance of collaboration, echoing the way many cultures came together to influence the creation of this Spanish style of music and dance.  
MTh/F | All Ages  
$550

**Game of Warriors: Brazilian Capoeira**  
Gingarte Capoeira Chicago  
See full description under Dance  
M-F, Weekends | All Ages  
$550

**Heartbeat of Japan**  
Tsukasa Taiko  
Japan’s centuries-old culture comes to life in this dynamic music and dance performance. Audiences will be introduced to the thunderous roar of Taiko drums, the grace of classical dance, and stories behind these traditional art forms.  
M/F | All Ages  
$650

**History of Rock N’ Roll**  
The Mike Dangeroux Band  
This concert explores the significance of rock n’ roll in American music, from the early electrified blues of the 1950s all the way to modern rock.  
M-F, Weekends | All Ages  
$550

**La Bamba: Latin American Journey**  
Nelson Sosa  
This Latin American musical tour explores how regional music is influenced by geography, culture, and customs. Audiences will be invited to play instruments, clap, and sing along during this rhythmic journey.  
M-F | All Ages  
$400

**Play That Funky Music**  
The Mike Dangeroux Band  
Everyone will be on their feet dancing when they hear funk classics live in this fun concert performance.  
M-F, Weekends | All Ages  
$550

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**Follow the Butterfly**  
Chicago Folklore Ensemble  
See full description under Theater  
M-F, Weekends | Grades PreK-5  
$550

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Japan’s centuries-old culture comes to life in this dynamic music and dance performance. Audiences will be introduced to the thunderous roar of Taiko drums, the grace of classical dance, and stories behind these traditional art forms.  
M/F | All Ages  
$650
TOURING PERFORMANCES
MUSIC

RHYTHM INSIDE/OUT
Be the Groove
Through pieces that blend movement and music by utilizing unconventional percussion instruments, this high-energy ensemble showcases how rhythm is present everywhere, from the pulse in our bodies to the changing of the seasons.
M-F | All Ages
$550

SASSY BRASS
The Chamber Brass Players Quintet
This brass quintet uses exciting and familiar songs to showcase classical, jazz, and popular music over the centuries. Audiences learn about each member of the brass family through participatory instrument demonstrations.
M-F, Weekends (2 shows only) | All Ages
$820 (2 shows)

THE BIRTHPLACE OF RHYTHM
Pulse Beat Music Chicago
Embark on a musical exploration in this percussion-based show featuring music from the Middle East, Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean, and more. Audiences are invited to participate through singing and call and response, guaranteeing an engaging and educational experience.
M-F, Weekends | All Ages
$500

THE EVOLUTION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC
Bruce Henry & Band
Throughout this entertaining and educational concert, audiences will gain a greater understanding and appreciation of how the many styles of African-American music - from field hollers and jazz to R&B and hip hop - are all connected.
M-F, Weekends | All Ages
$550

THE HARMONY OF KOREAN DRUMMING & DANCING
Global Pungmul Institute
Captivating artists illuminate the grace and power of traditional Korean drumming and dancing by demonstrating intricate performances including the lion mask dance and sangmo pankut. Harmony and its role in nature and the Korean arts is featured throughout.
M-F, Weekends | All Ages
$550

THE SOUNDS OF SOUL
The Mike Dangerous Band
Featuring music from legends such as Otis Redding and Ray Charles, this show takes audiences on a journey through the progression of this iconic American music style.
M-F, Weekends | All Ages
$550

THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF MUSIC
Radio Free Honduras
Featuring lively Latin-inspired songs, this diverse collective of musicians expertly demonstrates how music brings people together and showcases the role collaboration can play in creating something entirely unique and exciting.
M-F, Weekends | All Ages
$550

WE ARE ONE
Animal Farm
This quartet of musicians will have children clapping, singing, and laughing along with their original songs and stories. Their music explores themes of self-expression, community, and social and emotional learning through the eyes of our friends from the animal kingdom.
M-F, Weekends | Grades PreK-4
$550

WOMEN OF SONG
The Mike Dangerous Band
This high-energy performance highlights the important roles women have played in music throughout the past century.
M-F, Weekends | All Ages
$550

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Touring Performances
Focused on Arts Learning
Special Education

**New Show**

**Focused Incredibly Interactive**

**Dual Language**

**Culturally Focused**

**Highly Educational**

**Incredibly Interactive**

**Message Based**

**Special Education**

**New Show**

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**1, 2, 3, Story!**
Jeremy Schaefer
This fun and high-energy performance uses interactive and original tales to explain how stories are crafted. By the end of the show, audiences will understand how characters, settings, and conflict can be used to create any type of story.

M-F, Weekends | Grades K-5
$400

**Amazing Science of Magic & Illusion**
The Spellbinder
Audience members will be on the edge of their seats as they learn how magic utilizes principles of chemistry and physics to create mystifying illusions and special effects in this mesmerizing show.

M-F, Weekends | Grades K-8
$450

**Based on a True Story**
Jeremy Schaefer
Through dynamic and interactive storytelling, audiences learn how non-fiction stories are as exciting as imagined adventures. True accounts from the storyteller’s life prove that each person has their own unique story to share.

M-F, Weekends | Grades K-8
$450

**Finding the Light Inside**
Mama Edie McLoud Armstrong
Captivating tales and musical elements come together to inspire audience members to champion positivity and recognize their own individuality. This interactive storytelling performance encourages critical thinking skills while celebrating the unique light that everyone has inside.

M-F, Weekends | Grades K-5
$450

**Follow the Butterfly**
Chicago Folklore Ensemble
Combining international music and traditional stories with environmental themes, a string trio and storyteller explore folklore from around the world. By showcasing how different cultures celebrate our planet, these performers encourage audiences to become stewards of the earth themselves.

M-F, Weekends | Grades PreK-5
$550

**Made-Up Musical**
Storytown Improv
Through teamwork and the improvisational rule of “yes, and”, an interactive musical is built from scratch. Audiences will help choose the location, design the backdrop, and become characters to create a truly one-of-a-kind show.

M-F, Weekends | Grades PreK-5
$400

**The Magic of the Spellbinder**
The Spellbinder
Experience state-of-the-art magic effects choreographed to lively music. The performance includes levitation, live doves, and illusions from around the world.

M-F, Weekends | All Ages
$450

**The Make ‘Em Ups**
Chicago Improv Productions
This high-energy show introduces audiences to the art of improvisation. Audiences identify the who, what, and where of improvised scenes, then join the players on stage to play popular improv games.

M-F, Weekends | All Ages
$500

**The Puppet Place**
Lively versions of favorite stories, traditional fairy tales, and original fables filled with fantastical characters and hilarious twists. Choose from Hansel & Gretel, Magic Onions, or Peter Rabbit.

M-F, Weekends | Grades PreK-5
$400

**The Wonderful World of Puppets**
The Puppet Place
By exploring the historical and cultural uses of puppets, this entertaining and educational show demonstrates the four major puppet groups (hand, shadow, rod, and string/marionette) by using each one in a story from its country of origin.

M-F, Weekends | Grades K-5
$450

**Travel Tales**
Jeremy Schaefer
Explore the globe with interactive stories about original characters going on epic journeys filled with adventure and learning. Audiences will be reminded of the power of imagination as a tool to travel to faraway and fantastical places.

M-F, Weekends | All Ages
$500

**Voices of Chicago: Slam Poetry**
Poets with Class
Building on Chicago’s unique heritage as the birthplace of slam poetry, a trio of poets brings words to life through their own original work and inspires audiences to create their own versions of Chicago through writing.

M-F, Weekends | Grades 5-12
$500

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Ready to book a Touring Performance? Fill out a Request Form at urbangateways.org/performances.

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TOURING PERFORMANCE CONNECTIONS

To help connect arts programming to holidays, heritage months, and special occasions often celebrated by schools and community venues, this page highlights touring performances that tie to themes throughout the year in 2018-19.

Please note that all touring performances can be booked year-round. This list does not indicate each show’s availability, but is a tool to integrate our performances with your calendar.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
September 15 - October 15
- Cha Cha Cha: Latin American Dances
- Energía Roots of Latin Jazz
- Flamenco: The Music of Movement
- La Bamba: Latin American Journey
- Sisai: Exploring the Andes Through Music
- Spain’s Dancing Rhythms
- The Universal Language of Music

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
February
- Amazing Africa
- Celebration Dances of West Africa
- The Evolution of African-American Music
- Play That Funky Music
- The Roots of Black Dance in America
- The Sounds of Soul

ASIAN-AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
May
- Chinese Folk & Classical Dance
- The Harmony of Korean Drumming & Dancing
- Heartbeat of Japan
- Cinco de Mayo
- Danzas Ceremoniales de Mexico
- Fandango

FAMILY READING NIGHT
- 1, 2, 3 Story!
- Based on a True Story
- Finding the Light Inside
- Made-Up Musical
- The Make ‘Em Ups
- The Puppet Place
- Voices of Chicago: Slam Poetry

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
- Band of Steel: The Courage of Creativity
- The Birthplace of Rhythm
- Follow the Butterfly
- Game of Warriors: Brazilian Capoeira
- Katha: Stories in Indian Dance
- Travel Tales
- The Wonderful World of Puppets

ALL-AMERICAN ARTS
American Groove Evolution
- Breakin’ It Down: Hip Hop History
- History of Rock ‘n’ Roll
- Songs & Rhythms for Young Children

EVERYDAY CELEBRATIONS
- Amazing Science of Magic & Illusion
- History of Dance from Ballet to Breakdancing
- The Heart of the Story
- The Magic of the Spellbinder
- Rhythm Inside/Out
- Sissy Brass
- Voice of Dance
- We Are One
- Women of Song

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“Chinese Folk and Classical Dance” with the Chinese Dance Duo
Photo by Lucas Anti.
Urban Gateways is proud to work with community partners that include youth service organizations, community centers, parks, higher education institutions, treatment facilities, museums, performance venues, and more.

Residencies, Workshops, Professional Development, Touring Performances, and Street Level field trips are all great ways for your organization to engage with Urban Gateways programs. Take a look at the program areas throughout this guide; you can head to our website to fill out an Interest Form for a particular program area, or reach out to start a conversation about how we can work together.

Contact us to discuss how Urban Gateways can partner with your organization: partnerwithus@urbangateways.org or 312.922.0440.

Urban Gateways worked with the DuSable Museum of African American History to arrange a series of Touring Performances that celebrated Black History Month with museum patrons and school groups, enhancing their museum experience with live performances.

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Urban Gateways partnered with Family Focus North Lawndale’s summer camp, where young people in the community participated in interactive arts experiences that developed resiliency and encouraged positive social-emotional growth.

Photo by Dee Dee Pacheco.

CONVENIOS DE COMUNIDAD
Nos hace orgulloso de convenir con organizaciones comunidades como los parques, servicios sociales, museos, centros de comunidad, y lugares de presentación. Contactámonos para preguntar como su organización puede convenir con Urban Gateways: partnerwithus@urbangateways.org o 312.922.0440.

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Street Level is Urban Gateways’ youth media center located in Chicago’s West Town neighborhood at 1637 N Ashland Ave. Street Level works with young people, whose voices are often underrepresented in the media, to tell their stories through digital art forms.

For Schools & Community Partners: Street Level Workshops & Field Trips
Extend learning beyond your space by planning a trip to Street Level! In a workshop-style session, our media arts instructors will work with you and young people from your school or community to create experiential projects using some of the latest technology in audio, video, and more. Field trips are available Monday through Friday 10-11:50am and 12-1:50pm.

For Youth
Do you work with young people who may be interested in taking a deeper dive into media arts? Refer them to Street Level and encourage them to become a member (it’s free)! During the school year we offer a weekly schedule of free classes, clubs, workshops, podcasts, and more for young people ages 13 to 24, led by our talented media arts instructors.

We strive to make Street Level an inclusive and safe space where all young people interested in digital art forms can thrive, grow, and hang out. All activities take place between 2 to 7pm. In addition to scheduled classes and workshops we provide open lab space, studio access, and wifi.

Want to talk about a field trip and options for customizing your experience? Fill out an Interest Form at street-level.org/for-educators or contact info@street-level.org or 773.862.5331.

Check out street-level.org for more info and for youth membership registration, or stop by anytime at 1637 N Ashland Ave Monday through Friday, 2-7pm to take a tour and get to know us!
With the Teen Arts Pass (TAP), teens can experience live arts performances all around Chicago for only $5.

TAP is the newest Urban Gateways initiative launched in May 2018, giving young people ages 13-19 access to $5 tickets to see professional dance, music, and theater performances all around Chicago. After signing up for free at teenartspass.org, teens will instantly receive a digital card via email with a plastic card arriving in the mail shortly thereafter. Teens then present proof of membership at a participating venue on the day of the show, and as long as it’s not sold out, they can purchase a ticket for $5 cash. It’s that easy!

The calendar at teenartspass.org highlights all TAP-eligible shows offered by our 25 partners, who are listed in the graphic to the right. Through these discounted tickets, TAP encourages city-wide inclusion of young people in Chicago arts institutions and establishes teens as important members of our society and our audiences. By creating this access point we hope to truly welcome teens into arts spaces and encourage the development of engaged, creative, and open-minded citizens.

Helpful hint: Events with a purple dot on our calendar are companion ticket eligible. That means a TAP member can purchase a second $5 ticket for anyone, including a non-teen companion like a parent or sibling!

Con la Teen Arts Pass (TAP), adolescentes de años 13-19 pueden atender obras y espectáculos vivos por solo $5 en lugares de presentación por todas partes de Chicago. Dado a los adolescentes en su vida que pueden registrar gratis por teenartspass.org, o contactarnos para más información. info@teenartspass.org o 312.922.0440.

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