

# **NOVEMBER 2022**

Brandon House Cutlural and Performing Arts Center has been busy moving into new sapces, creating new programs, and transforming lives across Little Rock, AR.

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# Gather and Thanks-giving

November 29th is the National Day of Giving. We would like you to consider Brandon House Cultural & Performing Arts Center when you give. Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving powered by social media, campaigns, and collaboration. This global philanthropic movement encourages charitable people to donate to local and international nonprofits. You don't



have to wait until November 29th to donate or support Brandon House! Visit our donation button below. #GivingTuesday and select Brandon House.

**Donate Here** 

# PERFORMING ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS

A gathering place where cultural activities illuminate, educate and entertain through affordable cultural opportunities that can enrich the quality of life of diverse audiences.

# **Event Center and Expressive Art Gallery**

Brandon House Cultural & Performing Arts Center is home to our very own Expressive Art Gallery and Event Center. The new art gallery and event center celebrated its ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 5, 2022, and became open to the public. The vision

behind the creation and development of the art gallery and event center was to be a state-of-the-art facility that can be used to cultivate, teach, train and showcase the talents of our youth that come through our programs.

Our space, however, can also be booked for weddings, receptions, meetings, celebrations, family reunions, church events and much more. With more than +10,000 sq ft. of rentable space, our venue offers a beautifully modern and neutral design. If you want to learn more about our space or schedule a tour, contact us at 501-725-5757, ext. 102.





# **Brush & Breathe Paint Party**

Join us on November 11th, in honor of our veterans for Veterans Day! We are hosting a special edition of our Brush & Breathe event where veterans are invited to enjoy an evening of artistic expression for free with military I.D. Our guest artist will be Theresa Cates who will instruct our attendees through the painting process. Refreshments will be provided as well as all supplies needed. For non-veterans, tickets will be available for purchase through Eventbrite for \$25.



Click here for tickets!

## **CREATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Exposing youth to cultural arts and providing opportunities for youth to explore their artistic skills in literary, digital, visual, media, and performing arts.

# Fall In Deep

Brandon House is still recruiting youth to join our Brandon House family! As we prepare to roll out our weekend programming, we would like to invite all youth ages 12-18 to our Fall In Deep series, which occurs bi-weekly on Saturdays. We facilitated our first installment on Saturday, Oct. 29th where students gathered to engage in our very own "Brush & Breathe" activity, painting their artistic expression of Kings and Queens. Youth ages 6 - 18 are welcome to join us during Fall In Deep between 1pm - 4pm. After these sessions, our Creative Expressions Majorette Dance team will host practice from 4pm - 6pm as they prepare for their performance during the 2022 SWLR Christmas Parade - Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 pm on Geyer Springs, Little Rock. Stay tuned for more information about the parade. If you know any youth who would like to join any of our Brandon House programs or teams, please enroll them by clicking on the enrollment button below or call Brandon House at 501-725-5757.









## **Dreamstarters Announcements**

Our program is excited to announce we will now have Amelia "Ms. Onyx" Veasley as a part of Dreamstarters and Brandon House Staff! The Dreamstarter's theme for the month of November is gratitude. In line with our theme of gratitude, we will be accepting **donations of canned goods and other nonperishable items** from November 1st to give back to our community! You can deliver the donations to our midtown location at 3802 W. 12th Street, Little Rock, AR 72204.

#### IMPORTANT:

Our November parents meeting will be on November 17th at 6 pm.

### It's Taekwondo Time!

Students in the DreamStarters Program began an 8-week Taekwondo class under the instruction of Grand Master Chief Anderson, Director of Anderson Taekwondo Center (ATC). Anderson Taekwondo Center has partnered with Brandon House to teach our students discipline, respect, self-control, leadership, goal-setting and teamwork.

Taekwondo, a Korean form of martial arts, is a discipline that shows students ways of enhancing their spirit and life through training their bodies and mind. Characterized by punching and kicking techniques, with emphasis on head-height kicks, spinning jump kicks, and fast kicking techniques, one of the principles of Taekwondo is to attain permanent or lasting peace through the spirit of unity.

The DreamStarters students will be able to progress to the next belt by going through promotion tests, where the student demonstrates their skills in numerous aspects of Taekwondo in front of the Grand Master Chief and a panel of judges. Stay tuned for the date for the student's Taekwondo promotion tests.





# CREATIVE CAREER AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Supporting the creative talents of aspiring artists, musicians and creative professionals on their journey to advance their careers.

## iH.U.S.T.L.E.

iH.U.S.T.L.E. is one of our premiere programs designed for youth and young adults who are interested in career paths related to audio production, videography, personal

branding, marketing, and advertising. This program also offers special services to opportunity youth and individuals who are in need of career development. Spearheaded by Damen Tolbert, Valricka Mitchell, and Charles Green, our BH staff is dedicated to recruiting and serving youth who attend Parkview High School and/or mandated by the courts to complete community service hours, remain in good standing while on probation and/or parole, or looking for assistance to cultivate employability skills to prepare for the workforce. One of the components in iH.U.S.T.L.E. is offering ACT Workkeys sessions so that participants are able to earn the Career Readiness Certificate recognized by several employers across the state. If you or anyone you know can benefit from employability skills training, career development, or assistance with production career pathways, please direct them to Brandon House to inquire about our iHUSTLE program.



# BH Productions Monthly Offer

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BH Productions is running our Limited Time Offer (LTO) for rehearsal space to any bands or

performers who may need to rehearse for upcoming gigs. Rehearsal space is priced a \$40/hr. If you book 2 hours, you will get the third hour free. Please complete the creative services request to book your rehearsals today! Get your booking in today by contacting us at 501-725-5757 ext. 301 or filling out the form on our website under Creative Services!

### **Creative Services**

BH Productions, an umbrella of services under Brandon House Cultural & Performing Arts Center, is available to serve individuals' and businesses' production needs. Whether you are interested in assistance in film, photography, television, radio, music, and video, BH Productions' experienced professionals are ready to take you to the next level

Contact Dr. Patrice Bax at 501-725-5757 ext. 302 to get started.



## LIMELIGHT

Exciting news at Brandon House Cultural and Performing Arts Center this month!

## Clinton School Alumni Weekend

Brandon House was honored to be chosen as a recipient for community service from the Clinton School of Public Service during Clinton School Alumni Weekend. On Saturday, October 15th, a group of alumni members visited Brandon House to complete service projects. With the support of Beth Quarles, Clinton School's Director of Local Programs and Regional Outreach, the following alumni members cleaned, painted, straighten the offices, and made repairs to our 3802 12th Street location.

Caitlin Campbell (class 12)

Johnisha Graham (class 14)

Emily Kearns (class 11)

Wes Manus(class 13)

Brandon Mathews (class 9)

Ryan Ubuntu Olson (class 5)

Derrick Rainey (class 6)

Veena Rangaswami (class 7)

Allison Scott (class 13)

Madhav Shroff (class 13)

Nick Stevens (class 12)

Caroline Sykes (CSO1)

Regina Taylor (class 4)

Julie West (class 3)

Rebecca Zimmermann (class 9)

Many thanks to Zac White, a manager from Lowe's, who donated paint, paintbrushes and other items to support the project.

Thanks, Clinton School for being an awesome partner in our community!







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