


Campus & Community Engagement

2019–20 Youth Performances at Bass Concert Hall

Texas Performing Arts selects two Essential Series performances each season to provide opportunities for a strong artistic and cultural impression on youth. Youth Performances are free of charge for educators and their grade 6-12 students.

Make your request for up to 150 seats per school. Requests for larger groups may be considered.

- Related standard-based lessons and in-school presentations provided
- Post-Performance Q&A for maximum learning experience
- Bus grant information at bit.ly/bus-grant

 Space is limited. Make your reservation today: bit.ly/YPSeatingRequest

Nobuntu

Thu Oct 24, 2019
11 am - 12 pm

This award-winning, all-female a cappella quintet from Zimbabwe has drawn international acclaim for its fusion of traditional music, afro-jazz, and gospel. Their rich, pure voices and exhilarating rhythms are accompanied by minimalistic percussion, traditional instruments, and authentic dance in an effort to preserve their cultural heritage while also promoting positive change through the unifying power of music. The word “Nobuntu” defines an African concept valuing humbleness, love, unity, and family from a woman’s perspective. The ensemble’s mission is the belief that music can be an important vehicle for change, one that transcends racial, tribal, religious, and economic boundaries.

RELATED LESSONS: Music as a Vehicle for Change; Celebration of African Culture (music and dance)



“This was such a wonderful thing for our kids to see. The repertoire was so well geared to middle school and high school aged kids. They did such an awesome job of singing in different styles and genres, but making it their own. I would bring another group to see this amazing choir again!

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Quote from a teacher whose students attended a youth performance of Trey McLaughlin & The Sounds of Zamar



Bella Gaia: Beautiful Earth

Wed Apr 22, 2020
11 am - 12 pm

Bella Gaia: Beautiful Earth is an award-winning, immersive, live multimedia performance of projected NASA visualizations of Earth from Space with live world music and dance on stage. Inspired by astronauts who spoke of the life-changing power of seeing the Earth from space, award-winning director, composer, and violinist Kenji Williams created this multimedia journey of our world in partnership with NASA. Together, they combined stunning NASA imagery of the Earth from space, data visualizations, and stirring live music performances from around the world, threaded together by an orbiting flight path from the International Space Station.

RELATED LESSONS: Global Awareness (Geography, Performing Arts); Interconnectedness of all things on Earth (Geology, Ecology; Nature); Earth Day; NASA missions

