

# METROPOLIS OUTREACH



**We believe in using the arts to effect change.** We also believe that every person should be able to experience the arts regardless of physical, social or economic status. Since 2007 our Outreach Division has reached over 15,000 individuals, including children, teens, seniors and those with special needs. To date we have served 94 different communities and organizations. These programs are offered at low- to no-cost for organizations that cannot afford them. These are just a few examples of the Outreach programs we have offered...

- **Flourish in the Footlights** This year-long program for artists with special needs teaches acting, improvisation and character development, as they rehearse and ultimately perform on the Metropolis stage.
- **Breaking Borders** A cross cultural, creative drama exchange between schools from different backgrounds where students focus on creativity as common ground amidst diversity, distance, environment, race and religion.
- **Imperative Narrative** An intergenerational program that brings together senior citizens and young students to collaborate and share their stories and experiences. Students perform short plays, poems and show art work inspired by their mentors in a performance on the Metropolis stage.



- **Theater Not Gangs** It's an after-school program for inner-city teenagers where participants explore a variety of theater and performance styles, develop their own story piece and perform it on the Metropolis stage.

- **Metropolis in Motion** Promotes dance, movement and health through creative and active in- and after-school programs. They're taught basic dance in a variety of styles and encouraged to adapt and evolve a dance into their own style.



- **I-ACT Network** A community of area educators who participate in workshops, seminars, classes and events to learn how to incorporate the performing arts into the classroom to enhance the students' learning process. These teachers come from all disciplines including math, history and science.

- **Hospice Care through Theater** Metropolis works with terminally ill patients to provide interactive music workshops which focus on stimulating memory, gross motor skills, relationship building, continued linguistic usage and social interaction.



- **Write to the Spotlight** Metropolis teaching artists visit schools to work with language arts students, use drama techniques to create stories with characters, plots and settings that are then performed by professional actors.

- **Musical Instrument Petting Zoo** Hosted at Northfield and Arlington Heights Public Libraries, this workshop gives children and adults the chance to experience classical music in a hands-on setting, viewing a presentation then playing a variety of different instruments.

