MISSION:
To offer culturally relevant education programming as part of Portland’5 Centers for the Arts’ commitment to celebrate diversity and broaden access to the performing arts for people of all means, cultures, and ethnicities.

THE EDUCATION PROGRAM:
Through our Education Program, Portland’5 Centers for the Arts removes barriers and provides access to a diverse selection of world-class lectures and performing arts. We offer free performances in our venues and in the community, career shadow opportunities, summer internships, and curriculum support. Our Education Program intentionally seeks and supports teachers and students in Title-I schools. Focusing on Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties, our programs enhance the education and arts experience by providing curricular materials that connect what students see on the stage with what they experience in the classroom. In our inaugural 2015-2016 season the Portland’5 Education Program served over 6,000 students and staff from Multnomah county schools. In our 2018-19 season, we served over 10,000 students and staff.

NEED:
Lack of arts education opportunities disproportionately affects students and families from communities of color and low-income households. Many attend schools that do not provide comprehensive arts programming if any at all. Additional barriers to the arts include limited access to transportation, lack of expendable time, lack of disposable income, little or no exposure to the arts, and a misperception that the arts are exclusive.

IMPACT:
The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has reported that youth exposed to the arts have better academic outcomes, higher standardized test scores, higher career goals, and are more civically engaged. The 2012 study The Arts and Achievement in At-Risk Youth: Findings from Four Longitudinal Studies found that eighth graders of low socioeconomic status who had high levels of arts engagement from kindergarten through elementary school showed higher test scores in science and writing than students who had lower levels of arts engagement.

For more information: The National Endowment for the Arts, www.arts.gov
Portland’5 is proud to partner with Chamber Music Northwest, Bravo Youth Orchestra, Red Door Project, and World Affairs Council to provide educational opportunities for students.

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**Photography Without Borders**
Grades 5-8 • October 7, 2019
Newmark Theatre

**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC Live!**

**Pursuit of the Black Panther**
Grades 5-8 • January 27, 2020
Newmark Theatre

**Hip Hop Nutcracker**
Grades 3-12 • November 12-13, 2019
Keller Auditorium

**Sugar Skull**
Grades 1-5 • November 18, 2019
Newmark Theatre

**Evolve**
Grades 6-12 • November 20, 2019
Newmark Theatre

**Black Violin**
Grades K-12 • May 6, 2020
Keller Auditorium

**We Shall Overcome**
Grades 5-12 • February 24, 2020
Newmark Theatre

**Adventures Among Orangutans**
Grades 5-8 • May 5, 2020
Newmark Theatre

**Pursuit of the Black Panther**
Grades 5-8 • January 27, 2020
Newmark Theatre

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