



Performing Arts Department

Dear Friends,

It is already time for the college to get started once again and we hope we are ready! With your assistance, last year was a very productive and successful year in the Pratt Community College Performing Arts Department. Success and growth in the music and theatre programs is helping to bring a large, talented class of new recruits to PCC this Fall. We have nearly 50 performing arts students this year!! We spent four days with Encore at camp and we must say this is going to be another exciting year filled with talented students! It is a rebuilding year in Encore with many new freshman replacing our large class of graduates!

This last year, the program performed "A Night on Broadway" a Broadway music review show, the USO Show, the Christmas To Remember show, "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and our Valentine's Dinner show. Encore toured throughout the year to clubs, residential care homes and different organizations. We performed more than 50 shows in the 2017-2018 school year. We ended the year with a trip to Tennessee where Encore performed as the opening act for the Country Tonite show, at Dollywood, at The Island in Pigeon Forge, and at Graceland. We stopped for a night in St. Louis and enjoyed the St. Louis Zoo and the City Museum. Once again we were asked by the resident musician at King's Palace on Beale Street in Memphis to sing to a packed house because he remembered us from the last two years.. What fun! We have just as much excitement and more planned for this year! This summer we hosted Music Theatre Camp for kids with the production of "Madagascar the Musical Experience, Jr.." We had more than 120 kids ages 4-11!

Nine years ago, when we restarted the Friends of the Arts Program, we had several goals. We have met many of them and continue to work towards our goal of being able to run our program on donations and the money we bring in with shows and fundraisers. We are very proud to say that more than 75% of the budget we spend in a year comes from these avenues! We know that the Pratt community supports the arts and we want to make sure we are giving you a top notch product that the whole community can be proud of!

We have numerous projects we will be working on this year. We have a very FULL schedule of events for the community to enjoy. The highlights of our season will be the "A Night on Broadway" Review show, a USO Style Show for Veteran's Day, "A Christmas Carol" complete with a musical finale in December and in March, we will present our spring musical, "The Addams' Family." We continue to grow a community choir and band under the new direction of Stephanie Hawkins! Our Kids' Choir is going strong and will continue to grow this fall. We hope that many of you will join us on Monday evenings at 6:30pm for community choir of send your young people out Mondays at 4pm. Community Choir will start August 27 at 6:30pm and Kids' Choir will start September 10 from 4-5pm. Please let us know if you have questions!

As a Friend of the Arts, you or your business can make an annual contribution to the Pratt Community College Foundation to be used to help fund the music and theatre programs and equipment at Pratt Community College. The College Foundation will provide receipts so that donations can be used as tax deductions. Donation levels are enclosed on an additional page with a form to send in with your donation should you choose to do so. At each concert and production, the Friends of the Arts members will be listed.

If your organization, church or groups would be interested in having one of our groups perform at your event, please contact us. We love to get our students into the community for performances. Dates will fill up fast! It is never too early to book for spring! Together, we can bring fantastic examples of the performing arts to Pratt, Kansas! Your consideration of this opportunity is greatly appreciated! A schedule of our 2018-2019 shows is also attached! Please feel free to give us a call if you have questions!

Sincerely,

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Annual Donation levels:

Producer:	\$1,000 and up
Director:	\$500-999
Star:	\$250-499
Supporting Actor:	\$100-249
Stage Crew:	\$ 24-99

I would like to be a 2018-2019 member of the PCC Friends of the Arts.

Name: _____ **Business:** _____

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Please send this sheet along with your donation to:

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