



THE GREATEST SHOW IN FORT WORTH 2021 VIRTUAL GALA REPORT

On April 9, 2021, Texas Center for Arts + Academics hosted our first ever virtual gala, "The Greatest Show in Fort Worth." This year looked quite different than galas in the past, and what better a way to cap off our 75th year of arts and education in Fort Worth than by bring technical innovation to a spring staple! Thank you to all who joined us and supported our special event, schools and programs.

Streaming the gala from our respective homes, it was a night of closeness for our TCA+A community. Kicking off with a vibrant opening number featuring esteemed alumni and current students, our ringleader set the tone for eight interviews and more than a dozen alumni and current student performances. Over the course of the event, we raised more than \$40,000 for our schools and programs ensuring our successful programs can continue and grow.

Thanks to our community of support enabling us to make dreams a reality for over 1,000 students in our schools, premier choirs, and conservatories.

Texas Center for Arts + Academics would like to extend a very special thank you to **Ahmad Simmons, Jay Armstrong Johnson** and **Allison Robinson** for going over and beyond in their contributions to this event by directing, producing, editing and performing. We are in awe of their talent and are grateful for their time and skill they brought to The Greatest Show in Fort Worth.



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*"... We light it up
we won't come down
and the walls can't stop us now
We're watching it come true
its taking over you
this is the greatest show!"*

A GIFT OF REMEMBRANCE

For this gala, the Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts Class of 2007 worked together to raise \$5,000 to honor two classmates who have passed away since graduation 14 years ago. In their choice to give back to current students in ways that have a lasting impact, they have ensured Tate Ellis and Monique Smith's legacies carry on. Thank you, Class of 2007, for such a meaningful and impactful gift.

EVENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



NEW FUNDING FOR OUR PROGRAMS

Donations from individuals, corporate sponsorships, and our recurring donors that fund travel opportunities for our singers, pay for costumes for our actors, install spring floors for our dancers, and supply our visual artists with the tools and materials they need to create beautiful works of art.

Sponsorships	\$34,500
Ticket Donations	\$780
During the Gala	\$1,550
After-Party	\$1750
Auction:	\$2,428

That's **\$41,008** for our schools and programs!

AN EXPANSIVE AUDIENCE



Broadcasting our students' talents to a wide audience while reconnecting with alumni from the classes of 2001-2020 was a real joy. From the onscreen talent you saw to the behind the scenes planning, rehearsals, and choreography that occurred behind the scenes we relied on our community to make this event a possibility.

Estimated Attendees	300+
Devices Connected	130
Watch Parties	17
Alumni Participants	22

Viewers tuned in from **8** states!

INCREASED COMMUNITY SUPPORT

This year has brought remarkable opportunities to connect and reconnect with our communities and families. The community support seen for this event was remarkable!

Individual Donors	42
# of Auction Donations	27
Business Sponsorships	4

This includes **23** first time donors!



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS



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