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DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

3,253 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND DONORS
156 BUSINESS AND FOUNDATION FUNDERS
210 IN-KIND DONORS
413 VOLUNTEER “SPIRITS”

COMMUNITY TICKET PROGRAM

- 68 nonprofit partner organizations
- 1,512 ticket vouchers redeemed

ARTIST ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- 28 Artist Engagement Activities
- 15 masterclasses/workshops/lecture demonstrations
- 10 pre or post-performance discussions/events
- 3 school visits

45% OF PERFORMANCES FEATURED VERMONT ARTISTS

229 PERFORMANCES

116,855 TICKETED ATTENDEES

$51,000 IN DISCOUNTED TICKETS

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Vermont Symphony Orchestra

Mamadou Diabaté

Vermont Symphony Orchestra

Parsons Dance Company

Abow Ibrahim
The Flynn’s educational programs exemplify the themes of joy, curiosity, and belonging. In our community, school-based, and on-site programs, we craft classes and workshops that respond to the hopes and needs of folks of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. In collaboration with community and school partners, and with our talented and dedicated faculty of teaching artists, we create pathways of engagement to and from the Flynn.

33,518
Student Matinée Series tickets

8,846
total subsidized tickets
↑44% SINCE 2016

45
Performances

174
schools attended from 10 counties

202
homeschools attended

“"It’s so great to be able to give students opportunities to listen and interact with diverse characters and stories."”
—Rachel Shusterman, Camels Hump Middle School

707 HOURS of classroom workshops

79 HOURS of educator professional development
↑119% SINCE 2018

72 SCHOOLS visited by teaching artists

4 VISITS from artists-in-residence

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Red Kite Green Mountain collaboration with Chicago Children’s Theatre Company

Flynn teaching artists work with school partners to engage every student

Weeklong Arts for Equity Institute at Clemmons Family Farm

Engaging Active Learners conference with Parsons Dance Company

Free Family Saturday with Tia Fuller

In-school arts integration programs

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BURLINGTON DISCOVER JAZZ FESTIVAL

The 36th annual Burlington Discover Jazz Festival brought 10 days of live music to downtown Burlington. With a history of presenting jazz in unexpected places, this year, festival-goers were again invited to discover new artists and new spaces.

70,000 Attendees
107 Events
38 Venues

131 HOURS OF FREE LIVE MUSIC

The festival welcomed 34 professional bands and 510 student musicians to its free outdoor stages.

Patti LaBelle
Toots and the Maytals
Bobby McFerrin

38 DAYS POP-UP PERFORMANCES CHURCH STREET LOCATIONS
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY
2018–2019

THANK YOU
Please enjoy this recap of the thriving education programs, vibrant performances, and vital community outreach you supported at the Flynn.

CLASSES, CAMPS, & WORKSHOPS

- Bollywood-style Dance
- Latin Jazz Intensive with Ray Vega
- Through the Lens
- Ballet Hispanico
- Flynn Show Choir

125 classes, camps, and workshops offered
1,463 total students
184 scholarships given valued at $31,946

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