



# SPOTLIGHT

*Creating Community Through the Arts!*

## A Message From TACFA's President Tony Wong

The year 2020 should have been the MOST focused year given the year's namesake.... 20/20. Instead, this year has turned out to be the most chaotic year of most of our lives and certainly in the history of TACFA; and we're only through June! TACFA entered this year with so much enthusiasm and excitement. It was going to be the 20th Broadway in the Park production! Who couldn't wait for Wizard of Oz? We had plans to launch a dance program in the schools. And we started off with a rousing successful Kids' Konzert for over 1,100 fourth graders. Mid-March, the world changed. TACFA's world changed. Bottom line was that every foreseeable TACFA program had to be canceled unless it could be re-tooled; only one program was salvaged -- the Barbara Benson Memorial Scholarships. The program chair, Adele Heuer, made it all work remotely. She made lemons into lemonade. The result was wonderful.



Alas, Broadway in the Park could not be re-tooled. We like to think of it as a long postponement to 2021. Kidding aside, Broadway in the Park is so important to TACFA. Broadway in the Park delivers on TACFA's mission -- to promote the arts to the community in an affordable

way. We are committed to finding ways to deliver our 10 other music and art programs, so I hope you will jump in to support our upcoming online auction. During the stay-at-home time, TACFA hosted Cover-Up Tustin! face covering contest in partnership with the City of Tustin. During the recent virtual Tustin Chili Cookoff, we provided a video that was broadcast during the cookoff event. The video was a team effort which included the creative efforts of 14 year old daughter of our board member Allyson, Victoria Damikolas, who was the videographer and editor. She did a great job.

## TACFA Presents ~ An Artful Auction

### Show Your Heart and Help the Arts

In a normal world, TACFA raises funds for Tustin schools' art and music programs with our Opportunity drawings at Broadway in the Park. Having entered the Twilight Zone instead of Oz this year, there are no Opportunity drawings...or at least not in person! This year, like the rest of the world, we are going virtual. You can preview the variety of extraordinary and unique prizes during the last week in July. This will give you a chance to see what is available and plan your bidding strategy. Then from August 2nd through 8th, when we normally would have held our Broadway in the Park, we will hold the live, week-long auction and raffle. Some items will be up for bid, while others will be included in the raffle. Stay tuned and be looking at TACFA's Facebook Page and Instagram as well as informational emails that will give you a link to this auction. And the best news of all? Every penny that is raised will go to fund art and music programs in our Tustin Unified Schools! It's a win-win, especially when we know our students hold the future to the next generation of artists and musicians! Don't forget to check for an email from TACFA during the last week of July! This will give you a link to the auction website and allow you to preview the amazing auction items available! Not on our email list? Go to TACFA.org and click on the purple "Contact Us Now" box, complete it to get all of the latest updates.



## Kid's Konzert Drums Up Future Musicians



On January 31st of this year, nearly 1,100 TUSD fourth graders were met by twenty-three TACFA and ENCORE volunteers as their buses arrived for our annual Kids' Konzert at Beckman High School. TACFA underwrites the cost to transport these students to Beckman High School's Performing Arts Center for two 1-hour concerts highlighting the talents of the Beckman Orchestra, conducted by Jim Kollias, as well as the Beckman Wind Ensemble, led by Matt Bausman. Kids' Konzert is a program designed with young students in mind as they learn about various sections and instruments of band and orchestra, concert manners, and the prospects for entering the musical programs as they enter middle and high schools in Tustin Unified. The orchestra played several fun and engaging selections from Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, *Rey's Theme* from the *Star Wars* movie series, and *Felix's Mendelssohn's String Sinfonia*. The Wind Ensemble continued with *Avenger's Endgame*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and *Guardians of the Galaxy*. A big surprise descended upon the students as Beckman's prestigious drumline marched down both sides of the performing arts center. Students sat entranced as they listened to the powerful drumbeats and clever arrangement of the marching band's talented drumline!



## Broadway in the Park



So much has changed in the last 20 years. In the year 2001 gas was \$1.46 a gallon, no one had heard of Covid-19, Zoom meetings, social distancing or Broadway in the Park. Having to cancel what was to be our 20th show was extremely disappointing, but it also gave us the time to look back on all that has taken place since our very first Broadway in the Park. Much like the year 2020, it has been one heck of a ride. Since the year 2001, close to 80,000 audience members have sat under the stars to enjoy the magic of a Broadway musical. 389 songs have been performed by more than 500 different actors, 16 of whom sung while flying above the stage strapped to a harness. We have had twice as many pirates on stage as nuns, two dozen gangsters, only one king and not a single princess. We have had one real dog, an actor dressed as a dog, a crocodile, a President as well as a man-eating plant. It is beginning to look like Broadway in the Park and the year 2020 have a lot in common. Although there have been many changes over the years, there is one thing that has not changed, our commitment to our mission. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the sponsors, audience members and volunteers who have supported our mission and made Broadway in the Park possible. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

## 2020 TACFA Donors!

The Tustin Area Council For Fine Arts would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the following individuals and businesses for their donations. Their loyal support allows TACFA to continue our mission of *creating community through the arts*. Please join us in thanking each name listed below for their outstanding contributions to our community and the arts!

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## Barbara Benson Memorial Scholarship Recipients



On May 20 and 21, 2020 TACFA honored the seven Barbara Benson Memorial Scholarship recipients with a car caravan to deliver individualized yard signs, balloons, a certificate, and treats. The Barbara Benson Memorial Scholarship supports graduating seniors who will major or minor in the arts and seek a career in the arts. This year's judges were: Karen Akashi, retired art teacher, Betty Carle, TACFA board member, Emma Foss, former Barbara Benson Scholarship winner and owner of Brushstrokes, and Judith Ramazinna, retired art teacher.



**Caleb Dehn** from Foothill High School specializes in instrumental music and composition. He plans on attending the University of Southern California to double major in Choral Music and Biophysics. He hopes to be a classical composer and conduct at the university level.



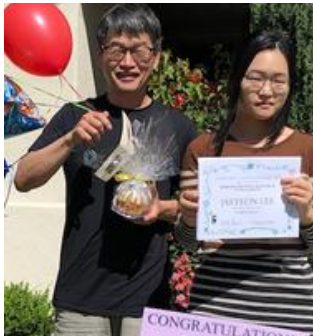
**Hannah Kim**, a film student at the Orange County High School of the Arts, will attend Harvard University with a double major in Government and Art Film & Visual Studies. She is passionate about filmmaking and advocacy. After graduating will pursue a career creating documentaries and narrative films.



**Nidhi Kumar**, a film student at Beckman High School, plans on attending Chapman University to major in Film Production. Her goal is to work on films she can be proud of and to be on as many films sets as possible.



**Aricia Hwang** from Beckman High School is a stage manager and will attend Cal State Long Beach to major in Technical Theatre. Her goal is a career in design/management of stage productions.



**Jaeyeon Lee**, a visual artist from Beckman High School, will enroll in Laguna College of Art and Design with a major in Game Art and a minor in Animation. Her dream is to work for a game company, in an animation studio, or as a 3D modeler.



**Kimberly Feregrino**, is a graphic designer from Tustin High School. Kimberly will enroll at Santiago Canyon Community College to continue studying Graphic Design. Her career interest is in product advertisement and creating comics. She hopes her joy will help inspire other artists like the ones who inspired her.



**Shannon Moore**, is a musician from Foothill High School. Shannon will attend Riverside City College and major in Music Education. She sees herself doing what she loves, teaching, and plans of becoming a band director at the high school or college level.

## Keeping Tustin Safe

TACFA and Tustin's Park and Recreation department have worked together on many art projects throughout the years. When they asked us to help ensure the health and safety of everyone in the community by encouraging them to wear a mask, we jumped at the chance and the Cover Up Tustin mask contest was born. Each week contestants submitted pictures of themselves or a group, social distancing of course, wearing a mask. The contest ran for four weeks and each week up to six winners received a gift certificate to a local store or restaurant. Contestants ranged in age to one day old to 97 years young. Contestants included beauty queens, politicians, a Jedi Master and even Columbus Tustin himself! Based on the large number of participants, Tustin should be the best protected city in all of Orange County. We thoroughly enjoyed seeing the inspiring and creative masks the community of Tustin created. More importantly we hope TACFA helped in some small way to keep everyone safe.



## Team TACFA

We have once again achieved our goal of having 99% of all donations go directly to one of our 11 programs. We were able to do this through strict fiscal management, along with the hard work and dedication of our board members. We are fortunate that our Encore members have that same level of dedication to our goals and tirelessly volunteer at every TACFA event. This year we were thrilled to welcome 5 exceptional new board members. We are always interested in adding more patrons of the arts to our organization. If you would like to help create community through the arts by joining TACFA, please contact us at [info@tacfa.org](mailto:info@tacfa.org).

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