



# NEWSLETTER

## Alex Haunty's Theater & Arts Fund, Inc.

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### Alex Haunty Receives a National Broadway League Award Star of Touring Broadway

#### Two Surprises

At a special celebration in May 2018, Alex surprised retiring Overture Center President and CEO Ted Dedee with a special gift, a giclée print of Alex's painting, *Take a Bow*. The original was commissioned by the Overture Center and hanging on their wall. He wanted to thank Mr. Dedee for all his support to Alex as an artist.

Mr. Dedee then surprised Alex by presenting him "The Star of Touring Broadway", a national award given by the Broadway League to honor those who have supported and enriched the Broadway Series in their hometowns. Thank you Overture Center for nominating Alex.



*Alex accepted the "Star of Touring Broadway Award" after surprising retiring Overture Center President and CEO Ted Dedee with his own gift of appreciation*

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#### REVENUE 2018

94% Private Donors & Foundation Gifts



\* \$8,223 starting balance carried over for ticket purchases going into the Overture 2018/2019 season.

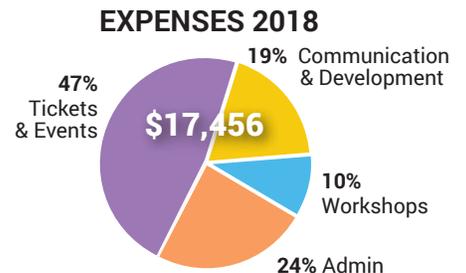
#### Inspiring the Community



*It was a fun day, Dec. 12, 2018, when Alex delivered "Inspiring the Community" to Sandra Gajic, the new President and CEO at the Overture Center. Alex painted this painting because he feels at home at the Overture Center and they embody the word community to him. "We can inspire a lot of people if we work together as a community."*

#### Join Us In This Work

Alex Haunty's Theater & Arts Fund Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and is seeking donations so that more people with disabilities have the opportunity to experience the theater and the arts. To learn more about how you can be involved in this work, visit our website.



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Alex Haunty's Theater and Arts Fund, Inc. (AHTAFI) is a nonprofit organization making a difference by helping create access to the arts for people with disabilities and giving them the opportunity to shine. AHTAFI provides special experiences of premier Broadway shows, and is developing workshops and performance opportunities in art, music and theater.



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## AHTAFI continues to give adults with disabilities a memorable experience with the theater



### Seeing *Les Misérables*

It was a privilege to host more than 25 young adults with disabilities along with their supporters to see a Broadway production of *Les Misérables* at the Overture Center. This is a story of overcoming hardship, extending forgiveness and finding victory. It encouraged everyone. After the show we celebrated with a post-party reception in the Promenade Lounge. It was a full and fun Sunday afternoon at the theater.

### *The Nutcracker*

Nothing helps celebrate the holidays as well as going to see *The Nutcracker* at the Overture Center. We hosted the Inspiring Hope Ministry workshop participants and their supporters to this popular, ageless ballet of dreams with a fantastical display of beauty and color.



### *American in Paris*

Fifty young adults with disabilities along with their supporters enjoyed the fun dancing and singing in *American in Paris* at the Overture Center. In a post-party reception (sponsored by Ed Deutschlander, CEO - North Star Resource Group) several of the actors came and did a talk back session with us. They answered many questions like how they got started and what was it like travel with the show.



## Sing! Stomp! Act!

### IHM Workshops Continue to Stir Excitement

2018 was our second year to partner with Inspiring Hope Ministries, inviting adults with disabilities to come to pilot workshops where they have fun learning to sing, dance, draw, and do theater and improv. We typically help host an eight-week workshop in the Spring and another one in the Fall. Since we went to see *American in Paris* at the Overture, we learned songs from the show and colored all kinds of pictures depicting scenes telling the story.

We have found that the workshops not only provide lighthearted fun, but they also help build communication and developmental skills. Parents have reported that our young adults grew in being able to communicate at home in their typical circumstances after participating in our workshops.