



Alex Haunty's Theater & Arts Fund, Inc.

THE STORY BEGINS

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2011

- June - Alex graduated from Middleton High School and received the "I See You Award" from the Zeiman Corporation because of his involvement in Best Buddies. With the award, Alex took his class of special education students and teachers to see **Beauty and The Beast** at the Overture Center for the Arts.



*Taking friends to **Beauty and The Beast***

- September - Alex started painting with Cathy Ostrom and painted "Flowerworks" for his mother.
- December - Middleton Times Tribune published an article about Alex starting his Theater Arts Fund.



*Flowerworks
by Alex Haunty*

2012

- December - Alex held his first art show at the Prairie Café, selling his art to take students from Best Buddies to a Broadway show at Overture Center for the Arts.

2013

- March - Alex took 60 students and peer buddies from Best Buddies at Middleton High School to see **Mary Poppins** at Overture Center for the Arts.
- April - Alex started his own art business InspiringArtByAlex.com.
- May - Alex received a commission from Overture Center for the Arts to do a painting for their 10th anniversary as a gift to say thank you to the Frautschi's for their gift to the community.
- August - Alex became a student in the Cutting Edge Program at Edgewood College.



*Best Buddies going to see **Mary Poppins***



*Taking Cutting Edge friends to **Sister Act***



*Alex with his **Take a Bow** painting, commissioned by the Overture Center for the Arts*

2014

- January - Alex took 35 students/staff from the Cutting Edge Program to see **Sister Act** at Overture Center for the Arts.
- January - Alex was the focus of a front page article in the Wisconsin State Journal about his artwork and giving project.
- April - Alex received the 2014 Self Advocacy Award from The ARC of Dane County.
- September - Alex presented his "Take a Bow" painting, commissioned by Overture Center for the Arts to honor Jerome Frautschi and Pleasant Rowland. The painting now hangs in the administrative offices of Overture Center for the Arts.

ABOUT ALEX

Artist! Speaker! Advocate! College Student! Employee! Alex Haunty is an artist with a big heart to love people, paint happiness and bring life to everyone around him. While living with a cognitive disability, Alex uses his unique challenges as a springboard to achieve his dreams and has become a source of inspiration for many. Known for his bright whimsical colors, Alex paints originals using acrylic on canvas that are then printed as giclee' prints, posters and cards. With the proceeds from his art sales, Alex donates a significant portion to his nonprofit, Alex Haunty's Theater and Arts Fund, Inc., to buy tickets for people with disabilities to see Broadway shows. In 2015, Alex received the Outstanding Young Philanthropist Award from the Greater Madison Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals WI.



2014 (cont'd)

- September - Alex was featured in the 2014 Overture Center for the Arts Annual Report for being responsible for taking students with disabilities and caregivers to Broadway shows.
- November - Alex took 65 students with disabilities and mentors to **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** at Overture Center for the Arts.
- November - Alex Haunty's Theater and Arts Fund, Inc. became an official 501(c)(3) nonprofit.



*Taking friends and mentors to **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat***

2015

- January - Alex Haunty's Theater and Arts Fund, Inc. (AHTAFI) held its first official board meeting with Alex as the founder and ex-officio board member.
- Spring - Alex received a commission from UW Health and American Family Children's Hospital to paint six large paintings.



Alex with Ted DeDee, President of the Overture Center for the Arts with the 2015 Outstanding Young Philanthropist award

- February - Alex was the keynote speaker at a Grafton, WI High School meeting for parents and community groups that help support students with special needs.
- March - Alex was a guest artist and speaker for Edgewood High School's Fine Arts Week.
- July - Alex spoke with Tom Haunty for North Star Resource Group's Summer Meetings, on Igniting PASSION through Attitude and Activity. Alex was chosen as the Most Valuable Presenter of the two day conference.
- October - Alex was the keynote speaker at the Wisconsin Transition Improvement Grant (TIG) 2015 Statewide Transition Academy Convention.
- November - Alex received the 2015 Outstanding Young Philanthropist award from the Greater Madison Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals WI.

2016

- March - Alex was the keynote speaker at the Beaver Dam, WI Community Integration Conference.
- May and June 2016 Alex is taking 150 young adults with disabilities to **The Lion King** on three different nights at Overture Center for the Arts.



Alex also raises money for AHTAFI through additional art shows and speaking engagements each year. Alex commonly participates in these annual events:

June

Downtown Middleton Business Association event, Summer Kick Off, *art exhibitor*

July

Very Special Arts Booth at Madison's Art Fair On the Square, *art exhibitor*

August

Art in Mill Park in Paoli, WI, *art exhibitor*
Good Neighbor Fest in Middleton, *art exhibitor*

October

TIG Conference, (Transition Improvement Grant) Conference, *art exhibitor*

November

Wisconsin Self Determination Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI, *art exhibitor*

December

Creating for Causes, Art Fundraiser for MOM's Food Pantry, *art exhibitor*



How you can be involved in this work

Alex Haunty's Theater & Arts Fund Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and is seeking donations. To learn more about how you can be involved in this work, visit our website at:

alexhauntytheaterandartsfund.org

Alex Haunty's Theater and Arts Fund, Inc. (AHTAFI) is a non-profit organization that promotes access to the arts for people with disabilities through an integrated arts community model. AHTAFI provides special experiences of premier Broadway shows, and is moving to develop workshops and performance opportunities in art, music and theater where individuals with disabilities are able to shine.