



Hubbard Street launches DreamTix ticket access program serving over 1,300 Chicago Public School students during its Spring Series performances.

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CHICAGO – Hubbard Street Board Chair Sara Albrecht and Kathryn Humphreys, the company's Director of Youth, Education and Community programs, are proud to announce the successful launch of Hubbard Street's new ticket access for Chicago Public School students and guardians, DreamTix, during its Spring Series performances March 16–19 at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance.

Over 1,300 CPS students, teachers, and guardians received free tickets to Hubbard Street's Spring Series from 63 Chicago Public Schools. City of Chicago Mayor, Rahm Emanuel, welcomed the DreamTix patrons at the opening night performance on Thursday, March 16 and Kathryn Humphreys, Hubbard Street Director of Youth, Education, and Community Programs held an Educator's Night in conjunction with the launch of DreamTix to announce the School and Community programming for the 2017-2018 school year.

In the fall of 2016, the organizers of the Chicago Dancing Festival announced that the festival was permanently coming to a close, after ten years of offering free dance performances that reached nearly 200,000 attendees. Hubbard Street Dance Chicago recognized this as an opportunity for our organization to fill the void being left by the festival's closure, particularly for young audiences throughout Chicago. DreamTix was piloted during Hubbard Street's Season 39 Fall Series. During the pilot, DreamTix was offered to all CPS schools that Hubbard Street partners with via our Youth, Education, and Community Programs. The pilot program proved to be a success, with over 150 attendees from 10 schools. During Hubbard Street's Spring Series DreamTix officially launched offering over 400 tickets per performance, open to all CPS students.

Over the course of a year, Hubbard Street expects to serve over 6,400 patrons through the DreamTix program. Hubbard Street will continue to offer DreamTix during the Season 39 Summer Series at the Harris Theater June 8–11, 2017.

Says Board Chair Sara Albrecht: "We are very excited to be able to engage with a new and wider audience through DreamTix to provide additional arts experiences to Chicago Public School students."

Says Kathryn Humphreys: "DreamTix allows us to connect students and families across Chicago to our performance programs year-round. We're excited to add this much needed access to professional dance to our nationally recognized roster of dance education initiatives, reaching an additional 6,000 students annually."

The full list of schools that received DreamTix for the Spring Series includes Hamline Elementary School, James Ward Elementary School, Lincoln Park High School, Spry Community Links High School, McAuliffe Elementary School, Belding Elementary, Coonley Elementary, Alice L. Barnard Elementary School, Nathan S. Davis Elementary School, Columbia Explorers Academy, Avalon Park Elementary School, George Rogers Clark Elementary School, Carnegie Elementary School, Von Steuben Metropolitan High School, Murphy Elementary School, Hitch Elementary School, Parker Community Academy, Jamieson Elementary School, Shields Middle School, Faraday Elementary School, Foreman High School, DuBois Elementary School, Hubbard High School, Curie Metropolitan High School for the Performing Arts, Talcott Fine Arts and Museum Academy, Vaughn Occupational High School, Pilsen Academy, King Academy of Social Justice, McCormick Elementary School, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School, Solorio Academy High School, Lloyd Elementary School, Leif Ericson Scholastic Academy, Inter-American Magnet School, Owen Scholastic Academy, Daniel Hale Williams Academy, William H. Ryder Math & Science Specialty School, Telpochcalli Elementary School, Johnson School of Excellence, Calmecca Academy of Fine Arts and Dual Language, Gage Park High School, Ogden International High School, Rosario Castellanos Elementary School, Ravenswood Elementary School, Dr. Jorge Prieto Math and Science Academy, John W. Gary Elementary School, Sawyer Elementary School, Ruggles Elementary School, J.N. Thorp Elementary School, William H. Brown School of Technology, Mariano Azuela Elementary School, Doolittle Elementary School, Carrie Jacobs Bond Elementary School, Michele Clark Academic Preparatory Magnet High School, Murray Language Academy, John A. Walsh Elementary, Farragut Career Academy, Lindblom Math and Science Academy, Richardson Middle School, and Sutherland Elementary School.

About Hubbard Street

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago's core purpose is to bring artists, art and audiences together to enrich, engage, educate, transform and change lives through the experience of dance. Celebrating Season 39 in 2016-17, under the artistic leadership of Glenn Edgerton, Hubbard Street continues to innovate, supporting ascendant creative talent while presenting repertory by internationally recognized living artists. Hubbard Street has grown through the establishment of multiple platforms alongside the Lou Conte Dance Studio – now in its fifth decade of providing a wide range of public classes and pre-professional training – while extensive Youth, Education, Community, Adaptive Dance and Family Programs keep the organization deeply connected to its hometown. Visit hubbardstreetdance.com for artist profiles, touring schedules, and much more.

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