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Lundstrum Performing Arts Announces Northside Strong Performing Arts Scholarship

Fall Class Sessions run September 9–November 19, 2023. See the musical theater production of *Anything Goes*, on August 4-6, 2023. For tickets and class registration visit *Lundstrum.org*

Minneapolis, MN — Starting in July 2023, more than \$325,000 will be provided to Northside students for **performing arts scholarships** to train at **Lundstrum Performing Arts**, Minnesota's premier educational program for dance, voice and drama.

Located in North Minneapolis at 1617 North Second Street off West Broadway, Lundstrum's scholarship program ensures that any student who lives on the Northside can take classes for a pay-what-you-can rate. Students who live in North Minneapolis, Near North, Golden Valley, Brooklyn Center or Robbinsdale are eligible to receive a scholarship that can cover up to the full cost of classes. No student is turned away because of financial reasons. Parents or students who want to know more can visit <u>lundstrum.org/northside-strong-scholarships</u>. Funds for Northside Strong Scholarship program were raised during Lundstrum's recent Gala with contributions specifically for Northside students to access classes.

The summer class session runs through August 6, 2023, and the fall session runs September 9 – November 19, 2023. Registrations are being accepted at *Lundstrum.org* or by calling 612-521-2600. Scholarship funding can be applied to all classes, including *Sing & Dance* (ages 4-8), *Performing Arts Workshop* (ages 8-14), Hip Hop (ages 8-13), and others. The scholarship process is easy and integrated into the regular online form. Once a student from the Northside applies, they'll be contacted about a specific aid amount according to their need. Lundstrum is committed to serve all students regardless of financial circumstances.

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Bella, a student who currently benefits from Lundstrum's scholarship program, started song and dance classes when she was three. "I was really shy. I didn't talk to anybody," the now confident teenager recalls, "Lundstrum has always been a support and a rock for me."

Removing financial barriers from performing arts training means more young people will have access to the power of the arts. "Lundstrum Performing Arts is a symbol of quality, of the transformative capacity of the human spirit in the life of a child," commented Don Samuels, Northside Leader.

Lundstrum is acclaimed for its rigorous, yet fun, training programs that yield results. Previous Lundstrum students include performers who have gone on to perform on Broadway in New York City and other prestigious national stages such as **Maria Briggs** (Broadway's *Cats, Frozen, Hello Dolly, Anastasia* and *Music Man*).

Anyone interested in seeing performances featuring Lundstrum's Northside students can purchase tickets to see this upcoming production:



Anything Goes

With music and lyrics by Cole Porter, this Tony award-winning musical is a fun-filled romp across the Atlantic as two unlikely pairs set sail for true love. An evangelist turned nightclub singer, a lovelorn stockbroker wooing a lovely debutante, the debutante's British Lord fiancé and a gangster disguised as a minister all turn up on a luxury cruise liner to sing, dance and romance. Catch some of musical theater's most memorable standards, including "I Get a Kick out of You," "You're the Top," "It's De-lovely," and of course, "Anything Goes." Director Peggy O'Connell, Music Director Casey Rafn, Choreographer Julianne Mundale

- Friday, August 4, 7 p.m.
- Saturday August 5, 4 p.m.
- Sunday, August 6, 4 p.m.

More info. and tickets at https://lundstrum.org/anything-goes-show



Lundstrum Performing Art's mission is to cultivate a love and knowledge of the performing arts so that young people will discover their unique gifts, develop their depth of character, and imagine new possibilities for their lives, ensuring access for all students through scholarship support. Since 2000, Lundstrum Performing Arts has proudly served thousands of students from diverse backgrounds. We are committed to serving students in our immediate North Minneapolis neighborhood through on-site programs and school partnerships; currently, 25% of students reside in North Minneapolis. Students of color comprise 40-55% of Lundstrum's student body in any given year, and nearly 40% of students receive financial aid in the form of grants, scholarships and waivers funded by generous gifts from Lundstrum benefactors.

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