

Theatre Arts Festival For Youth



Silly Goose & Val at Samuelson Children's Hospital

TAFFY (Theatre Arts Festival for Youth) is a nonprofit (501c3) organization created by professional artists. Our mission is to enrich and entertain underserved children and families by presenting quality interactive fine arts performances and educational workshops in theatre, music, art, dance, and puppetry for schools, hospitals, libraries, and community groups. TAFFY Presents and TAFFY Talents are all under the TAFFY umbrella.

Our TAFFY has no calories and will not stick to your teeth or the roof of your mouth. But, we do aim to stretch the imaginations of children, particularly those who don't often get to enjoy interacting with live performing artists. TAFFY artists include musicians, storytellers, authors, magicians, puppeteers, artists and children's theatre specialists. Community partners tell us that we build sweet memories.

"[Your artist] connected with every patient and engaged each member of the audience so that they felt important and included."

~ Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, MD

"Our patients had a wonderful time hearing some great music at bedside. Thank you!"

~ Georgetown University Hospital, DC

Our Programs

TAFFY PRESENTS – This program offers a full range of uplifting and life-enhancing performing arts, tailored to match the needs of hospitalized children and underserved populations in schools, libraries, and community shelters. Curriculum supportive programs may focus on literacy, character development and the sciences as each facility requires.

TAFFY TALENTS – This program enlists talented and compassionate students to be artistic role models for less fortunate children. Adult TAFFY artists accompany young artists to these special performances.

Join Us!

TAFFY invites you to support our nationwide (and local) efforts to share the performing arts with families. All programs are donor supported. We are always looking for more partners and performers. Please visit <http://www.taffypresents.org/> for more information.

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Joyce Rouse

"I am immensely grateful for the chance to bring music into the lives of individuals who can benefit in so many ways from arts integration."
 ~ Joyce Rouse



Bill Harley



Sugar Free Allstars

A few TAFFY participating organizations

Arlington Pediatric Center - VA
 Cedar Lane Center School, VA
 Children's Museum of Wilmington - NC
 Children's National Medical Center - DC
 Children's Hospital of Orange County - CA
 CS Motts Children's Hospital - MI
 For The Children Inc. - FL
 Georgetown University Pediatrics - DC
 Kennedy Krieger Institute - MD
 Key Center School - VA
 Kilmer Center School - VA
 Learning Path Academy - FL
 Lombardi Pediatric Cancer Clinic - DC
 Loula V. York Library - FL
 Maryland School for the Blind - MD
 Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital - MD
 NorthStar Academy - VA

Palm Beach Children's Hospital - FL
 Pahokee Elementary School - FL
 Samuelson Children's Hospital at Sinai - MD
 Sarah's House - MD
 Seattle Children's Hospital - WA
 Second Story - VA
 Shelter House - VA
 Shriners Hospitals for Children
 -Philadelphia, PA
 Sophie T. Salvin
 Special Education Center - CA
 The ARC of Palm Beach County - FL
 The Children's Hospital at Palms West - FL
 The Debbie School - FL
 The Lab School of Washington - DC
 The Lord's Place - FL
 Vienna Tiny Tots Village - VA

A few supporting artists and labels

JP Nightingale (TAFFY Founders
 John and Pam Wood)
 Dan Crow
 Katherine Dines
 Patricia Shih
 Sugar Free Allstars
 Alastair Mook
 Bill Harley
 Cathy and Marcy
 Joyce Rouse (Earth Mama)
 Trout Fishing in America
 Terry a la Berry
 Harold Payne
 Valerie Smalkin (ventriloquist) and
 Silly Goose

Jeff Wolf - Stillwater Studios
 Alex Mitnick
 Barry Louis Polisar
 Alina Celeste
 Ziggy the Clown
 Jessica Wagner
 Dana Cohenour
 Laurie Mangold
 Lenny Burridge
 Yosi Levin
 Morgan Taylor (Gustafer
 Yellowgold)
 Turley the Magician

Fred Karam and Janet Love
 Shari MacFarlane
 Phil Kane
 Bruce Anderson
 Marsha Goodman-Wood
 Mike Thorp
 Beth Harris (Kathi's Klowns)
 The Magical Adventures of Teo
 Linda Spitzer (Story Queen)
 Margot Bevington
 Sahffi Lynne
 Noam Brown
 Natalia Maliey
 Joan Leotta

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