



GIVES

STRENGTHENING
COMMUNITIES
THROUGH THEATRE

*Building upon 15 years of
community partnerships and support*



Fox Gives, the newly reimagined community partnerships arm of the Fox Theatre,

extends its mission to preserve and share through innovative programs across Georgia and the Southeast. Evolving from 15 years of impactful work by the Fox Theatre Institute, Fox Gives amplifies its efforts by not only continuing to offer historic preservation expertise, operational guidance, and professional development opportunities but also introducing transformative initiatives like the All-Access Pass and Multiyear Grant Programs.

To date, the Fox Theatre has contributed over \$3.2 million in grants, supporting more than 96 historic theatre restoration projects. Fox Gives builds on this legacy, enhancing support for theatres, preservationists, non-profit partners, educators, students, performers, local government personnel, and arts organizations.

Existing Programs

Single-Year Grant Program
Georgia Presenters
Fox in a Box

New Programs

Multiyear Grant Program
All-Access Pass Program

Impact & Results

\$3.2M grant funding towards
96 historic theatre projects over
the last 15 years

The Fox Theatre's decision to introduce the All-Access Pass and Multiyear Grant Programs, alongside the rebranding of its community partnerships arm to Fox Gives, reflects a strategic evolution aimed at deepening and expanding its impact on the arts in Georgia and the Southeast. This transformation is rooted in an understanding that the challenges facing historic theaters and the arts community today require innovative and comprehensive support.

Fox Gives is designed to address these challenges with targeted initiatives that offer not just financial support, but also educational and vocational opportunities to inspire the next generation of artists, technicians, and arts professionals. These new programs signify the Fox Theatre's commitment to preserving the rich history of these cultural institutions and ensuring their relevance and vitality for future generations.

All-Access Pass Program

Students from Georgia high schools will participate in this academic yearlong program and one of the selected schools will be affiliated with the new Multiyear Grantee.

- The Fox Theatre underwrites the All-Access Pass high school to participate, including show tickets and transportation.
- Our program stresses the importance of students volunteering and being involved with preservation efforts for their local theatre in their own communities.
- Our All-Access Pass program includes a site visit with a Fox Gives staff member in the schools' classrooms.
- The All-Access Pass program students will not only attend the show, but will have the opportunity to explore vocational opportunities in the theatre and film industries with professional experts.
- A post-visit online seminar will take place with Fox Gives staff and students.
- One student per year from the participating high school affiliated with the Multiyear Grantee will be awarded a performing arts scholarship.



"Introducing the All-Access Pass and Multiyear Grant Programs isn't just about keeping our historic theaters shining; it's about flinging the doors wide open for the next wave of creative minds. We're here to give them the keys — the tools, the insights, everything they need — to not just dream about a future in the arts, but to actually build it." — **Leigh Burns, Director, Fox Gives**



All-Access Pass program schools participating in the upcoming academic year include:

- **KIPP Collegiate Academy, Atlanta**
Affiliated with the Grove Park Foundation, a past and current grantee.
- **Rockdale County High School, Conyers**
Affiliated with the Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts, a past grantee and current Georgia Presenter.
- **Hart County High School, Hartwell**
Affiliated with the Hart County Community Theatre, a past grantee and the inaugural Multiyear recipient.

“From our humble beginnings as a struggling non-profit theater, we’ve channeled our preservation mission into a beacon of hope for other historic venues throughout Georgia and nationally. Now, through Fox Gives, we’ve deepened our impact and introduced new programming to empower the next generation of students to discover a career in entertainment.”

— Allan Vella, President & CEO



2023/2024 Multiyear Grant Program

The Multiyear Grant program represents a landmark commitment in our ongoing efforts to preserve and enrich the arts and communities across the Southeast. This year, we're proud to announce an investment of \$500,000 to a single recipient over a 2-4 year period, aimed at not only revitalizing the physical structure of the theater but also bolstering its role within the community and regional economy.

- A pivotal aim of this program is to encourage and assist the recipient in securing matching funds, amplifying the grant's effectiveness and reach.
- Beyond financial assistance, the grantee will benefit from the expertise of Fox Theatre staff as well as guidance from a dedicated architect and contractor to ensure the success of large-scale projects.
- The investment is designed to nurture future audiences, strengthen patron engagement, and address community needs through the promotion of cultural preservation.
- We aim to create a seamless connection between this grant and our educational programs, increasing awareness and creating synergies that enrich the community's cultural landscape.

2023/2024 Awardee Hart County Community Theatre

The historic theatre selected for the Multiyear Grant for the 2023/2024 fiscal year is Hartwell, Georgia. The Hart County Community Theatre will receive an award of \$500,000 over a 2-4 year period to complete major brick and mortar projects at a more than 100-year-old historic building located in downtown Hartwell. The one hundred plus seat theatre, completely volunteer run, hosts numerous self-supported shows per year and is governed by a dedicated board of directors. To learn more about the Hart County Community Theatre, please visit <https://www.hcct.org>.



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