ARTSTREAM'S VIRGINIA CABARET COMPANY PRESENTS:

## COMEALIVE

FEATURING MARK JONES, ALEXX KIPP, ANNA TIERNAN, AMELIA TURKEWITZ, AND ALLIE WELCH

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022, AT 7:30PM SYNETIC THEATER | 1800 S BELL ST, ARLINGTON, VA 22202 MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022, AT 7:30PM FILMED PREMIERE | ZOOM

















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## About **ArtStream**

ArtStream's classes, workshops, and performing companies fuel each student's imagination, creativity, and focus. And that's not all. Students improve communication and social skills and develop friendships. Newly discovered talents and capabilities improve self-esteem, poise, and confidence that extend into their daily lives. All ArtStreamers are valued for their creative contributions. ArtStream's demanding and very entertaining process encourages students to discover their creativity and strengths and perform with confidence!

"My son has many challenges with social situations, and making new friends is very difficult. I see a really positive change in him since he began this ArtStream class! He looks forward to the class and feels comfortable with the teachers. They are fabulous." — Parent of a 20-year-old ArtStream student

## Take a **Performing Class**

ArtStream offers performing arts classes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) — including autism. You do not need to have any acting experience to take a class.

Learn about our current classes or register for an upcoming class today.

Classes: www.art-stream.org/take-a-class

## Join Our Monthly **Super Social Saturdays**

Practice being your best self in a group event setting. Show your skills, be silly, express yourself, practice positive social experiences, and dance!

# Attend a Show



# 2021-2022 PERFORMANCES

#### 2022 Performances

Maryland Cabaret - Fall Company

i Jan. 10, 2022

(D) 7:30pm

AMP by Strathmore

**Alexandria Theatre Companies** 

March 25-27 and March 31-April 2, 2022

(b) Thu. & Fri. at 7:30pm Sat. & Sun. at 2:30pm

Synetic Theater

Virginia Cabaret - Spring Company

i April 25, 2022

7:30pm

Synetic Theater

**Maryland Cabaret - Spring Company** 

May 2, 2022

(b) 7:30pm

**Gaithersburg Theatre Companies** 

May 13-15 & 20-22, 2022

(1) Fri. at 7:30pm

Sat. & Sun. at 2:30pm Bender JCC of Greater Washington

**Silver Spring Theatre Companies** 

iii June 10-12 & 17-19, 2022

© Fri. at 7:30pm Sat. & Sun. at 2:30pm

Silver Spring Black Box Theatre

#### **Video Performances**

Online via Zoom

Maryland & Virginia Cabarets – Fall Companies

© 7:30 pm

Alexandria Theatre Companies

April 14, 2022

① 7:30 pm

Maryland & Virginia Cabarets – Spring Companies

May 23, 2022

© 7:30 pm

**Gaithersburg Theatre Companies** 

i June 15, 2022

① 7:30 pm

**Silver Spring Theatre Companies** 

🗎 June 30, 2022

© 7:30 pm

### **Tickets**

www.art-stream.org (301) 565-4567



Get Involved with Art Stream

### Perform with

**ArtStream** 

Auditions for the Theatre Companies occur in the fall for shows the following spring. Cabaret Companies hold auditions in the fall and winter.

### **Theatre Companies**

Actors develop and perform an original musical. The company votes on a theme, creates original characters, and improvises scenes. Scenes are then scripted to become an original one-act musical. Each performance presents two of these musicals in a double bill before a live audience.

### **Cabaret Companies**

Actors agree on a theme for ensemble music and dance performances, and then each actor works with the choreographer and music director to develop solo and small-group music, dance, or drama performances.

## Requirements to perform

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have participated in at least eight weeks of ArtStream classes in the past two years

#### Reserve your spot

on the audition list by calling ArtStream at (301) 565-4567.

When there is space in the company, we will invite you to join us for an audition.



Bring Art Stream to Your Community

# CLASSES FOR YOUR Community

ArtStream's talented Teaching Artists lead a variety of workshops and classes for groups, schools, and private organizations. Classes are designed for people of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs), including autism. Learning through the arts is empowering. Classes/programs build upon entertaining and demanding games that encourage participants to be creative, to pay attention to others, to listen, to respond, and to engage with others. Classes/programs foster social connections as participants practice communication skills like eye contact, listening, and self-awareness. In the process, participants build their confidence, discover their creativity and strengths, and expand their capabilities and self-awareness. All of this, and more, while having fun!

## **Programs include:**

- ☑ Dance and movement
- ☑ Drama and storytelling
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Musical theatre
- ✓ Self-advocacy
- ☑ Workplace communication
- Public speaking

Contact ArtStream for more information and to design a class to fit your organization's needs. You can reach Program Manager Rachael Sutherland at r.sutherland@art-stream.org or 301-830-4588

"As a parent and professional in the field of developmental disabilities, ArtStream is one of my favorite programs to witness and collaborate with. Attendees are more comfortable with a variety of communication partners across all settings. Even our nonverbal friends benefit from ArtStream programming, as I've heard two young adults speak for the first time during an ArtStream class. My face hurt from smiling!! Thank you, ArtStream."

— Jenn Lynn, Executive Director, Upcounty Resources (UCR)

# Support Avt Stream



## **Donate**

Tuition and ticket sales cover less than half of the cost of ArtStream's programs. Your donations make it possible for actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) — including autism — to perform on stage, feel empowered and respected, and actively engage in our communities.

- ▼ \$75 funds a full costume for one Theatre Company actor.
- \$300 underwrites a public speaking workshop for self-advocacy and pre-employment skills.
- \$1,000 sponsors an eight-week class such as Broadway Song & Dance, Shakespeare, Directing & Design.

Donate: www.art-stream.org/donate or mail a check to: ArtStream | PO Box 75090 | Chicago, IL 60675-5090

## Volunteer

Volunteers ages 13+ are needed to help in classes, backstage, and onstage.

Volunteers are eligible for Student Service Learning (SSL) hours, and ArtStream looks great on college applications!

Groups and families are welcome.

Volunteer: www.art-stream.org/who-we-serve/volunteer/

## **Advertise**

To include your ad in our programs, please contact ArtStream.

Advertise: c.palmore@art-stream.org or visit our website www.art-stream.org/advertise-with-artstream

# COME ALIVE Director's Note

Each season we find new people to work with, new challenges to face and new connections being made. Though it is sad to see another Cabaret season coming to an end (we always have too much fun), it means we get to revel in another set of great performances. As we get closer to those SUMMER NIGHTS we long for that nostalgia and comfort of things we know and love, and this season's performances fit that bill. The performers' hard work is LIKE A PRAYER to our hearts leading us all closer to a spectacular night of entertainment, YOUR MOTHER SHOULD KNOW how their dedication and delight in the moment help them surmount THE CLIMB through the moments of BLUES AND PURPLES to reach their goal. We are no DUMBOs; we know that we could keep perfecting our crafts but, BABY MINE, there sure is a feeling that ANYTHING YOU CAN DO, I can do too! We are like DANCING QUEENs freeing our spirits among the TREES. We will not stay silent as a CHAPLIN film, but rather want to share with you precisely how much GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN and we have such pride in seeing how they progress, and how each actor has COME ALIVE!

We hope you take pleasure in this evening's amusements and take a little piece of that joy on with you after the night is over. Thank you for supporting our actors through the journey to tonight's performance of COME ALIVE!

~Emilia O'Connor, Director

## **Tonight's Performance**

- Summer Night (from Grease)
   written by Jim Jacobs and
   Warren Casey
   performed by the Company
- Like a Prayer
   written by Madonna and
   Patrick Leonard
   performed by Allie Welch
- Your Mother Should Know written by Paul McCartney and John Lennon performed by Alexx Kipp
- The Climb written by Jessi Alexander and Jon Mabe performed by Anna Tiernan
- 5. Blues and Purples
  Original poem written and
  performed by Amelia Turkewitz
- 6. Dumbo Scene/Baby Mine written by Helen Aberson-Mayer, Harold Pearl, Dick Huemer, and Joe Grant performed by Mark Jones and Company

- 7. Anything You Can Do,
  I Can Do Better
  (from Annie Get Your Gun)
  written by Irving Berlin
  performed by the Company
- 8. Dancing Queen (from *Mamma Mia!*) written by Benny Andersson, Stig Anderson, and Björn Ulvaeus performed by Anna Tiernan
- Trees written by Sgt. Joyce Kilmer performed by Mark Jones
- Nonsense Song
   originally written and
   performed by Charlie Chaplin
   performed by Amelia Turkewitz
- 11. Girls Just Want to Have Fun written by Robert Hazard performed by Allie Welch
- 12. Keepin' It Real written by Shaggy, Rik Rok, Shaun Pizzonia, and Gordon Dukes performed by Alexx Kipp
- 13. Come Alive
  (from The Greatest Showman)
  written by Benj Pasek and
  Justin Paul
  performed by the Company

#### **Production Team**

Director: Emilia O'Connor

Assistant Director/Choreographer:

Ricky Drummond

Music Director: Andy Hunt Mentor: Kimberly Dupont Theatre and Events Manager: Sarah Sandifer

#### Cast

Kimberly Dupont\* Mark Jones Alexx Kipp Anna Tiernan Amelia Turkewitz Allie Welch

\*Indicates Mentor

# MEET THE CAST AND CREW OF Just Phenomenal!



#### Kimberly Dupont (Mentor)

Kim has been an avid fan of ArtStream since 2011 when she attended performances for Happily Ever After from the Alexandria Theater Company. With her life-long love of theatre and music, she hasn't missed an ArtStream Theatre Company performance since that year! Kim volunteered yearly to support her brother and other Special Olympic Athletes at the county and state levels during high school and college. As a military spouse, Kim worked as a speech-language pathologist in schools from Washington to New York, directed school theater productions, and taught second and third grades in Germany for the Department of Defense Schools. She is currently a special education program manager with Fairfax County Public Schools. Kim is thankful for the opportunity to be a part of such an amazing Cabaret team!



## **Ricky Drummond** (Assistant Director/Choreographer)

Ricky is a director, actor, and playwright from Washington, D.C. He has been fortunate to work at The Kennedy Center, Signature Theatre, 1st Stage, The Keegan Theatre, Rorschach Theatre, NextStop Theatre, and many other D.C. area companies. The production of *Legally Blonde* that he directed at The Keegan Theatre was nominated for seven 2019 Helen Hayes Awards, including Best Director and Best Production of a Musical. He's also written two full-length musicals and numerous short plays.



**Andy Hunt** (Music Director)

R. Andrew Hunt (also known as Andv Hunt) has been writing songs since 1982. His music is influenced by a wide variety of styles and his lyrics cover a range of topics, emotions and storytelling. Andy got his first acoustic guitar from a Portland, Oregon pawnshop for his 18th birthday in 1981. He had it converted to a lefty guitar, and that began a lifelong journey of making music and songwriting. Over the years Andy has performed his songs as a solo artist and with many bands on the west and east coast. As much as he would have liked to explore a full-time music career from his youth, after college, Andy chose the steady work of a career as a professional social worker. All the while, he continued to write and play music "on the side." In 2021. And retired from a 30-year career as a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service.



#### Mark Jones (Actor)

Mark Jones is a 35-year-old actor from Arlington, Virginia. His first acting experience was performing with his twin sister Emily and older brother Evan for their parents and grandparents. He joined ArtStream in 2008 and has played characters from a soccer player to an evil prince to a police chief. Mark is active in Special Olympics soc-cer and basketball. Mark works at the Blossom Café in Oakton, and on Saturdays he volunteers at the Arlington Central Library children's room. His favorite activity is playing with his little niece and nephew. He also enjoys watching classic movies. "Thank you to my friends and family who came to see our Cabaret."



#### **Alexx Kipp (Actor)**

Alexx Kipp is a 27-year-old performer and life-long resident of Arlington, Virginia. This is his fourth time performing with ArtStream Cabaret! Alexx has been performing since fourth grade and has enjoyed singing and piano ever since. Alexx is a big fan of classic rock, especially The Beatles. He enjoys walking, listening to music, and going to museums. "I want to thank the whole ArtStream team for helping us put this show together."



#### Emilia O'Connor (Director)

Emilia has worn practically every theatre "hat": actor, director, assistant director, teaching artist, stage manager, vocal coach, and stage technician. She started her theatre career at an early age with BAPA's Imagination Stage. She began her theatre studies at NYU with the Playwrights Horizons Studio where she completed her two-year primary studio training. Emilia earned a BA in Theatre from the University of Maryland. Eventually, Emilia would return to Imagination Stage as an employee and discover a love for working with students who have special needs.

Since then, Emilia has earned a MA in Education and Human Development from George Washington University with a focus in Transition Special Education and works as a special education teacher with Montgomery County Public Schools.

Emilia has a conversational ability in ASL and fluency in Spanish. With ArtStream, she teaches classes in voice, music and movement, drama, and musical theatre; and directs the Virginia Cabaret Companies.



#### Anna Tiernan (Actor)

Anna Tiernan is a 22-year-old actor from Arlington, Virginia. This is Anna's fourth performance with ArtStream. Anna is employed at Jake's Ice Cream shop in Falls Church, Virginia, and invites you to stop by to support this small business that employs many adults with special needs. Anna enjoys music, watching The Voice on TV, riding her bike, and playing baseball with the Challengers of Arlington Little League. She is a huge fan of the Washington Nationals and Washington Capitals. Anna also participates in Our Stomping Ground, Best Buddies Citizens Program, and Young Life Capernaum in Arlington. "I love being a part of this Cabaret! Thank you to the ArtStream staff and my fellow Cabaret performers. Love to my family and friends. You're the best!"



#### Amelia Turkewitz (Actor)

Amelia is a veteran ArtSteam performer. She recently moved back to Virginia from South Carolina after six years of living there. This is her first year In ArtStream's Cabaret. Amelia's love for theater has grown over the years, and she is fond of classic movies. Some of her favorite classic movie actors are Charlie Chaplin, Cary Grant, The Marx Brothers, and Buster Keaton. Her other passions are cooking, tennis, boxing and dancing. "I have grown so much as a person and made many friends throughout my time in ArtStream."



#### Allie Welch (Actor)

This is Allie Welch's fourth performance with Cabaret. She is so excited to be back on stage. Allie's past performances have included numbers from *The Sound of Music, Annie,* and *Grease*. Allie is a graduate of lyymount and is now studying at George Mason University. She enjoys listening to music, dancing, swimming, and following college basketball. She wishes her fellow performers good luck and hopes you enjoy the show.



# THANK YOU for coming to see our

Virginia Cabaret Company's performances!



Congratulations to ArtStream for its success and thanks to all the actors, directors, mentors, stage crew, choreographers, costume designers, musicians and everyone who has made this success possible.

ArtStream's success is your success. Matthew has loved every role he has acted over the last 13 years and is excited to see who he will be in 2020!

## —The McMeekin Family



Old Green Eyes in "Saving the Starlight", 2007
A Swimming Jock in "Fast Times at Woolsey High", 2008
James Beard-Childs in "It's a Wonderful Pie", 2009
Prince Robin the Brave in "Once Upon a Time – Again", 2010
Albert (a film maker) in "That 60's Play", 2011
Kristoff McLawyer in "Dairy She Wrote", 2012
Dr. McKelvey, DDS in "Goldfall", 2013
Big T in "Great Scott", 2014
Coach Joe, the bobblehead, in "The Lost Toys", 2015
Geoffery, the Jester in "It's About Time", 2016
Thunder Tree in "To Enchantia", 2017
Professor Why in "To-may-to, To-mah-to", 2018
Emcee Dion in "The Magic Within", 2019
Uncle Albert in "Prom's the Word", 2020-2021
McFirefly in "Inclusia", 2022



In Memory of Judith Pauley (pictured above with her husband, Joseph Pauley), mother of actor Cecelia Pauley. We will always remember Judy, a passionate, visionary woman and mother, who made this world a better place, not just for Cecelia, but for us all.



Thank you to Artstream for all your hard work. We love the program and are so glad Chris can be a part of it!

—The Pagonis Family



Alex is a proud member of the creative, collaborative ArtStream community!



Congratulations to the Virginia Cabaret Company actors for an amazing show!

We know your talent and hard work will be rewarded with great performances.

**GO ARTSTREAMERS!** 

Megan, Mike, and Ellen Cooper



## Alex:

You're not just a great friend • •

an intrepid explorer.







adorable, and adored

you're definitely going places and taking us all along for the ride!
Where will you and your ArtStreamers take us all this coming year? Wherever that is, we'll be right behind you. All of you.

## THANK Y U



Thank you to all of ArtStream's Teaching Artists for their creativity and dedication!

Your hard work helps our ArtStream students find their voices and excel!

—The Bradley Family



# Congratulations to our favorite ArtStream actor!

With love from Frank, Molly, and Jane Myers



since our first show in 2007











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ArtStream's Gala and Dance Party October 16, 2022

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