



The mission of
 Sharron Miller's Academy
 for the Performing Arts (SMAPA)
 is to provide inclusive,
 comprehensive developmental
 training in dance and
 related theatre arts to children,
 teens, and adults without
 regard to racial or cultural ethnicity
 or economic background.
 SMAPA's philosophy of teaching
 focuses on exploring and nurturing
 the creative possibilities within
 every student and is designed
 to develop the whole person by
 building skills, stimulating creativity,
 and fostering self-discipline
 and self-esteem.



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Please consider giving the gift of the arts to a child! It can be life changing.

Sharron Miller's Academy for the Performing Arts (SMAPA) is launching a 2 month campaign to raise \$50,000 to provide scholarships for children who need financial assistance. Educating children is our commitment, responsibility and priority. We have never denied a request for scholarship support since we began our academy thirteen years ago.

During these challenging economic times, requests for scholarships have increased. However, we too have felt the effect of the downturn and have significantly cut our operating expenses to meet the overwhelming requests for assistance for the past two years.

Why are our programs in dance and related theater arts important? Educators and funders have recognized and supported SMAPA's programs due to positive outcomes which are directly correlated to children's academic achievements. The discipline of the arts stimulates creativity and inspires learning, aids in the development of organizational and listening skills, and

increases a child's ability to focus and work cooperatively together, while gaining self-discipline, self-esteem and self-confidence. These life shaping experiences apply to whatever path they choose to follow.

We have wonderful success stories. Many of our graduates, including our scholarship students, have gone on to college as dance and theater majors or embarked on careers in other professions. They inspire us to continue doing what we love to do daily - teach the joy of dance and related theater arts!

We now need your help and are asking families, friends and supporters to contribute to achieve this ambitious and important goal.

Warmest regards,

Sharron Miller
Artistic Director

Rose Cali
President of the Board

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YES! I would like to help.

Levels of giving are:

- Supporters** (up to \$500)
- Friends** (\$500-\$1,000)
- Patrons** (\$1,000-\$5,000)
- Benefactors** (\$5,000-\$10,000)
- Angels** (\$10,000-\$50,000)

Sharron Miller's Academy for the Performing Arts (SMAPA) is a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax-deductible.

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(make payable to SMAPA, Inc.)

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**My company has a matching grant program.
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