



CASE STUDY

BRIGHTSTONE

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Summary

BrightStone is a non-profit organization in Franklin Tennessee, that provides education and training programs for adults with special needs. In the spring of 2023, BrightStone had the opportunity to attend a dress rehearsal for Independence High School's musical *Big Fish* as part of the Theatre Department's community outreach program. The experience was a memorable one for both the BrightStone students and the high school cast and crew.

After the performance, the BrightStone students met the *Big Fish* cast and crew. They thanked the high school students for the experience and expressed admiration for their hard work and talent. The high school students were touched by the positive feedback and were grateful for the opportunity to share their passion for the arts with the BrightStone students.

Benefit one

The Independence High School students had the opportunity to showcase their skills to a new and enthusiastic audience and to connect with members of the community who they might not have met otherwise.

Benefit two

The BrightStone students gained a deeper appreciation for the arts, and they were able to interact with high school students who shared their love of performing.



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"We feel really blessed that every year we are invited to their dress rehearsal" -Drew Victory

Video Link

<https://youtu.be/OMicIHc5dGQ>



How it Worked

- IHS Theater teachers contacted the event coordinator at BrightStone about a month before and invited them to attend their final dress rehearsal held during the school day.
- Brightstone provided its own transportation to IHS to watch the performance.

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RESOURCES

How can you make this work for your school?



Lessons Learned

- Organizations will come if they are invited. Groups to invite: retirees, adult learning centers, elementary schools and preschools.
- It is easier for some groups to attend daytime performances which is why the final dress rehearsal during the day works so well.
- The meet and greet with the cast was held in the theater so that the school day is not interrupted for other students.

Resources

Fifty Forward

- College Grove
8607 Horton Highway
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615-368-7093
- Martin Center
960 Heritage Way
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