



MAHAIWE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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MISSION

To be the leading year-round presenter of performing arts, film, educational and family programs for the Berkshires and neighboring communities. Through programs of the highest quality in dance, music, theatre and opera, we ensure a diversity of talent on the stage and screen of our beautifully restored historic theater. Our goal is to present a variety of programs that appeal to all ages and interests, at ticket prices affordable to our community.

HUMANITIES EXPERTISE

Mahaiwe education programs offer world-class theatrical experiences to students from throughout the tristate region, providing both in-school workshops and residencies, and live performances of dance, theater, and music at the theater as field trip events. An important component of the Mahaiwe mission is to support the community by incorporating arts and humanities into *education outreach*.

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HUMANITIES RESOURCES & PROJECTS

PROGRAMS

- K-12 programs include bringing early childhood literacy to life (based on classic children's books) and addressing complex social issues. Question and Answer dialogues with the audience are often included.
- Mahaiwe has also created several story-sharing programs in recent years, including *South County Stories*; community recordings based on *Story Corps*; and *Great Barrington Heritage Day*.

EVENTS

- *Jabber* engages teens, teachers and parents in meaningful discussions on the judgments and assumptions we make based on each other's perceived differences. This story challenges stereotypes and encourages real conversation around race, religion and identity.
- Written and performed by Leland Gantt and developed at NYC's Actors Studio by Estelle Parsons, *Rhapsody in Black* is a one man show that explores Leland's personal journey to understand and eventually transcend racism in America.

RESOURCES & EXISTING COLLABORATIONS

- The Mahaiwe offers pre-show talks by music and dance historians to describe the background and context of many of our high-definition broadcasts, including the Bolshoi Ballet (in partnership with Jacobs Pillow Dance) and the Met Opera.
- In honor of public service and civic engagement, the Mahaiwe commemorates the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service by promoting opportunities among community-based organizations in Berkshire County who are in need of volunteers.
- In 2016, the Mahaiwe hosted the first Berkshire Summit for Nonprofits with the intention to connect with other nonprofit leaders as they *celebrate* contributions, *share* information, *build* a common knowledge about the county's assets, and *imagine* how they can help solve some of their common challenges.