



CITY OF CLEVELAND  
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# Mayor's Office of Prevention, Intervention and Opportunity for Youth and Young Adults

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## Agenda

### I. Karamu House



## Model Overview

- Karamu's Arts Academy embraces a Sankofa approach to arts education programming in dance, drama, and vocal music that is coupled with elements of literary and visual arts, along with technical theatre training. Sankofa is an African-centered pedagogy that uses the arts to help students understand their connection to the past, building their self-awareness and ability to understand their individual significance and potential as well as their relationship to the group and community.



## 2023 Overview

### Youth Served

- o Based in the Fairfax neighborhood
- o Grades 6-12
- o 30 youth

### Proposed Services

- o Two tracks
  - o Performance (drama, vocal performance and music, dance)
  - o Technical Theatre (stage management, scenic construction, costuming, production management)
- o Culminating Production

### Skills Gained

- o Creativity + Imagination
- o Critical Thinking
- o Professional Communication
- o Adaptability



## 2024 Overview

### Youth Served

- o Based in the Fairfax neighborhood
- o Grades 6-12
- o 24 youth

### Proposed Services

- o Two tracks
  - o Performance (drama, vocal performance and music, dance)
  - o Technical Theatre (stage management, scenic construction, costuming, production management)
- o Culminating Production

### Skills Gained

- o Creativity + Imagination
- o Critical Thinking
- o Professional Communication
- o Adaptability



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