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CIRCLE

all-school arts showcase

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Artwork designed by Elise Dodson,
Media Arts Pathway Student

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Welcome to CIRCLE

OSA and the Greater Oakland Community,

It is an absolute honor to welcome you to this year's CIRCLE program. As an alumna of this life changing school, I am constantly inspired by the unwavering dedication of our students, teachers, and staff. The creativity, passion, resilience, and talent that fills this theater moves me deeply. Each year, we reaffirm that being rooted in downtown Oakland contributes to the visionary spirit of our school, helping to bring vibrancy and stability to the city we all love. Your presence here celebrates the town, supports the artistic journey of our students, and bolsters the boundless commitment of the teachers and staff who support their growth. I am so excited to embark on this journey together as we honor the past, embrace the present, and envision the future. Welcome to CIRCLE!



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OSA Board Chair, Class of 2011

OSA and the Greater Oakland Community,

It is both a privilege and an honor to welcome you all to tonight's show, CIRCLE. OSA is a special place for thousands of students, graduates, teachers, and greater community members alike. Artistic expression is innate to the human spirit, brings remarkable healing power, catalyzes change, and is simply needed now more than ever. Events like tonight's show create memories that will impact our students for a lifetime. As an OSA community we are fortunate to share this gift. I am frequently reminded by the OSA students from the past who circle back to express their gratitude for the opportunity that access to the arts at this level has afforded them. I humbly thank you all for showing up tonight for our students, for Oakland, and for the arts!



Enjoy the show,

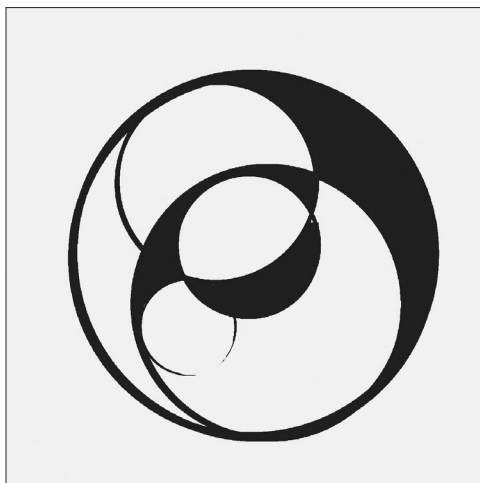
Mike Oz

Executive Director

About the CIRCLE Theme and Designer

Oakland School for the Arts theme for the 2024 to 2025 year is *CIRCLE*. Together, we have been exploring the circle and how it is inherently connected to all aspects of life, creativity, community, art, and academics. Throughout the evening, you will journey through thematic explorations of life cycles, the universe, time traveling, stars, the cosmos, rituals, and relationships.

OSA's branded CIRCLE was designed by Elise Dodson, 10th grade Media Arts Pathway Student. Elise is a Scotland-born California raised artist based in Oakland. Her main artistic pursuits are film, photography, and design, taking inspiration from things that she loves like internet culture, animals,



Original artwork created by Elise Dodson used for the CIRCLE logo design.

and the stars. Elise has worked on numerous projects, mostly within school alongside her classmates, doing camera work, animation, editing, and various other things to tell stories through video.

When Elise was asked what CIRCLE meant to her, the inspiration, and how she interpreted it in her design, she shared, "The main inspiration behind the CIRCLE design was the moon and its phases. The moon is the

greatest circle of all, from full to new, waxing and waning, for all of human history. I aimed to capture the essence of the moon's perpetual cyclicity, as well as its balance of dark and light in my design."

Elise's design has been broadly used this year including in billboard advertisements and apparel. Limited-edition CIRCLE apparel is available in the Fox Theater lobby for sale. A share of the profits go to the student artist.

CIRCLE Sponsors

We'd like to thank the following sponsors who made this event possible.

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Repeat, Tacos Oscar, Trader Joe's, World Famous Hotboys Chicken, and Yoshi's!*



About OSA

OSA MISSION

Oakland School for the Arts prepares its graduates for college and career in their chosen field through specialized and innovative arts education, inspiring students to shape the world with their unique and powerful voices.

OSA VISION

To give the world generations of innovative problem-solvers, creative thinkers, authentic leaders, and ground-breaking artists, all of whom contribute to the local and global communities, demonstrating the essential value of the arts in all that they do.

WHO WE ARE

OSA welcomes students from Oakland and beyond to our unique, vibrant, and diverse community of artists and activists. We are their second home, their place to explore who they are and who they want to be.

We are a tuition-free public charter school located in the Uptown Oakland neighborhood and anchored in the historic Fox Theater Building. We opened our doors in 2002 and currently serve over 800 students in grades 6 to 12 with 114 staff members, of which 74 are faculty members.

Our arts faculty members are all professional, practicing artists deeply engaged in their respective artistic communities. Our curriculum revolves around integration, both between academic subjects and with the arts, providing students unique opportunities for learning, expression, innovation, and personal growth.

EACH OF OUR STUDENTS SELECT AND STUDY IN ONE OF 10 ARTS AND CAREER PATHWAYS:

Media Arts	Fashion Design	Literary Arts
Production Design	Visual Art	Instrumental Music
Theatre	Vocal Music	Dance

Audio Production and Engineering

OSA’s budget and investment in our students is comparable to most other public schools in California with 83% from state and federal grants and contracts and 17% from contributions for our innovative arts and academic education. With a longer school day for high school to integrate the arts, our arts program costs exceed \$4 million annually. This budget includes providing free after-school arts education through our Step it Up Program to OUSD students, in grades 5 through 8, that attend Title 1 schools in Oakland.

How You Can Help

At OSA, art is not optional. To fund a world-class arts education, and other OSA programs like student wellness, we rely on the community and their generosity to make up 17% of our operating budget. We are so grateful to the many OSA families and staff, businesses, foundations, and individuals who contribute every year to invest in the power of an innovative arts education.

Every student at OSA has their own circle story—with the support of OSA’s stellar faculty, their dynamic peers, and donors like you— they can grow into the fullness of their self- expression.

Please consider making a contribution to OSA.



CIRCLE PROGRAM

JOURNEY INTO THE CIRCLE

By Jordan Karnes, Literary Arts Chair & Amelia Whitcomb, Literary Arts Faculty

Read by Messiah Birks

INVOKING CHIRON

Dance and Audio Production & Engineering Arts Pathways

"Music for Large Ensemble" by Steve Reich Ensemble

Choreography by ArVejon Jones

Assisted by Natalya Shoaf

APE Students: Levi Griffin, Jasper McSilver, Vik Smith, Yordy Prada,

Kahlil Deocampo, Santi Avila Green

PANTOUM FOR MAX

Literary Arts and Media Arts Pathways

Poem by Vivien Mansbach

Media Arts Visuals by: Anthony Blyden, Ixchel Hernandez, Hazel Malone,

Santiago Morfin Romero, Elise Dodson, Siena Frasier, Micah Head, Milo Henderson,

Phineas Hildreth, Amya Wiggins, Mariella Gutierrez, Ofelio Raven,

Simone Selke, Alexis Tarango, Nyx Reese

FIRST CIRCLE

Instrumental Music and HS Fashion Design Pathways

By Pat Metheney, Jazz Musician and Composer

OSA Big Band:

Aiko Hayes, Lucy Khadder, Kingston Melancon, Niko Quale, Sophia Sparks, Liliana

Reizeck, Julian Straesser, Kali De Jesus, Tommy Shepherd III, Ayo Brame,

Wesley Theobald, Vito Marcacci, Angelo Ventresco, Diego Prado, Stella Esainko,

Clare O'Grady, Gianluca Toscano, Marcel Santos, Marcus Van Hook, Joaquin Ortiz,

Luca Parenti, Dame Taylor, Kaleo Green, Diego Lucero

WRITING THE CHORUS

By Mike Oz, Executive Director, OSA

I SEE ME IN YOU OSA

By Patrick Secrease, Beloved OSA Community Member (1964 - 2024)

Poem read by 'Twon Pope, OSA Alumni

Coach Coleman, Saxophone

CIRCLE PROGRAM

EVERLASTING SIGH

Vocal Music, Audio Production & Engineering, and Instrumental Music Arts Pathways

By Moses Sumney, Artist and Composer

Rayland Albert, Sariah Jenkins and Abayomi Lewis, Lead Vocals

APE Students: Mac Gross, Giona Blalock, Star(Elli) Caruso

IM Students: Lamontay Joyner, Jake Fluhrer

THERE IS IN THE UNIVERSE NEITHER CIRCUMFERENCE NOR CENTER

Theater, Media Arts and Production Design Arts Pathways

Quotes by Various Artists and Scientists

Directed by Rolando Morales

Projection by Media Arts Students

Choreography by David Johnson

Actors: Olivia Bersot, Aurelia Garcia-Stavely, Alynna Granada, Journey Heusner,

Harper Jenny, Sunset Johnson, Cleao Menconi, Olive Penny, Jayda Shim

RADIAL BALANCE

Fashion and Dance Arts Pathways

"Something Goin' On (In Your Soul)" by Todd Terry

Choreography by Arvejon Jones

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Instrumental Music and Literary Arts Pathways

Poem by Jayden Baasauren

"Farewell" composition by Sergio Assad

Jake Fluhrer and Gianluca Toscana, Guitarists

PEOPLE MAKE THE WORLD GO ROUND

Vocal Music, Visual Art, and Instrumental Arts Pathways

Composed by the Stylistics

Jayla Brown and Samantha Crimmel-Borela, Lead Vocals

Projections by Visual Art Students

(Inner circle, 7th grade class, Outer circles 12th grade class)

IM Students: Nyla Parker, Lamontay Joyner, Magnus Dunn, Jake Fluhrer

CIRCLE OF LIFE CLOSING

Vocal and Instrumental Music Arts Pathway

Mike Oz, OSA Executive Director

Student Offstage Narrators:

Thay Chang-Nguyen, Aniya Martin, Lucas Orla-Bukowski

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Fox Theater Oakland Venue and Staff

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OSA Faculty and Staff

Production Design Pathway for Lighting, Sound, and Set Design

Fashion Design Pathway for Styling

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Dance

Instrumental Music

Fashion Design

Literary Arts

Media Arts

Production Design

Theater

Visual Art

Vocal Music

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The Step It Up program makes arts education free and accessible to BIPOC Oakland youth from Title 1 OUSD schools through after school programming, onsite specialized arts classes, and industry-informed career preparation.

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC • DANCE • ANIME DESIGN •

FASHION DESIGN • CREATIVE WRITING • FILMMAKING •



*We invite you to
continue on our
journey of CIRCLE
throughout the
Spring Performance
Season and beyond.*



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THROUGH MAY 2025

Tickets available at
www.oakarts.org



**Enrollment spaces for the 2025–26 academic year
for grades 6 to 12 are still open.**

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or email: enrollment@oakarts.org.

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