We sincerely hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well! Thank you for supporting us throughout 2022 as we returned to in-person classes, performances, and initiated new programs! As we lean into the holiday season, we want to share some “moves” we made this year and ask you to consider making a year-end gift to support our work in 2023.

“My dream is for the Mayfair Arts Center to start becoming an inspirational landmark for arts on the south-side of Chicago. Establishing the MAC as a home for artistic development worldwide, while offering space for exchange towards honoring and nurturing traditional art forms.”
- Jumaane Taylor (Artistic Director)

Our double Grand Opening events on September 18th and October 16 at the Mayfair Arts Center or “MAC” previewed what’s possible in our new home where we’ll continue to honor the legacies of Tommy and Peggy Sutton and expand our programs to serve more independent artists, more small to medium-sized dance companies and more children, teens, adults and elders - through classes, performances and business development services. Come dance with us!

“CHRP is at an inflection point and I’m looking forward to supporting, enjoying and being a part of the growth and creativity. (and burning the mortgage!)”
- Lane Alexander (Founding Director)

To support this work, we've raised $1.3mil toward the need of $1.7mil to acquire, repair and operate the MAC for the first two years and thanks to a very generous matching gift from Patti Eylar and Charlie Gardner, every dollar you donate between now and December 31 will be matched up to $25,000!

“In the year ahead, I’m eager to see all of the positive growth and impact that the MAC will have on the amazing arts partners we work with and the local community.”
- Ashley Leonard (Board of Directors Member)
“I envision CHRP becoming a premier dance promoter, presenter and incubator for non-Eurocentric dance. I’m excited to see the organization prepare itself to take on that mantle.”
-Kwaku Osebroh (Board Chair)

“My vision for the MAC in 2023 is to create a safe space for people of all ages to move, create, learn from each other and fellowship.”
-Kelli David-Low (Mayfair Arts Center Program Manager)

Now in his second year as Artistic Director, Jumaane Taylor continues to reveal his vision for Rhythm World, Stone Soup Rhythms, the Mayfair Arts Center and our arts education programs with new works, new collaborations and new ideas. Join Jumaane on December 12 at the Jazz showcase for our annual Holiday Rhythms show where he will debut The Jazz Hoofing Quintet and we’ll announce our honorees for the 35th Anniversary JUBA! Award!

“My vision for CHRP in 2023 is to grow our board and supporters so we can make an even bigger impact in Chicago’s arts world.”
-Brenna Conway (Secretary of Board of Directors)

“In the new year, my intent is for CHRP to connect with and provide enriching We All Got Rhythm education programs for schools located on the south side and to give students the opportunity to engage in a multitude of dance styles, both in school and at the Mayfair Arts Center.”
-Canisha Russ (Arts Education Program Coordinator)

Please help us RAISE THE ROOF and support us by making a pledge or a gift today. Thank you again and may you have a blessed holiday season and wonderful new year!

Lane Alexander  
Founding Director

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