

ARTSTREAM'S VIRGINIA
CABARET COMPANY PRESENTS:
NEVER NEED A REASON

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020 | 7:30PM

FEATURING MARK JONES, STELLA ROSE KALB, ERIC NIEDRINGHAUS,
CASSIE RENNIE, AND ANNA TIERNAN



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Theatre for an
Inclusive World

About ArtStream

ArtStream's classes, workshops, and performing companies fuel each student's imagination, creativity, and focus. And that's not all. Students improve communication and social skills and develop friendships. Newly discovered talents and capabilities improve self-esteem, poise, and confidence that extends into their daily lives. All ArtStreamers are valued for their creative contributions. ArtStream's demanding and very entertaining process encourages ArtStreamers to find their voices, discover their creativity and strengths, and perform with confidence!

"My son has many challenges with social situations and making new friends is very difficult. I see a really positive change in him since he began this ArtStream class! He looks forward to the class and feels comfortable with the teachers. They are fabulous."
— Parent of a 20-year-old ArtStream student since 2019

Take a Performing Class

ArtStream offers performing arts classes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) — including autism. You do not need to have any acting experience to take a class.

Learn about our current classes or register for an upcoming class today.

Classes: www.art-stream.org/take-a-class

Join Our Monthly Super Social Saturdays

Practice being your best self in a group event setting. Show your skills, be silly, express yourself, practice positive social experiences, and dance!

Attend a Show



2020-2021 PERFORMANCES

Fall 2020

Virginia Cabaret – Fall Company

📅 Mon, Dec 14, 2020
🕒 7:30 pm
📍 Zoom

Winter 2021

Maryland Cabaret – Winter Company

📅 Mon, Jan 25, 2021
🕒 7:30 pm
📍 Zoom

Spring 2021

Alexandria Inclusive Theatre Companies

📅 Fri, March 19, 2021
🕒 7:30 pm
📍 Zoom

Gaithersburg Inclusive Theatre Companies

📅 Fri, May 7, 2021
🕒 7:30pm
📍 Zoom

Maryland Cabaret – Spring Company

📅 Mon, May 17, 2021
🕒 7:30pm
📍 Zoom

Virginia Cabaret – Spring Company

📅 Mon, April 5, 2021
🕒 7:30 pm
📍 Zoom

Silver Spring Inclusive Theatre Companies

📅 Fri, June 18, 2021
🕒 7:30 pm
📍 Zoom

Get tickets by going to “Buy Tickets” at
www.art-stream.org



Get Involved
with ArtStream

Perform with **ArtStream**

Auditions for the Inclusive Theatre Companies occur in the fall for shows the following spring. Cabaret Companies hold auditions in the fall and winter.

Inclusive Theatre Companies

Actors develop and perform an original musical. The company votes on a theme, creates original characters, and improvises scenes. Scenes are then scripted to become an original one-act musical. Each performance presents two of these musicals in a double bill before a live audience.

Cabaret Companies

Actors agree on a theme for ensemble music and dance performances, and then each actor works with the choreographer and music director to develop solo and small group music, dance, or drama performances.



Requirements to perform

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have participated in at least 8 weeks of ArtStream classes in the past 2 years

Reserve your spot

on the audition list by calling ArtStream at (301) 565-4567.

When there is space in the company, we will invite you to join us for an audition.



Bring ArtStream
to your Community

WORKSHOPS & Classes

ArtStream's talented teaching artists lead a variety of workshops and classes for groups, schools, and private organizations. Classes are designed for people of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs), including autism. Participation fosters social connections and allows participants to practice communication skills like eye contact, listening, and self-awareness. Through these classes, participants increase engagement and build confidence by making their own choices.

Programs include:

- ✓ Dance and movement
- ✓ Drama and storytelling
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Musical theatre
- ✓ Self-advocacy
- ✓ Workplace communication
- ✓ Public speaking

Contact ArtStream for more information and to design a class to fit your organization's needs.

"Thank you for a wonderful evening of music and rhythmic movement. It was a blast! It was so gratifying watching individuals perform and the audience engage. Your classes really make a difference."

— Jan Miller-Vogel, The Treatment and Learning Centers



Support ArtStream



Donate

Tuition and ticket sales cover less than half (46%) of the cost of ArtStream's programs. Your donations make it possible for actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) — including autism — to perform on stage, feel empowered and respected, and actively engage in our communities.

- ✓ \$75 funds a full costume for one actor in an Inclusive Theatre Company show.
- ✓ \$300 underwrites a public speaking workshop for self-advocacy and pre-employment skills.
- ✓ \$1,000 sponsors an 8-week class in Broadway Song & Dance, Shakespeare, or Directing & Design.

Donate: www.art-stream.org/donate or mail a check to the ArtStream office.

Support Your ArtStream STAR

Can't make it to the shows? You can still show your support!

Buy a "Support Star" before the show and send some words of encouragement to your favorite actor. We'll post them on the selfie wall at the show for everyone to see!

Volunteer

Volunteers ages 13+ are needed to help in classes, backstage, and on stage.

Volunteers are eligible for SSL hours, and ArtStream looks great on college applications!

Groups and families are welcome.

Volunteer: www.art-stream.org/volunteer

Advertise

To include your ad in our programs, please contact ArtStream.

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NEVER NEED A REASON

Director's Note

We “never need a reason” to perform at ArtStream, but this year it really feels that everyone needs a reason to celebrate, even if it's just the small things. So, let's celebrate our connections!

Though we have had to find a new way to come together, it is great to find that even through Zoom, Video Chats, FaceTime, etc., we can still be parts of each other's lives. Through our common love of performing, this Cabaret Company has had some great giggles, interesting incidents, and some rousing renditions of the Cabaret performances you will see this evening.

If you STEP IN TIME to this strange world we find ourselves in at this moment, we hope you know that you NEVER NEED A REASON to smile. So, HERE'S TO NEVER GROWING UP, and feeling like there is always a reason to sing! This WHOLE NEW WORLD has thrown us for a loop and shown us sometimes we just need to LET IT BE, and breathe, and we can get through it. Thank goodness we have ArtStream and performing to bring us together. We are all LOYAL, BRAVE AND TRUE, but this has been hard, and finding a FRIEND LIKE ME has helped us keep those connections strong. Though we may feel we are alone, like RUDOLPH THE REDNOSED REINDEER, I know that our Cabaret Company, family, and friends; will each always STAND BY ME. Take a STAND, and say that even among these uncertain times, I SEE THE LIGHT! I'M A BELIEVER! A believer in the power of performance, the comfort of connections, and certainty of NEVER NEEDING A REASON to shine as bright as we can!

Thanks,
Emilia O'Connor, Director

Tonight's Performance

1. *Step in Time* (from Disney's *Mary Poppins*)
by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman Company
2. Little Jeff Scene
Cassie Rennie
3. *Here's to Never Growing Up*
by Avril Lavigne, Chad Kroeger, David Hodges, Martin Johnson, and Jacob Kasher Anna Tiernan
4. *A Whole New World* (from Disney's *Aladdin*)
by Alan Menken and Tim Rice Mark Jones
5. *Let It Be*
by John Lennon and Paul McCartney
Eric Niedringhaus
6. *Loyal, Brave, and True* (from Disney's *Mulan*)
by Christina Aguilera and Harry Gregson-Williams
Stella Rose Kalb
7. *Friend Like Me* (from Disney's *Aladdin*)
by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman Company
8. Jafar Scene (from Disney's *Aladdin*)
by Ron Clements and John Musker
Mark Jones, with Eric Niedringhaus, Cassie Rennie, Sarah Sandifer, and Melanie Zehner
9. *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*
by Johnny Marks
Cassie Rennie
10. *Stand by Me*
by Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber, and Mike Stoller
Eric Niedringhaus
11. *Stand* (from Disney's *Z-O-M-B-I-E-S*)
by Matthew Tishler
Anna Tiernan
12. *I See the Light* (from Disney's *Tangled*)
by Alan Menken, Glenn Slater, John Durill, Mike Rabon, and Norman Ezell
Stella Rose Kalb
13. *I'm a Believer*
by Neil Diamond

Production Team

Director: Emilia O'Connor

Music Director:
Jennifer Quilty

**Assistant Director/
Choreographer:**
Melanie Zehner

Audio Editor:
Jennifer Quilty

Video Editor: Sarah Sandifer

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Cast

Mark Jones
Stella Rose Kalb
Eric Niedringhaus
Cassie Rennie
Anna Tiernan



MEET THE CAST OF Never Need a Reason



Mark Jones (Actor)

Mark Jones is a 34-year-old actor from Arlington, Virginia. His first acting experience was performing with his twin sister Emily and older brother Evan for their parents and grandparents. He joined ArtStream in 2008 and has played characters from a soccer player to an evil prince to a police chief. Mark is active in Special Olympics soccer and basketball. Mark works at the Blossom Café in Oakton, and on Saturdays he volunteers at the Arlington Central Library children's room. His favorite activity is holding his new baby niece and nephew. He also enjoys watching classic movies. "Thank you to my friends and family who came to see our play."



Stella Rose Kalb (Actor)

Stella Rose is a 23-year-old actor from Georgetown. This is her fifth performance with ArtStream. Stella Rose has performed at Sense Theatre in Nashville, where she also took voice lessons, and she works with Project Most. She enjoys art, music, and movies, especially The Muppets. "Peace out, Stella Rose."



Eric Niedringhaus (Actor)

Eric Niedringhaus is a 43-year-old actor living in McLean, Virginia. He started acting in school musicals while a student at McLean High School. He has been an ArtStream actor since 2007. He works for a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office contractor assembling patent grant documents. Eric has participated in Special Olympics since 1997 and enjoys Family Bowling. He is active with his church, where he sings with the music group and serves as a sacristan. He also loves spending time with his little nephew and niece. "Thank you to all my family and friends who support us by coming to our plays, and to Emilia, the actors, mentors, and others who help us make the plays so fun."



Emilia O'Connor (Director)

Emilia, an ArtStream Co-Founder, has worn practically every theatre hat: actor, director, assistant director, teaching artist, stage manager, vocal coach, and stage technician. She started her theatre career at an early age with BAPA's Imagination Stage. She began her theatre studies at NYU with the Playwrights Horizons Studio, where she completed her two-year primary studio training. Emilia earned a BA in theatre from the University of Maryland. Eventually, Emilia would return to Imagination Stage as an employee and discover a love for working with students who have special needs.

Since then, Emilia has earned a MA in education and human development from George Washington University with a focus in transition special education and works as a special education teacher with Montgomery County Public Schools.

Emilia has a conversational ability in ASL and fluency in Spanish. With ArtStream, she teaches classes in voice, music and movement, drama, and musical theatre, and directs the Virginia Cabaret Companies.



Jennifer Quilty (Music Director)

Jennifer is thrilled to be a part of another ArtStream Cabaret. What a wonderful process putting together this Cabaret is! As in life, we all come to this art form from different perspectives. Yet somehow, like a wonderful kaleidoscope, our passions and our visions blend with each other's. The result is a mixtape that reflects us all as individuals and opens new directions for us to explore.



Cassie Rennie (Actor)

Cassie Rennie is a 26-year-old performer from Arlington, Virginia. She performed with ArtStream's Alexandria Company A for five years and has taken many ArtStream classes. This is her second time performing with the Cabaret. Cassie is a student at Northern Virginia Community College. In her free time, she enjoys puppetry, reading, writing stories and scripts, and juggling. She is an active member of Cool Aspies and Best Buddies Citizens.



Anna Tiernan (Actor)

Anna Tiernan is a 21-year-old actor from Arlington, Virginia. This is Anna's third performance with ArtStream. Anna is a senior in the Program for Employment Preparedness (PEP) at the Arlington Career Center, a community-based program for supported work experience and independent living. Anna enjoys music, watching "The Voice" on TV, riding her bike, and playing basketball and baseball. She is a huge fan of the Washington Nationals and Capitals. Anna also participates in Best Buddies and Young Life Capernaum in Arlington. "I love being a part of this great program. Thank you to the ArtStream staff and my fellow Cabaret performers. You all make the practices fun. Love to my family and friends. You're the best!"



Melanie Zehner (Assistant Director, Choreographer)

Melanie Zehner is an actor (AEA/SAG-AFTRA), writer and teaching artist from Upstate NY. She graduated with her bachelor's in theatre from SUNY Potsdam and received her master's in physical acting from the University of Kent Canterbury. Currently, Melanie is a student at the Second City Conservatory. Melanie has worked as an actor with multiple theatre groups in the DMV, as well as participated in different film projects. Melanie has written theatrical works for Laugh Index Theatre and the Museum of the Bible. Melanie has been a teaching artist since the age of fifteen. She has taught with the Syracuse Children's Theatre, Imagination Stage, Sitar Arts, ArtStream Inc, Museum of the Bible, Organic Theatre, and Bear Book Club. With Bear Book Club, Melanie created the curriculum for the first online Korean improv classes. In her spare time, Melanie likes to drink tea, read books, and eat new vegan desserts.

"Defy gravity."



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amazing performers!**

**Thank you ArtStream for
all your hard work. We
love the program and
are so glad Chris can be
a part of it!**



- The Pagonis Family



**Alex is a proud member of
the creative, collaborative
ArtStream community!**

Congratulations!

**Congratulations to Mark Jones, Stella Rose Kalb, Eric Niedringhaus,
Cassie Rennie, and Anna Tiernan!**

**We know your talent and hard work will be rewarded
with great performances.**

GO ARTSTREAMERS!

Megan, Mike and Ellen Cooper

**Students with intellectual and developmental disabilities
— including autism — age 16-26 may receive 2 free tickets
by calling (301) 565-4567 three days in advance.**



Alex:

You're not just a great friend



an intrepid explorer



a great communicator



adorable, and adored



you're definitely going places and taking us all along for the ride! Where will you and your Art-Streamer take us all this coming year? Wherever that is, we'll be right behind you. All of you.



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Andrea Geller	Jeffrey Keyser	Joe Myers	Anna Tiernan
Ivy Gilat	Nader Khalaf	Josef Newton	Justin Turner
Zeev Gilat	Tammy Kiser	Eric Niedringhaus	
Benjamin Glantz	Joey Kitchelt	Kerry O'Brien	

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Melanie Zehner

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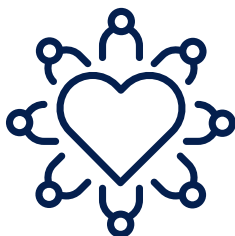
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Maryland Cabaret Company
January 25, 2020
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Thanks for a great season!