

ARTSTREAM'S MARYLAND CABARET COMPANY PRESENTS: **CAN'T STOP THE FEELING**

FEATURING ANA BRADLEY, RACHEL COATES, JONATHAN FEIFER, DENISE GREEN,
AARON HYNDMAN, ADAM MCCRENSKY, LESLIE MOORE, ELIAS TSAKIRIS AND JUSTIN TURNER

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Theatre for an
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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 extend into their daily lives. All ArtStreamers are valued for their creative contributions. ArtStream's demanding and very entertaining process encourages students to 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

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



Looking Ahead...

Don't Miss 2023's Performances

ALEXANDRIA IN-PERSON THEATRE COMPANY

Friday-Saturday, March 17-19 and 24-26
Friday at 7:30pm and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30pm
Video Premiere: April 6, 7:30 p.m.

ALEXANDRIA VIRTUAL THEATRE COMPANY

March 26, 3:30 p.m.
Video Premiere: April 6, 7:30 p.m.

GAITHERSBURG THEATRE COMPANIES

Friday-Saturday, May 12-14 and 19-21
Friday at 7:30pm, Saturday at 2:30 pm, and Sunday at 3:00 pm
Video Premiere: June 2, 7:30 p.m.

SILVER SPRING THEATRE COMPANIES

Friday-Saturday, June 9-11 and 16-18, 2023
Friday at 7:30pm and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30pm
Video Premiere: July 6, 7:30 p.m.

MARYLAND CABARET FALL AND SPRING

Monday, January 23 (fall).
Monday, May 15 (spring) at 7:30pm.
Video Premiere: Fall: February 10, 7:30 p.m.
Video Premiere: Spring: June 1, 7:30 p.m.

VIRGINIA CABARET SPRING

Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:30pm.
Video Premiere: June 1, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets

www.art-stream.org
(301) 565-4567



Get Involved
with ArtStream

Perform with **ArtStream**

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

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 eight weeks of ArtStream classes in the past two years

Reserve your spot

on the audition list by calling ArtStream at 301-830-5896.

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



Bring ArtStream
to Your Community

CLASSES FOR YOUR Community

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. Learning through the arts is empowering. Classes/programs build upon entertaining and demanding games that encourage participants to be creative, to pay attention to others, to listen, to respond, and to engage with others. Classes/programs foster social connections as participants practice communication skills like eye contact, listening, and self-awareness. In the process, participants build their confidence, discover their creativity and strengths, and expand their capabilities and self-awareness. All of this, and more, while having fun!

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. You can reach Program Manager Rachael Sutherland at r.sutherland@art-stream.org or 301-830-4588

"As a parent and professional in the field of developmental disabilities, ArtStream is one of my favorite programs to witness and collaborate with. Attendees are more comfortable with a variety of communication partners across all settings. Even our nonverbal friends benefit from ArtStream programming, as I've heard two young adults speak for the first time during an ArtStream class. My face hurt from smiling!! Thank you, ArtStream."
— Jenn Lynn, Executive Director, Upcounty Resources (UCR)

Support ArtStream



Donate

Tuition and ticket sales cover less than half 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 Theatre Company actor.
- ☑ \$300 underwrites a public speaking workshop for self-advocacy and pre-employment skills.
- ☑ \$1,000 sponsors an eight-week class such as Broadway Song & Dance, Shakespeare, Directing & Design.

Donate: www.art-stream.org/donate or mail a check to:
ArtStream | PO Box 75090 | Chicago, IL 60675-5090

Volunteer

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

Volunteers are eligible for Student Service Learning (SSL) hours, and ArtStream looks great on college applications!

Groups and families are welcome.

Volunteer: www.art-stream.org/who-we-serve/volunteer/

Questions? Reach out to Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator
Katie Mraz at k.mraz@art-stream.org or 703-483-5209
for more information.

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www.art-stream.org/advertise-with-artstream

CAN'T STOP THE FEELING

Director's Note

With love, we welcome you to our performance of "Can't Stop The Feeling." Our Cabaret family, as you will undoubtedly notice, radiates the meaning of our chosen title (and concluding number); through the creativity, energy, and joy we put into our rehearsal and performance, our Cabaret family can't stop the feeling of mutual respect and caring we have for each other. Thank you, dear Cabaret family, for all that you did to make this evening possible.

Pamela Leighton-Bilik, Director

Tonight's Performance

"Consider Yourself At Home"	Bart ADAM MCCRENSKY and The Company
"I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing"	Cook/Greenaway LESLIE ELLEN MOORE and The Company
"Hot Chocolate"	Ballard/Silvestri AARON HYNDMAN, Dance Soloist/Choreographer ELIAS TSAKIRIS and The Company
"Feed the Birds"	The Sherman Brothers ANA BRADLEY, Dance Soloist/Choreographer, and The Ladies
"Cool"	The Jonas Brothers JUSTIN TURNER, Dancer/Choreographer, ADAM MCCRENSKY, JONATHAN FEIFER and The Company
"Sowing the Seeds of Love"	Orzabal/Smith RACHEL COATES and The Company
"Hello, Goodbye"	Lennon/McCartney JONATHAN FEIFER and The Company
"Fame"	Gore/Pitchford DENISE GREEN and The Company
"Can't Stop The Feeling"	Timberlake/Martin/Shellback ELIAS TSAKIRIS and The Company

Production Team

Director: Pamela Leighton-Bilik
Assistant Director and Choreographer:
Annetta Dexter Sawyer
Music Director: Mark Andrist
Production Assistant: Amelia Turkewitz
Mentors: Ian Bannon and Joe Rogers

Cast

Ian Bannon*	Adam McCrensky
Ana Bradley	Leslie Moore
Rachel Coates	Joe Rogers*
Jonathan Feifer	Elias Tsakiris
Denise Green	Justin Turner
Aaron Hyndman	

**Indicates Mentor*

MEET THE CAST AND CREW OF **Can't Stop The Feeling**



Mark Andrist (Music Director)

Mark has been a professional working musician since he was fourteen years old, and he is grateful for the opportunities he has had to perform, write, teach, and direct all over the world. His younger sister is the inspiration for his commitment to ArtStream, an individual who has lived her life refusing to allow her disabilities to steal her joy.



Ian Bannon (Mentor)

Ian began as a mentor at ArtStream in 2017. He is a Senior Docent at the Folger Shakespeare Library and works in various Folger education programs including Shakespeare School Festivals, Shakespeare Family Programs, and Shakespeare-in-Action Workshops. He received the 2019 Scottish Rite – Valley of Washington's Knights of St. Andrew Outstanding Community Service Award for his work at ArtStream. "It is great to be back working in person with such a talented and fun group of actors and staff. We work hard but laughter abounds, always!"



Ana Bradley (Actor)

Ana is an actor from Bethesda, Maryland. She has been acting with ArtStream since 2010. She also performed with Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts (now Imagination Stage), Stages St. Louis, Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, and St. Louis Ballet School. Ana works as a Library Aid at Smithsonian Libraries. She likes to read and dance.



Rachel Coates (Actor)

Rachel is a 25-year-old actor living in Montgomery Village, Maryland. She joined ArtStream in 2019 with the Musical Theatre class. She has been in the Maryland Cabaret for over 4 years. She performed in the 2014 22Q-ties Beauty Pageant for special needs. Rachel earned the Girl Scout Gold Award advocating for 22Q deletion. Rachel is a member of TLC Outcomes, where she is in an educational program to help secure a job. Rachel works out weekly with Spirit Club and has lost over 30 pounds over the last year and a half! She also enjoys singing, taking care of her dog, arts and crafts, and watching movies! "Thank you for everything!"



Jonathan Feifer (Actor)

Jonathan is an actor from Rockville, Maryland, who has performed in ArtStream's Cabaret and Theater Companies. He has sung solo and in duets in private recitals with other aspiring performers. He was a member of the chorus in the Walter Johnson High School production of Les Misérables. Jonathan currently lives on his own while taking classes, doing volunteer work, and looking for the right job. He enjoys musicals, movies, and getting together with friends. "Hope everyone who comes to Cabaret loves our show!"



Denise Green (Actor)

Denise is a sixty-something-year-old actor from Washington, DC. She loves performing with ArtStream! Previously, she took a class with Annetta where she got to play the roles of a student and a mentor. Denise has performed at the Inwood Coffee House for 12 years. She attended Sharpe Health School and sang at church from ages 10 to 18. Denise is active in her church, especially the group Handicap Encounter Christ (HEC). Denise has many hobbies, including oil painting, crocheting, cooking, bingo, bowling, and karaoke. But most of all, Denise loves helping others and making people laugh. "I only have praise for ArtStream. I've learned so much in the last few years, and I have a lot of respect for my coworkers and fellow actors. Please remember, when one door closes another one will open, which means anything is possible with a little confidence and ArtStream to guide you."



Bethany Hoffman (Production Manager, Props/Crew)

Bethany is new to ArtStream and this is her first production! She is a graduate of Towson University in Towson Maryland and is a member of SAG Aftra. She is very proud of this production and can't wait to see what you think! Go Team Cabaret! Much thanks to Pam and Mark for their patience and walking her through everything! And Ken Moore for jumping last minute!



Aaron Hyndman (Actor)

Aaron started his acting career in Kindergarten as one of the monkeys in the play, "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed" He didn't want to leave the stage after the play was over, that's when we knew this was going to be apart of Aarons life moving forward. Aaron loves all types of music, acting, singing, dancing, and playing the drums. Aaron was a part of shows from elementary through to high school where he was part of the cast for 12 productions, 6 musicals, and 6 plays. Some of his favorites were High School Musical, Hairspray, Beauty and the Beast, Sound of Music, and Bye Bye Birdie to name a few. One of Aarons's favorite things to do is go to NY and see shows on Broadway, typically for his birthday. Other than that, Aarons's favorite way to spend his time is either playing ice hockey, kayaking, soccer, or basketball. Aaron adores everyone at ArtStream and says Monday nights make him happy.



Pamela Leighton-Bilik (Director)

Pamela, a veteran education (Drama, English, Chorus, Special Education), holds a B.A. magna cum laude from Ithaca College and an M.A. in Communication Arts and Theatre from the University of Maryland. An international Gilbert and Sullivan director, Pamela is a founder and stage director of PB Theatricals, which offers performance and technical theatre opportunities for young people in the U.K. Pamela sends her love and thanks to the actors, staff, and crew in the Cabaret family.



Adam McCrensky (Actor)

Adam is an actor from Bethesda, Maryland. He has acted with ArtStream for 16 years. Adam has also performed at Imagination Stage, Adventure Theater MTC, and with the Bannockburn Spring Show. He has regularly volunteered at WAMU, Fabranken, VisArts, SPIRIT Club, and at the ArtStream office. He enjoys using the internet, especially researching music playlists like those from his favorite restaurant, Chipotle, or on a music platform like Spotify. Adam, when there is no pandemic, is an avid public transportation user and loves exploring new areas using the bus and metro. "Love to all my friends in the cast and audience!"



Leslie Ellen Moore (Actor)

Leslie, 58, has been acting with ArtStream since its beginning and is a pioneer member of ArtStream's Maryland Cabaret. Leslie loves musicals: in Cabaret, she has performed "Impossible Dream" from Man of La Mancha, "Day by Day" from Godspell with her friend Denise Green, and "What I Did for Love," from A Chorus Line, with her brother Ken accompanying her on flute. "I love Cabaret because I'm good at it. I feel happy when my friends see my shows and cheer me on."



Joseph Rogers (Mentor)

Joe Rogers retired from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage after spending 33 years with the firm in multiple positions ending in Executive Vice President. Joe spent over 44 years in the industry and served as President of the Metropolitan Washington Mortgage Bankers Association twice. Currently, he is on the Board of Advisors to the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland. Rogers has also served on numerous other boards including the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the National Capital Area and Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart. Joe graduated from the University of Maryland with a BA degree in Government and Politics. Rogers has been married to his wife Cory for over 45 years and has three daughters and now four grandchildren. He is very happy to be working with ArtStream and is excited about our upcoming cabaret.



Annetta Dexter Sawyer (Assistant Director/Choreographer)

Annetta has taught for ArtStream on and off since its inception. She's been a movement and voice coach, taught poetry, drama, and even yoga! Much of her teaching has been with ArtStream community partner programs at Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children (CSAAC), the Forbush School, and The Treatment and Learning Centers (TLC) where she co-teaches Theater & Improvisation classes. Annetta teaches Super Social Saturdays & several Take Five classes: Practicing Performance, Storytelling, Shakespeare Clowns, & her latest offering — Embodiment & Performance. She works with Makom and gives drama and storytelling classes at the DC Edlavitch JCC. Annetta has facilitated ArtStream's monthly Sibling Happy Hour with a focus on how theater skills help in self-expression, communication, & empathy. She's also on the Fine Arts faculty at Trinity Washington University as well as a freelance artist for several local theater companies.



Elias Tsakiris (Actor)

Elias is a 25-year-old actor living in Rockville, Maryland. He is in his 5th year of the ArtStream Maryland Cabaret! In early 2020, Elias was selected to play in the US World Cup Special Needs adult ice hockey team in Las Vegas! He plays on a few Ice Hockey teams. He is also an avid cook and enjoys trying out new recipes with his family.



Justin Turner (Actor)

Justin is an actor who is excited to perform in another ArtStream Cabaret performance!



THANK YOU

for coming to see our
Maryland Cabaret Company's performances!



Congratulations to ArtStream for its success and thanks to all the actors, directors, mentors, stage crew, choreographers, costume designers, musicians and everyone who has made this success possible.

ArtStream's success is your success. Matthew has loved every role he has acted over the last 15 years and is excited to see who he will be in 2023!

—The McMeekin Family



Old Green Eyes in "Saving the Starlight", 2007
A Swimming Jock in "Fast Times at Woolsey High", 2008
James Beard-Childs in "It's a Wonderful Pie", 2009
Prince Robin the Brave in "Once Upon a Time – Again", 2010
Albert (a film maker) in "That 60's Play", 2011
Kristoff McLawyer in "Dairy She Wrote", 2012
Dr. McKelvey, DDS in "Goldfall", 2013
Big T in "Great Scott", 2014
Coach Joe, the bobblehead, in "The Lost Toys", 2015
Geoffery, the Jester in "It's About Time", 2016
Thunder Tree in "To Enchantia", 2017
Professor Why in "To-may-to, To-mah-to", 2018
Emcee Dion in "The Magic Within", 2019
Uncle Albert in "Prom's the Word", 2020-2021
McFirefly in "Inclusia", 2022

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 ArtStreamers take us all this coming year? Wherever that is, we'll be right behind you. All of you.— Sari Hornstein



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

—The Pagonis Family



Congratulations

**Congratulations to the ArtStream
actors for an amazing performance season!**

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

GO ARTSTREAMERS!

Megan, Mike, and Ellen Cooper

ArtStream



320

PERFORMANCES

since our
first show
in 2007



1,600

**PEOPLE
WITH IDD's**

empowered annually



850

CLASSES
held annually



4,711

**VOLUNTEER
HOURS**

completed annually



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From your friends at The Washington Group Special Care Planning Team

Congratulations

ArtStream

Thank you for all you do! Keep up the great work.

We are all rewarded by your talent and devotion.



"Acting is not about being famous, it's about exploring the human soul."

- Annette Bening



Thanks for a great season!