

REACT

Who We Are

At [React](#), our mission is to create original theatre with youth that reacts to social issues in the modern world, and our vision is to build a more empathetic and empowered society through theatre. These are rooted in our belief that theatre has the power to create real change in both actors and audiences, no matter their age or background. We teach acting basics all year, every year because theatre teaches tools that are beneficial to all young people, even if they don't pursue a career in the arts.

Our Social Issues Programming

In addition to the 800+ youth we serve annually through our school of acting training, we host our social issues shows, [Love Over Dose](#) and [Dreamland](#), for school audiences every semester. These shows are opioid prevention and mental health awareness programming for middle and high school students, and are our main tool for outreach to youth across the state. Both of these shows are accompanied by education guides, which lead teachers through classroom discussion about the issues covered in the play, theatre education, and more. In '25/'26, we will host 2 runs (3 school shows and 1 public evening show) of these shows/semester; 12 performances total. We expect to bring 5,000+ students to the Athenaeum from across Central Indiana over the next 3 school years. Our basic expenses for these productions are approximately \$6,200/run. We have 4 runs scheduled for next school year, which will cost us approximately \$24,800.

LoveOverDose



Dreamland



Our Ask

To support the productions of *Love Over Dose* and *Dreamland* at The Athenaeum in the '25/'26 school year, we are asking businesses based in and around Indianapolis to help us raise \$24,800 for 1,500+ students to see these shows. In exchange for your donation, we will be building out a new section of our education guides, which explains how arts organizations and nonprofits function in our economy, with a focus on our corporate and community partners. We would also recognize the partnership through logo-placement on our social issues shows materials and website, and in our pre-show announcements.

If you are interested in supporting React, or have questions about our programming/how these funds will be spent, please reach out to our Development Director, Alethea Harnish, at alethea@reactclasses.org.