

THEATRE UNDER THE STARS

The Frank M. Young Society TUTS Inaugural Planned Giving Program

Mission & History

- In 1968, a handful of spirited performers led by Frank M. Young imagined what it would be like to make musical theatre accessible to all Houstonians, and so Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS) was born.
- Theatre Under The Stars, Houston's non-profit home for musical theatre, is dedicated to enriching lives through innovative musical theatre, inclusive educational curriculums and dynamic community engagement.
- TUTS has grown and evolved over the years in response to growth and change in the community. In 1972, we launched the Humphreys School of Musical Theatre (HSMT). In 2002, we moved into the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts; the City of Houston owns the Hobby Center and leases the space to TUTS under a long-term agreement. In 2010, TUTS merged with The River Performing and Visual Arts Center to better serve children and young adults with disabilities.

Impact in the Community

- Theatre Under The Stars is Houston's leading provider of exceptional musical theatre productions and outstanding educational and community programs. Today, TUTS reaches more than 210,000 people through our mainstage shows and our outstanding education programs and community initiatives.
- Theatre has important benefits for participants as well as for audiences and communities. In addition to enhancing the quality of life, TUTS' performances, events, and programs have a powerful economic impact. Last year, we employed more than 500 people to work on our productions, and we inject more than \$47 million into the local economy every year. This economic impact will continue to increase as our programs keep growing.
- Over the years, TUTS' productions and programs have grown exponentially. This growth is cause for pride, but it has resulted in a need to develop and expand our artistic and educational programs.

The Young Society

- In anticipation of our 51st season, TUTS is looking to its future and launching a new effort that will help bring outstanding musical theatre to the City of Houston for generations to come.
- TUTS is thrilled to announce its inaugural Planned Giving Program, The Frank M. Young Society after TUTS founder, Frank M. Young. By leaving a gift to TUTS in your will or trust, you are building a powerful legacy of bringing the world's best musical theatre to our city.
- The Frank M. Young Society is open to individuals who have named TUTS as a beneficiary. Types of legacy gifts include: a bequest in a will, a charitable trust, a paid-up life insurance policy, a retirement plan, or a gift of real estate.
- Benefits of becoming a member of The Frank M. Young Society include not only a charitable deduction, but creating a legacy and lasting impact of musical theatre for future generations of Houstonians. Young Society members also receive unique and exclusive benefits to enhance your TUTS experience.

Campaign Leadership

- The campaign is chaired by Greg Harper, former TUTS Chairman of the Board.
- The Young Society Inaugural campaign is planned, administered, and conducted by TUTS Executive Director Hillary J Hart, Artistic Director Dan Knechtges, Director of Development Amy Lampi, and Chairman of the Board Franklin D.R. Jones Jr.

*Thank you for your interest in TUTS and your support of the **The Frank M. Young Society!***