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BROADWAY REACH

PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN UNDERSERVED SCHOOLS KICKS OFF FOR 2022

he **Raymond F. Kravis Center** for the Performing Arts celebrated its seventh season of its *Broadway Reach* arts education program with student performances and student artwork.

Made possible in collaboration with a grant from the Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation Arts & Culture Fund of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties, the students' performances and art exhibition for 2021 focused on the Kravis Center's recent Kravis on Broadway show, Come From Away. The grant allowed the Kravis Center to provide Broadway Reach sequential arts education and exposure to nearly 50 underserved children from neighborhood afterschool programs.

"Broadway Reach was developed for students enrolled in underserved schools to participate in an arts education program led by local teaching artists in connection with a *Kravis on Broadway* performance at no cost to them," said **Tracy Butler**, Director of Education at the Kravis Center. "We are so happy to be able to celebrate and share musical theater and the arts in person again through the hundreds of education and community engagement events year-round that serve thousands of students of all ages." This year, students from Spanish River High School, Riviera Beach Preparatory and Achievement Academy and U.B. Kinsey Elementary School of the Arts were enrolled in Broadway Reach. They gave a choral

Post-show talk with Julie Johnson, Christine Toy Johnson and James Earl Jones II and *Broadway Reach* students

performance and a spoken word performance as
well as created art based on the musical that was
displayed in the Left Loge Gallery. The program
focused on visual art, dance and voice through
the lens of bravery and community, the two main
themes present in the Come From Away musical.
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workshops leading up to the musical. After the performance, the students participated in a postshow talk with members of the cast including **Christine Toy Johnson, Julie Johnson** and **James Earl Jones II**.

The Kravis Center is a not-for-profit performing arts center located at 701 Okeechobee Blvd. in West Palm Beach. The Center's mission is to enhance the quality of life in Palm Beach County by presenting a diverse schedule of national and international artists and companies of the highest quality; by offering comprehensive arts education programs — serving nearly three million students since its inception; by providing a Palm Beach County home for local and regional arts organizations to showcase their work; and by providing an economic catalyst and community leadership in West Palm Beach, supporting efforts to increase travel and tourism to Palm Beach County.

For more information on the Kravis Center or the *Broadway Reach* program visit the website at www.Kravis.org. PHOTO: MARY STUCCI