



Curtis Theatre *Amplify*: A Forum for Marginalized Voices

The Curtis Theatre is proud to announce the continuation of Amplify - an initiative to address the inequality in performing arts programming. This program aims to provide a platform and outlet for performing artists of all kinds while broadening the inclusivity and outreach of the Curtis Theatre to a diverse artistic community.

The need for the country's theatres to address systemic prejudice in the entertainment industry is very real and long overdue. The Curtis Theatre has long strived for inclusivity. It is clear to us that passive inclusivity is not enough. There needs to be active efforts to establish ways for minority artists to be seen and heard. The Curtis Theatre is dedicated to doing its part and fulfilling its mission of connecting our diverse community through the performing arts by offering its stage, staff, and other resources to artists of underserved communities.

Because inequality within the performing arts is not reserved for any one group, the Amplify initiative embraces diversity of all kinds. Artists of all backgrounds, including (but not limited to) Black, Indigenous, People of Color, Asian-American and Pacific Islanders, Pan-Ethnic, Women, Persons with Disabilities, and LGBTQIA+ communities are encouraged to participate.

For the sake of equity and transparency, and to give community members an opportunity to shape the type of entertainment presented at the Curtis Theatre, we are seeking nominations for a passionate, diverse group of art advocates to act as the program's advisory board and select artist participants. Selected artists' work will be featured in the Curtis Theatre season.

Amplify is not a solution to the problems faced by minority artists every day. It is merely a way to boost the voices within our community that have been silenced. The goal is to establish a symbiotic relationship between marginalized artists and the theatre-going community. Art reflects the society that creates it. More diverse artists mean more diverse audiences and a stronger overall community.