

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Honors Pacific Honored Artists, Musicians and Entertainers (PHAME) Academy for contributions to Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Exposure to, and participation in, art, musicals, and theater for PHAME students
- Positive impact on the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities
- Recognitions and awards given to PHAME Academy

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: House Resolution 5 honors the Pacific Honored Artists, Musicians and Entertainers (PHAME) Academy for its 30 years of invaluable contributions to the cultural and social enrichment of Oregon.

Founded in 1984, the PHAME Academy was established by individuals with developmental and other disabilities and their families to create opportunities for unique artists, an artistic community and arts school that did not exist. PHAME Academy is the Portland region's fine and performing arts organization serving adults with developmental disabilities. Its mission is to create a community for, and support the development of, skills and self-confidence in adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities, and to address core issues including social isolation, health and wellness and personal independence of individuals in the community.

PHAME has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of adults with developmental disabilities and their families, reaching tens of thousands of community members across this state through its classes, performances and showcases of their work. The opportunities provided to participants include week-long classes in visual arts, creative writing, acting, music theory and music development, choir, dance, and specific technical theater experiences; fully staged annual summer musical productions and recitals, exhibitions, open microphone nights and cabarets; and student council and student dances. PHAME Academy students have been able to collaborate with Pink Martini, Artists Repertory Theater, Portland Cello Project, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Falcon Art Community, and Portland Center Stage.

In recognition of its innovative, life-changing work, PHAME Academy has been recognized with a number of awards, including the City of Portland's Making a Difference Award in 2011 and the Skidmore Prize, which was awarded to PHAME's executive director, Stephen Marc Beaudoin.

In April 2013, PHAME Academy launched the Artistic Advisory Council, a new body of regional and national arts leaders brought together to offer strategic artistic counsel, advice, support and advocacy as it continues to innovate, and remain at the forefront of new trends and opportunities in arts education and inclusive performance for people with developmental disabilities. Members of the Artistic Advisory Council include: Associate Artistic Director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Co-founder of Wobbly Dance, Director of the Boston Conservatory Program for Students on the Autism Spectrum, founder of Make Musicals, and Music Director of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony.

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