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THE PAIGE FRASER FOUNDATION, INC.  
*Performing Arts & Wellness*

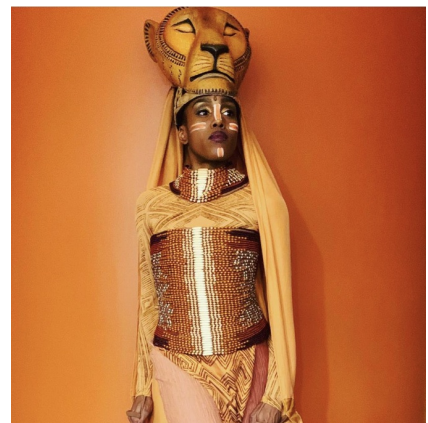
## The Paige Fraser Foundation (TPFF) Celebrates its Fifth Anniversary

*What an incredible journey it has been so far!*



TPFF was established in 2017 as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission to create a safe space for aspiring young artists, with or without disabilities, to reach their full potential in dance, music, theater, visual arts and wellness. Our founding principle is to offer hope and inspiration to all youth so they may overcome physical and/or behavioral health challenges to reach their dreams. TPFf's founding principles demonstrate our commitment to accessible, equitable and inclusive programming.

TPFF was named after Paige Fraser, an African American/Caribbean dancer born and raised in the Bronx, in recognition of her personal achievements. Paige was diagnosed with scoliosis at an early age but was not deterred by the challenges on her journey to becoming a professional dancer. She is currently in the cast of *The Lion King* on Broadway. Our goal is to encourage our students to transcend physical and circumstantial challenges to attain empowerment and achieve their goals.



In general, TPFf's program participants are children and youth from the Bronx. Since our inception, over 80% of the students enrolled in TPFf's arts education and wellness programs are Black and Hispanic youth who can benefit from additional exposure to quality art and cultural programs. We recruit our students from public and private schools, public libraries, community-based organizations, and faith-based institutions.



TPFF's board members and advisors have devoted their careers to supporting historically marginalized populations, including BIPOC, immigrants, people with chronic physical and behavioral problems, economically disadvantaged, and LGBTQ populations, are committed to the mission. They promote TPFF's programs through their affiliations with community-based organizations, faith-based institutions, healthcare facilities, and advocacy groups. To ensure that our programs are accessible to our target population, we hold our classes at ADA compliant facilities. We select faculty who possess motivational communication skills and a keen acknowledgement and understanding of our community and its distinct needs.

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***Three factors set TPFF apart:***

- TPFF provides programs in dance, music, theater, visual arts and wellness that offers free lessons taught by acclaimed professional artists who perform on world-class stages.
- TPFF welcomes and encourages youth with physical and developmental disabilities, as well as challenging circumstances, to participate in the arts.
- The demographics and challenges of our students, the instructions and artistic/creative vision, including choreography and content, are designed and delivered by a carefully selected faculty with compassion and empathy.



All of TPF's programs are **FREE** and are offered to the public. These programs include: "Stars 2 Be," "Behind the Music," "Spine Series," "Dance is Healing," "Dance Strong," "Dance to Bond," and "Comic Book Series."

As we look back, we must take time to thank our partners, collaborators, donors, sponsors, grantors and communities. Your support enabled and fueled our effort to provide community-based performing arts and wellness programs. We could not have done this without you.

*Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy and Healthy New Year!*

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