

Sponsorship Opportunities

A.B.L.E. Spring 2024



WE ARE A.B.L.E. ARTISTS BREAKING LIMITS & EXPECTATIONS

We provide **performing arts opportunities** through which **individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities** can develop the confidence and skills to share who they are, and **all they are A.B.L.E. to do.**

This spring A.B.L.E.'s performance Ensembles will present an original adaptation of the epic classic ***The Odyssey***. The production will blend music, movement, shadow puppetry, poetry, and a ton of imagination. 24 actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities will take the stage in this special one-night-only event at the Courtyard at Chicago Shakespeare Theater in May 2024.

We are looking for generous sponsors to help bring the highest quality theatre experience to our actors and audiences this spring. Sponsors underwrite the essential costs of our production, so that we can grow our program offerings to include more actors, from more neighborhoods across Chicago.

Expand your Reach

When you sponsor an A.B.L.E. performance, your company becomes part of our community, including:



44 Actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families, caregivers and supporters



Up to **500 in-person audience members**, plus streaming viewers



1,300 Social Media Followers
@ableensemble



1,380 Newsletter Recipients



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PRODUCTION SPONSOR

\$10,000

Production sponsors are essential to creating a professional performance. **A Production Sponsorship will offset our program costs**, including equitable salaries for our Teaching Artists, production design fees, and occupancy expenses for performance and rehearsal spaces. In addition, A.B.L.E. thoughtfully invests in quality costumes, props, sets and materials to bring our shows to life.



ACCESSIBILITY SPONSOR

\$7,500

Accessibility sponsors are necessary to living our organizational values. **An accessibility sponsorship will offset the cost of accessibility features**, including live open captioning at all performances and on streamable video content, ASL translation in consultation with a Deaf consultant, dual interpretation at the performances, and sensory support materials for actors and audiences.



Benefits of Sponsorship

In addition to aligning your company with A.B.L.E., a leader in inclusive theatre, you will receive some or all of the following benefits, determined by your level of engagement. See page 4 for details.

- Complimentary Tickets
- Recognition in Program, Newsletter, and Website
- Partner Post on Social Media
- Framed Recognition Certificate & Cast Photo
- VIP Experience at the Performance
- Mention during Pre-Show Introduction



IN THE WINGS SPONSOR

\$5,000

In the Wings sponsors **provide a vital creative and social outlet for individuals with disabilities without the pressure of a performance.** In the Wings is a 6-week course geared towards welcoming new participants to A.B.L.E.'s work and introducing foundational performance skills. Even though you won't see them on stage, A.B.L.E. will host two In the Wings ensembles in the spring of 2024, serving an additional 20 actors with virtual and in-person sessions.

TECH & TRAVEL SPONSOR

\$2,500

Technology & travel sponsors remove barriers to accessing A.B.L.E.'s programs, whether people participate in-person or virtually. **The Tech & Travel sponsorship provides transportation assistance** to and from rehearsals and performance for actors, facilitators and teaching artists in need. **It also provides technology assistance** to ensure the virtual ensemble can get connected to their weekly rehearsals.



Professional Development

A.B.L.E. offers engaging Professional Development sessions to help your organization strengthen its commitment to diversity, accessibility and inclusivity.

Sponsors can contract with A.B.L.E. for professional development sessions as part of their sponsorship agreement.

Professional Development Topics include:

- Communicating about Disability
- Understanding & Engaging the 8 Senses
- Disability Representation on Stage & Screen
- Top 10 Tips for an Inclusive Rehearsal (for theatre professionals)
- Improv 101



EVENT SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

	\$2,500 TECH/TRAVEL	\$5,000 IN THE WINGS	\$7,500 ACCESSIBILITY	\$10,000 PRODUCTION
Complimentary Tickets	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in Digital & Printed Event Program <i>(up to 500 attendees)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in Newsletter <i>(Distribution of 1,380)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition on Website <i>(Average 1.8K page views/month)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Partner Post on Social <i>(1300 Instagram Followers)</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Framed Recognition Certificate and Cast Photo	✓	✓	✓	✓
VIP Experience at the Performance	✓	✓	✓	✓
Company Mentioned during Pre-Show Introduction	✓	✓	✓	✓

Not the right time to become an Event Sponsor, but still want to contribute to A.B.L.E.'s season?

Consider a gift at one of the following levels. By helping A.B.L.E. put individuals with disabilities in the spotlight, you are creating more inclusive and empathetic communities!

A.B.L.E. CHAMPION

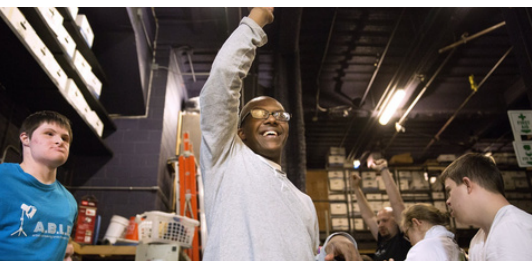
\$1,250

- 2 complimentary tickets
- Recognition in Digital Event Program Only
- Recognition on A.B.L.E. Newsletter
- Recognition on Website

FRIEND OF A.B.L.E.

\$750

- 2 complimentary tickets
- Recognition in Digital Event Program Only
- Recognition in A.B.L.E. Newsletter





Your Gift Makes a Difference

Whether in-person or online, A.B.L.E. programs strive to:

- Foster agency and independence
- Deepen social skills, while celebrating creativity
- Offer leadership opportunities
- Accommodate multiple learning and communication styles
- Provide all participants with the individualized attention and guidance they need to thrive



Still have Questions?

Please reach out to us anytime with questions about our performing arts programming, or the opportunity to sponsor this semester and beyond. We are happy to customize a sponsorship agreement to meet your needs.



THANK YOU for your consideration.

Please reach out to Michelle Blose, Development Manager,
to discuss a partnership at
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