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Good Stuff About Our Grantees

Building Creative Bridges Express your inner talents!

Are you always dancing and singing around your house? Have you imagined seeing yourself up on stage under big, bright lights?

If so, there is a program available to those of you who are between the ages of 11 and 18 and reside in Detroit's 48207 ZIP code.

This program – **Building Bridges Through Creativity** – includes several great opportunities for interested children. ♦ **Building Bridges** is a program of the **Detroit Opera House** and located in **Franklin-Wright Settlements**, located at **3360 Charlevoix** on Detroit's east side.



performer **Karen DiChiera** will teach the tricks of the trade. ♦ **Karen** will work with students on composing music, writing songs, singing and acting. ♦ An improvisational theater class has begun, so hurry because classes are filling up quickly.

Participating students not only learn, grow, become motivated, inspired and really good dancers,

- Students are invited to come to **Franklin-Wright** on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m.

- Dance classes are taught on Tuesdays. ♦ Teachers **Angela Polk** and **Penny Godboldo** have tons of experience working with students who are new to dance and those more advanced looking for a challenge. ♦ Students are offered a full range of dance options: modern, ballet, African, hip-hop and creative movement. ♦ Choreography will be taught, and students will perform their own work.

- It's all about theater on Thursdays. ♦ Veteran award-winning artist, teacher and

- they also will be treated to two operas and dance performances. ♦ Students also will become eligible for summer scholarships in the **Michigan Opera Theatre's Create Opera** programs; **Learning at the Opera House** programs; **Summer Dance Intensives** and **Master classes**. ♦ Wow!

- Everything is free. ♦ If transportation is a concern, you may even qualify for a ride. ♦ For more information about this experience, give **Kamilah Levens**, education coordinator, a call at **313.237.3251**.

- Learn how to express yourself creatively!

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