My Mouth Is a Volcano
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 - 10:00 AM
Recommended Grades: PK-4th grades
Presented by: Stars Within Reach Productions
Approximate Length: 55 minutes
Based on the award-winning book by Julia Cook, My Mouth Is a Volcano teaches children the value of respecting others by listening and waiting for their turn to speak. Louis always interrupts! All of his thoughts are very important to him, and when he has something to say he ERUPTS (or interrupts). But when others begin to interrupt Louis, he learns how to respectfully wait for his turn to talk.

Fractured Fairy Tales
Tuesday, October 23, 2018 - 10:00 AM
Recommended Grades: 3rd-6th grades
Presented by: Cinema Academy/Greatworks
Approximate Length: 50 minutes
Done in the tradition of Chicago-improv, the all-female cast brings a brand new take on Cinderella that blends the German, French and Chinese versions into one multi-cultural goulash of fun intended for older elementary children. This is a surprisingly moving story about courage and honor, rather than a girl being ‘rescued’ by a handsome guy with a crown - an ending that makes this classic one of the best middle-school shows around.

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Toying with Science
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 - 10:00 AM
Recommended Grades: 2nd-6th grades
Presented by: Garry Kriisky
Approximate Length: 60 minutes
This fast-paced, dynamic program combines circus skills, mime, original music, and audience involvement in the exploration of scientific principles like gravity, leverage, fulcrums, and simple machines. Garry and his audience delve into the imaginations of scientists who have played important roles in the discoveries that define our world. A variety of science-based toys are brought to life with motion, music, humor, and insight. Upbeat songs offer additional information on scientific principles.

Music of Beauty and the Beast
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 - 10:00 AM
Recommended Grades: 3rd-5th grades
Presented by: Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra and Decatur Park District’s Perform! Program
Approximate Length: 60 minutes
Cost: Free
This performance presents highlights from the hit Disney musical Beauty and the Beast. The semi-staged performance will showcase local students in grades 1-12 in the Decatur Park District’s Perform! Program. They will be accompanied by the Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra, an ensemble of middle and high school musicians from the Mil-likin University Preparatory Department.

Laura Ingalls Wilder
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - 10:00 AM
Recommended Grades: 2nd-6th grades
Presented by: ArtsPower
Approximate Length: 55 minutes
Laura and her family travel across America in search of a place they can call home. Facing obstacles such as scarlet fever and eviction from their land, their pioneering spirit and family bonds are tested but never broken. This uplifting story of one of America’s most beloved authors comes to life in one of ArtsPower’s most popular musicals.

Your Alien
Monday, February 11, 2019 - 10:00 AM
Recommended Grades: PK-2nd grades
Presented by: ArtsPower
Approximate Length: 55 minutes
One day, you’ll be looking out your window when something wonderful comes your way... and you will want to keep him. ArtsPower’s newest musical touches down with a stranded alien who strikes up a fabulous friendship with a boy who finds him. They go to school and have loads of fun together. As evening approaches, the alien grows homesick. Will the boy be able to figure out how to help his new friend? This funny and uplifting new musical shows how the power of true friendship can last a lifetime.
To: All Educators

Performing Arts Series for Students – PASS opens doors to learning through the performing arts! Six outstanding, high quality shows have been chosen for children Pre-K through 6th grade. Featuring outstanding variety and educational content, these shows give you the opportunity to meet the Illinois Learning Standards for Fine Arts. Prior to the shows, study guides will be sent to participating schools so students can be better prepared for the program. Please reserve seats for the program(s) that best suit the needs of your class.

Important information to know...

First call, first served – Thursday, September 6, at 8 am is the first date reservations will be taken. To be sure you get the shows you want for your students, call early to the Arts Council at 217-423-3189! Some shows do sell out.

Time, location, and length of programs – Carefully check the time and length of the performance. All shows are at 10 AM in the Kirkland Fine Arts Center on the campus of Millikin University.

Study guides - Excellent study guides are prepared for each show and sent approximately three weeks before the performance. A hard copy of the study guide will be sent to the school via US mail and to your school email if we have it.

Five dollar prices – All shows are $5 except for the Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra performance on April 9 which is free. We want all children to attend! Scholarship funds are available to cover children that can’t or don’t pay. All you have to do is call the Arts Council at 217-423-3189. *Also, please give us a call if there has been a change in the number of students attending.

Transportation scholarships - Through a grant from Homefield Energy, a limited amount of scholarship funds are available to assist with bus transportation costs. You may request a transportation scholarship when you call in to reserve space for your students. You will be notified at a later date as to whether your transportation scholarship has been approved.

Billing procedures – Invoices are sent approximately 3 weeks before a performance. Payment is requested no later than 10 days after the date of the show.

Grade recommendations – Grade recommendations are recommendations only. Use your judgement to decide which performances will best suit your students.

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