

PASS reservation form



To: All Educators

Performing Arts Series for Students – PASS opens doors to learning through the performing arts! Seven 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. Age recommendations are just that – a recommendation.

Important information to know:

First call, first served – Thursday, September 7, at 8 am is the first date we will begin taking reservations. 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 Millikin University campus.

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 Youth Symphony Orchestra performance on April 24 which is free. Teachers and Chaperones are free for all shows. 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 423-3189. *Also, please give us a call if there has been a change in the number of students attending.

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. Please note that we are not prepared to take payment the day of the show.

Grade recommendations – Grade recommendations are just that, a recommendation. Use your judgement to decide which performances will best suit your students.

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***Chaperone seating is limited to one adult for every five children. If the show is not sold out, exceptions can be made and the \$5 fee will apply. Additional chaperones for handicapped children are exempt from further costs.*

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| DATE | PERFORMANCE | TIME | COST PER STUDENT | # OF STUDENTS | TOTAL COST |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Wednesday, 10/25/17 | Biscuit | 10:00 am only | \$5 | | |
| Tuesday, 11/7/17 | 50 States in 60 Minutes | 10:00 am only | \$5 | | |
| Tuesday, 12/12/17 | The Tailor of Gloucester | 10:00 am only | \$5 | | |
| Thursday, 1/25/18 | Mark Nizer - Magician | 10:00 am only | \$5 | | |
| Tuesday, 2/6/18 | Solve It Cyrus | 10:00 am only | \$5 | | |
| Tuesday, 3/20/18 | Chocolate Milk Por Favor | 10:00 am only | \$5 | | |
| Tuesday, 4/24/18 | The Interactive Orchestra | 10:00 am only | FREE | | |

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BISCUIT

50 States in 60 Minutes

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

10:00 AM

Recommended Grades: 3rd – 6th grades

Presented by: Cinema Academy/GreatWorks

Approximate Length: 60 minutes

Hold on to your hats for a breakneck tour of 500 years of American history in this fast, funny - and informative - tour de farce!

In one high-energy hour, students will come face to face with Columbus, the Pilgrims, the Salem “witches”, George Washington, the Boston Tea Partiers, the framers of the Constitution, the Missouri Compromisers, Levi Strauss and his Blue Jeans, and the Gettysburg Address – and that’s just in the first 35 minutes!

Add in Thomas Edison, the invention of the movies, WWI & II, the Great Depression (“don’t worry, nothing like this will ever happen again ...”), FDR, the Cold War, the Boomers, Martin Luther King, Jr, Vietnam, 1970’s fashion, Reagan and Gorbachev, and the invention of the internet, and you’ve got a funny – but still useful – overview of the greatest social experiment in world history.

This should get your students curious about some of the fun backstories of US History.



Biscuit

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

10:00 AM

Recommended Grades: Pre-K – 1st

Presented by: ArtsPower

Approximate Length: 55 minutes

Welcome to the world of Biscuit! Based on the I can Read – Biscuit series for pre k – 1st, ArtsPower’s musical features a small yellow dog named Biscuit. This frolicking little puppy loves exploring, making new friends, and even stirring up some mischief. Along the way, Biscuit learns about the joys of having a family.

The Tailor of Gloucester

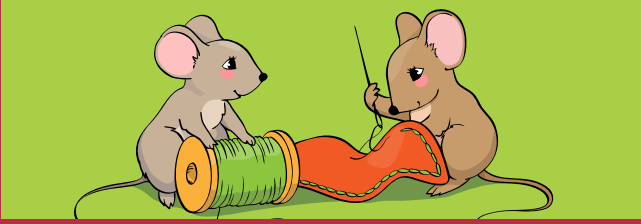
Tuesday, December 12, 2017

10:00 AM

Recommended Grades: 2nd – 4th grades

Presented by: Virginia Repertory Theatre

Approximate Length: 60 minutes



The Tailor of Gloucester is a children’s book written and illustrated by Beatrix Potter. The story is about a tailor who has worked his fingers to the bone making a cherry-colored coat for the mayor’s Christmas wedding. All goes well until the tailor realizes he lacks the piece of twisted silk needed to sew on the final button. It is Christmas Eve, that one blessed night when animals are granted the gift of speech. So he sends Simpkin the cat to buy a twist of cherry-coloured silk to complete the waistcoat. While Simpkin is gone, the tailor finds mice that the cat has imprisoned under teacups. The mice are released and scamper away. When Simpkin returns and finds his mice gone, he hides the twist in anger.

The tailor falls ill and is unable to complete the waistcoat, but upon returning to his shop, he is surprised to find the waistcoat finished. The work had been done by the grateful mice.

Chocolate Milk Por Favor

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

10:00 AM

Recommended Grades: Pre-K – 2nd

Presented by: Stars Within Reach

Approximate Length: 52 minutes



Johnny is a big fan of school but that all changes when the new kid, Gabe arrives. Gabe doesn’t speak any English, and that doesn’t stop Johnny from going out of his way to be unkind. Johnny realizes a powerful message in this bilingual musical where student differences are celebrated.

Mark Nizer – Magician

Thursday, January 25, 2018

10:00 AM

Recommended Grades: 3rd – 6th grades

Presented by DCA Productions

Approximate Length: 65 minutes

Making the impossible possible and the improbable probable, Mark Nizer’s one man show is a combination of original comedy, world class juggling, movement, music and technology that promises spellbinding entertainment. The phrase “Nothing Less Than Brilliant” has been used to describe the outrageous comedy antics and expertly crafted juggling feats of Mark Nizer.

*Mark will also be performing at Kirkland Fine Arts Center on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 7:30 pm Tickets are \$15/\$20/\$25, school age \$10. Call Kirkland Box Office for tickets – 424-6318

Solve It Cyrus

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

10:00 AM

Recommended Grades: 2nd – 4th grades

Presented by: Stars Within Reach

Approximate Length: 55 minutes

Cyrus can solve anything! Whether it be puzzles, mysteries, or riddles. If there’s a problem to be solved, Cy’s your guy! But in this original musical, Cyrus meets his match; Math Class. Come along as Solve It Cyrus and his friends learn the ins and outs of all things math. Students and teachers alike will learn what makes math fun in this delightfully charming musical adventure.



MARK NIZER



SOLVE IT CYRUS

The Interactive Orchestra

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

10:00 AM

Recommended Grades: 3rd – 5th

Presented by: Youth Symphony Orchestra

Approximate Length: 60 minutes

Cost: FREE

This program is the perfect opportunity to see what it feels like to play in a large, finely-tuned ensemble. Cutting edge multimedia techniques will be used to get a “birds eye view” of what the Decatur Youth Symphony Orchestra members experience while they perform a variety of traditional and contemporary music. Students will have an opportunity to participate in the performance and experience the music making process first hand, and leave with a greater understanding of what it’s like to play music with others and excited about the possibility of playing an instrument themselves.



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