

Education Through the Arts

Spring Newsletter 2015

WELLS FARGO
CENTER FOR
THE ARTS

wellsfargocenterarts.org

SCHOOL SHOWS

"You don't think the way you used to think after seeing a Wells Fargo Center show!" exclaims Freda, a spirited, creative 4th grader. "It's fun, and it helps you a lot in school!"

Thanks to our members, donors, and sponsors, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts is expanding thousands of young minds like Freda's.

28 live music, dance and theatre School Show performances funded by our members, donors, and sponsors opened up a whole new world of imagination, creativity and learning for 29,573 North Bay students from 5 – 18 last year. It was the first time many of them had ever seen a live performance.

Over 40% of these students – many who wouldn't have been able to attend otherwise – received no-cost or reduced-price tickets.

Roseland's Sheppard Accelerated Elementary School, which Freda attends, often receives no-cost School Show tickets from us. Last month, Freda and the rest of her 4th grade

class at Sheppard
Elementary
learned
a lot

about grammar at one of our School Shows.

Using humor, drama, song, dance, light shows and technology, the show taught the students about all verbs, nouns, pronouns and the other elements of grammar.

"Now I remember where to put my commas and periods!" says Freda proudly.

"The show was a fun and engaging way for kids to learn grammar," says Freda's teacher Anh Dao Tran. "They could actually see it, hear it and experience it. It was especially beneficial for my class because for 90% of them English is their second language."

As a teacher, Anh Dao is a huge fan of the School Shows our members and donors make possible for her kids.

"The students are definitely more engaged as a result," Anh Dao says. "High-quality shows like this expose them to all kinds of creative learning and thinking. Being able to talk with the actors afterwards boosts their confidence and gives them a new sense of what's possible in their lives. They see that they can express themselves through many different avenues."

"It's such a privilege for our students to get so many free tickets to the Wells Fargo Center School Shows," she adds, "because otherwise many of them would never get to go at all. These shows give them a huge opportunity to get outside of our small Roseland community and see the arts."

Freda agrees and encourages our members and donors to keep supporting School Shows. "They inspire you and help you imagine doing different things!" she says.



Look inside
for a sneak
peek at next
year's school
shows!

On sale
August 12
at 9:00am

Sculpture Garden to Open June 6

Mark Your Calendar!

Wells Fargo Center for the Arts is thrilled to announce the opening of a new outdoor Sculpture Garden, a meditative space that will be free and open to the public, showcasing sculpture by contemporary regional artists. The inaugural exhibit, "Root 101," will feature monumental and distinctive redwood sculptures designed by highly-acclaimed local artist **Bruce Johnson**. "Root 101" will be on exhibition for two years, and we encourage you to plan time on your school's next visit to the Center to spend a few minutes with your class experiencing this interactive exhibition.



Music For Schools



Instruments Available for Loan

Does your school have a music program? Are there students who are unable to play because they don't have an instrument? If you answered yes to either of these questions, read on!

In the 2014-15 school year alone, the Center's *Music For Schools* program supplied instruments to 330 students in 34 different schools. These instruments are loaned out free of charge for the entire school year.

"It is truly a pleasure to work with local school music teachers to provide instruments to those students who need them," says Tracy Sawyer, who coordinates the program. "We know we are making a difference to school music programs and in the lives of the children who are given the opportunity to learn to play music. This is no small thing."

To cap off a great year, *Music For Schools* received 26 instruments at the annual Instrument Drive at Montgomery Village on Saturday, May 9th.

Teachers, please pass this information along to your music teacher. We'd like to make a difference at your school, too. Please contact Tracy Sawyer at 707.800.7529 or tsawyer@wellsfargocenterarts.org with questions or comments.



Art of Dessert Success!

Raising \$\$ in support of our Education programs

Art of Dessert, the Center's annual fundraising event to support all our Education Through the Arts programs was held Saturday, April 11, and raised \$400,000, breaking all previous records. The "Fund-a-Need" portion of the live auction raised \$117,000, plus an additional \$75,000 matching donation from Lytton Rancheria – Lytton Band of Pomo Indians.

At the event, Alan and Susan Seidenfeld were honored with the 2015 Arts Benefactor of the Year Award.

Proceeds from this annual event help make all of our programs possible, including *Music For Schools*, *School Shows*, *Artists in the Schools*, *New Song Music Camp*, *Professional Development workshops* through Kennedy Center's Partners in Education program, and more.



Professional Development: Tools for Teachers

SUMMER INTENSIVE

Moving Through Math: Integrating Mathematics with Rhythm, Movement, and the Imagination

Monday, August 3, 2015 through Wednesday, August 5, 2015 · Daily, 9am – 3pm

Recommended for educators of grades 2-6, Math Specialists and pre-service teachers · Maximum number of participants: 45
\$150 plus \$50 supply fee · Participants must attend all three days

Many students memorize skip counting series (i.e. "2, 4, 6, 8..." and "5, 10, 15, 20...") without mastering a conceptual understanding of what it means. And many students memorize the times tables (i.e. "2 x 5 = 10" and "2 x 6 = 12"), yet fail to master a conceptual understanding of multiplication. Without critical conceptual understanding, students have no foundation upon which to build further math skills. This is the reason many students struggle with coin value, factors and multiples, and fractions.

In this three-day arts integrated approach, explore how patterns lay the fundamental building blocks of music, dance, and mathematics. When students perform rhythm and movement patterns, logical thinking comes to life! Students can see, hear, and feel how patterns, repeated addition, skip counting, and multiplication are all related concepts. Through this process, educators will discover how to help students move past conditioned memorizing to understanding the foundations of multiplying and dividing.

Presented by Kennedy Center teaching artist Marcia Daft.



Addresses
Common
Core
Mathematical
Practices

Order today! Space is limited!

Name: _____ Phone (day): _____

School/Business: *(if applicable)* _____ Grade(s) Taught: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Payment: \$200/person

Check Purchase Order

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard American Express

_____ Exp. _____ Sec. Code: _____

Cardholder: _____ Signature: _____

Please mail or fax form to: Education Through the Arts Programs • Wells Fargo Center for the Arts • 50 Mark West Springs Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Phone 707.800.7529 • Fax 707.546.7020 • Please keep a copy of this form for your records.

Sneak Peek: 2015-16 School Shows

Have fun and learn a lot, too!

We have 25 outstanding performances planned in 2015-2016 geared to specific grade levels, with educational and entertaining experiences for students pre-kindergarten through high school. Plus, all shows align with your overall teaching objectives using Common Core Curriculum. This is just a sneak peek at what's to come!

*Program information and dates are subject to change.

Coming Soon!

Look for our Education Brochure and order form available in early August. Visit wellsfargocenterarts.org later this summer to view the final schedule and download program materials, including study guides.

Education programs are on sale August 12 at 9:00am!

- **Preschool/Early Elementary**
- **Elementary**
- **Elementary/Middle School**
- **Middle School/High School**
- **Elementary through High School**



GRADES 7-12



Parsons Dance Company

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Join this internationally renowned contemporary dance company based in New York City for lecture-demonstration style performance, showcasing elements of dance for students.

GRADES PK-2



Veggie Tales Live!

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Sing along with some of your favorite silly songs of all time, including: "Hairbrush," "Love My Lips," and "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything"! And the Veggies will teach you some new songs, too, like "Show You Love." This rollicking musical revue of VeggieTales' greatest hits is sure to delight students as our Veggie friends learn to consider each other's feelings and wishes, and how to be a good friend at all times.

GRADES PK-3



Room on the Broom by Tall Stories Theatre Company of London

Monday, November 2, 2015

When a helpful dog, bird, and frog all hop on the broom—will there be room enough for all of them? Julia Donaldson's award-winning tale of a witch, her cat, her friends, and her broomstick comes to life!

GRADES K-6



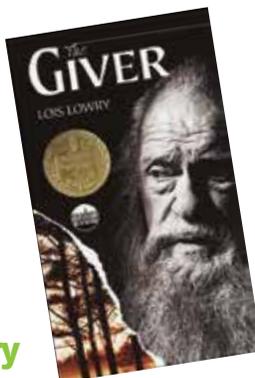
Sewam American Indian Dance Company

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

History and tradition come to life in the dances and customs of the Plains Indians. Formerly Four Winds American Indian Dance Company, this is a true favorite for students and teachers alike!

GRADES 6-9

Young Audiences of New York's Literature to Life® production of **The Giver** by Lois Lowry
October 2015



In a dystopian world, 12-year-old Jonas is selected to receive the memories of a far different life. Back by popular demand, this one-person adaptation uses verbatim portions from Lois Lowry's acclaimed novel.

GRADES PK-12



Golden Dragon Acrobats

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Back by popular demand, the Golden Dragon Acrobats present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding energy.

GRADES 1-5



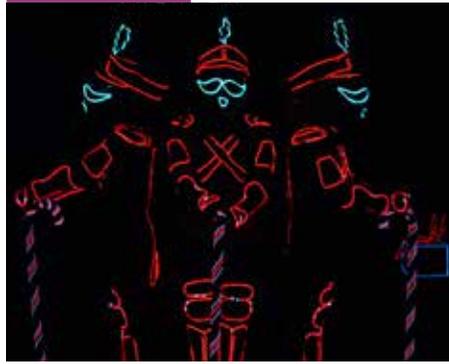
The Lewis & Clark Expedition: A Celebration of Teamwork

by TheatreworksUSA

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Students take on the roles of Lewis and Clark, as well as their aides, in this thrilling interactive production of this great American voyage of discovery.

GRADES 1-6



Lightwire Theatre's A Very Electric Christmas

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

A young bird named Max and his family fly south for the winter. When Max gets blown off course during a snowstorm, he sets off on a journey featuring Nutcracker soldiers, caroling worms, dancing poinsettias, mischievous mice, and an epic battle with an evil Rat King in this magical glow-in-the-dark holiday tale.

GRADES 1-4



Hangin' with the Giants by JazzReach

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Meet Jazz music's greatest personalities in this multimedia journey through time and culture. From the tunes of Louis Armstrong to Duke Ellington to Dizzy Gillespie, no one can help but tap their feet and clap their hands along with this show-stopper, back by popular demand!

GRADES PK-2



Spot the Dog by Theater Terra

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Spot goes to his father Sam's farm, where all the animals are lost. Spot and his friend Helen need the help of the audience to find all the animals and bring them back to the farm. Enjoy this delightful adaptation of Eric Hill's book for children.

GRADES K-12



Posada Navideña by Ballet Folklórico De Sacramento

Friday, December 11, 2015

Featuring traditional Mexican folkloric dance and music, this performance—back by popular demand—celebrates the wonderful folk culture of Mexico during the Christmas season.

GRADES 5-7

Yes Indeed! by JazzReach

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

Instill a greater appreciation, awareness, and understanding of the history of the blues in your students with this interactive program showcasing the blues as the core element of all indigenous American music, including R&B, funk, gospel, rock, and hip hop.

Education programs are on sale August 12 at 9:00am

GRADES PK-3

The Cat in the Hat by Childsplay

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Dr. Seuss' beloved classic leaps from page to stage in this delightful musical! From the moment his tall, red-and-white-striped hat appears at their door, Sally and her brother know that the Cat in the Hat is the most mischievous cat they will ever meet. Suddenly the rainy afternoon is transformed.



More great shows on the next page!

School Shows



GRADES 7-12

Young Audiences of New York's Literature to Life® production of **Black Boy** by Richard Wright February 2016

A verbatim adaptation of the classic American autobiographical work, *Black Boy* dramatizes Richard Wright's journey from childhood innocence to adulthood in the Jim Crow South, covering issues still resonating in today's cultural dialogue.

GRADES 1-5

The Science of Ecology with Steve Trash Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Rockin' Eco Hero Steve Trash uses magic tricks and illusions to teach students how everything in nature is connected and that trash is a valuable natural resource. From the water cycle works to solar energy, and much more, this one-of-a-kind show features reused materials for an exciting blend of eco-entertainment and eco-education.

GRADES K-4



Alice in Wonderland by the Pushcart Players Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Filled with Lewis Carroll's pure nonsense and madcap characters, join Alice on her enchanted journey of self-discovery with challenges, choices, and happy conclusions in this whimsical adaptation.

GRADES 2-6



The BFG by Dallas Children's Theater Monday, February 22, 2016

This imaginative dramatization of Roald Dahl's award-winning story of a 15-foot-tall vegetarian giant with vocabulary problems features puppets and lots of laughs! The BFG (Big Friendly Giant) teams up with a little orphan girl called Sophie to save the children of England from child-eating giants in this magical adventure.

GRADES 3-8



Black Violin Tuesday, February 23, 2016

This band was declared one of the hottest bands of renowned musical festival SXSW. With two string artists and a drummer and DJ, their unique sound blends classical, hip-hop, rock, R&B, and bluegrass. This special performance for students focuses on the history of music and the fusion of sound.

GRADES 6-12

The Imaginists' adaptation of Hamlet March 2016

The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark gets a modern spin by Santa Rosa's own cutting edge ensemble theater, The Imaginists. With spoken word, audience participation, and multimedia elements, this unique performance explores classic archetypes and powerful themes as we discover parts of Hamlet in each of ourselves.

GRADES PK-3



Curious George: The Golden Meatball by TheatreworksUSA Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Curious George is excited because he helped cook for for the annual All-You-Can-Eat Meatball Day, but this year the crowd had vanished! Find out what could be keeping them away as you join the star of books, movies, and the award-winning PBS television show, *Curious George*, in this delightful new musical.

GRADES 2-6



The Lightning Thief by TheatreworksUSA Monday, March 14, 2016

The gods of Mount Olympus are coming to life from the pages of Percy Jackson's Greek mythology textbook. Zeus's master lightning bolt has been stolen and Percy is the prime suspect. Now, he must find the stolen property and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus in this musical adaptation of the book by Rick Riordan.

GRADES PK-3



Clifford The Big Red Dog™ – Live!

by Maximum Entertainment
Wednesday, March 16, 2016

See Clifford and his friends Emily Elizabeth, Cleo, and T-Bone come to life on stage with lots of laughs, singing, and dancing!

GRADES 1-6



Movies to Games, Classically Trained with Alpin Hong

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Imagine Mario Brothers without the background music? What's a movie without its score? Classically trained pianist and international performer, Alpin Hong, illustrates how the elements of today's music from movies, television, and video games are rooted in classical traditions.

GRADES K-4



Miss Nelson is Missing by Two Beans' Productions

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

The students in Room 207 were the worst-behaved class in the whole school, even though they had the sweetest teacher of all, Miss Nelson. But when Miss Nelson is unexpectedly absent, the class gets the strictest substitute they have ever met—Miss Viola Swamp! Join the search for Miss Nelson in this lighthearted musical.

GRADES K-6



Story Pirates

Monday, April 11, 2016

Improv comedy gets an educational twist as the Story Pirates create outlandishly funny sketches and mini-musicals based on audience suggestions that leave students and teachers howling in the aisles. Back by popular demand!



Thank You!

Wells Fargo Center for the Arts wishes to thank the following for their support of \$1,000 or more for our *Education Through the Arts* programs since April 1, 2014.

Amaturo Family Foundation, Inc.
Michael and Karen Bergin
Gordon and Ann Blumenfeld
Denis and Margaret Brown
Mary Cardaras and Fran Fifis
Robin and Brad Calkins
Community Foundation Sonoma County
County of Sonoma
Don and Nadine Cribbins
Bruce DeCrona
Danielle Dominguez Billy
Joanne Dow
Gordon Dow
Delvino Escutia
Exchange Bank
Steve and Mary Beth Falk
Ernest L. And Ruth W. Finley Foundation
Honore Comfort and Chris Fitzgerald
Fountaingrove Inn

Chauntel Gonzalez
Dawn Gonzalez
Steve Halpern
Jamei Haswell and Richard Grundy
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
Jeff and Barbara Ireland
Kiwanis Club Of Oakmont Foundation
Lytton Rancheria - Lytton Band of Pomo Indians
Katie Lynch
Helen Maldonado
Medtronic Your Cause, LLC
Margie Mejia
Lewis Meyers
Shirley Milligan
Katie and Denny Murphy
North Bay Association of Realtors
Rick Nowlin and Don Strand
Daniel Ocampo
Carolyn Petersen

Frank and Nancie Pipgras
Bill and Mary-Louise Reinking
Jan Rodriguez
Andrew Salas
Jacque and Bob Scheibel
Alan and Susan Seidenfeld
Janet Siela
Lee and Dave Stare
Joyce Steele
Juneko and Daniel Steele, Jr.
Larry and Tracey Stidham
Jeff and Lisa Sugarman
Mike and Jessica Sutton
Pete and Sherry Swayne
Target Corporation
Brenda Tomaras/Tomaras & Ogas, LLP
John and Laura Whiting
Sara and Peter Woodfield
Anonymous (2)

A Special Publication for Educators | **Spring 2015**

SUMMER CAMPS • COMING SOON!

Missoula Children's Theatre

Auditions:

Monday, June 22, 2015 • 10am – 12pm

For students entering 1st – 12th grades

Draw It! Paint It!
Sculpt It! Art Camp

July 13 – 17, 2015 • 1 – 5pm

For students entering 4th – 7th grades

New Song Music Camp

July 27 – 31, 2015 • 9am – 3pm

For students entering 3rd – 6th grades

