2022-2023 Performing Arts Series

AWESOME PLAYS

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All programs will be held in the Performance Hall located inside Mitchell Museum at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Attendance for all daytime performances is by reservation only.

To Make Reservations
For your class or school call 618.242.1236 ext. 248 or email: tracy@cedarhurst.org. You will receive an email confirmation from Cedarhurst five (5) weeks before the performance date. Fee: $3.50 per student. Please verify the number of students stated in your reservation is correct as this is the number of students you will be billed for. Reservation cancellations must be made 1 month prior to the performance date to avoid being invoiced for the reservations. Your group is allowed one free adult admission for every 15 students.

OCTOBER 19, 2022
LARRY YAZZIE:
NATIVE PRIDE DANCER
9:00, 10:30 & 1:00 | Grades K - 8
Colorful regalia, pulsating drumming, and fancy footwork are part of the excitement of Native American powwow. Feel this excitement and experience the artistry of The Native Pride Dancer, Larry Yazzie, CEO, Founder, and Artistic Director of Native Pride Productions, Inc. as he performs flamboyant movements passed down by his ancestors thru song and dance. Yazzie strives to educate and entertain audiences of all ages throughout the world about the beauty, skill, and majesty of Native American music and dance.

DECEMBER 6, 2022
BOBBY NORFOLK: HOLIDAY & WINTER TALES
10:00 & 1:00 | Grades K - 4
Celebrate the Holiday season with storyteller, Bobby Norfolk, as he masterfully weaves tales from around the world celebrating Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and traditional Native American tales. A sampling of tales include: The Silly Little Elf, Coyote Learns to Fly, and The Hanukkah Goblin. Bobby Norfolk is an internationally known story performer and teaching artist. He is a three-time Emmy Award winner, multiple Parents’ Choice Gold and Silver Award winner, and a National Storytelling Network Oracle Award recipient, and is one of the most popular and dynamic story-educators in America today!

MARCH 9, 2023
LEXINGTON CHILDREN’S THEATRE:
ANANSI THE SPIDER
10:00 & 1:00 | Grades K - 3
Anansi the Spider is one of the great folk heroes of the world. He is a rogue, a mischievous trickster, and a wise, lovable creature who triumphs over larger foes. In this traditional Ashanti tale, Anansi sets out on a long, difficult journey. Threatened by Fish and Falcon, he is saved from terrible fates by his sons. But which of his sons should Anansi reward? Calling upon Nyame, the God of All Things, Anansi solves his predicament in a touching and highly resourceful fashion.

MARCH 24, 2023
GREATWORKS THEATRE:
THE GIVER
9:00, 10:30 & 1:00 | Grades K - 8
This is a theatrical adaptation of the Newbery Medal book, The Giver by Lois Lowry. In a utopian world where pain, uncertainty, and indecision are things of the past and Sameness is the ideal, 12-year-old Jonas has been anointed the new “Receiver of Memory”, the one member of the community who will hold knowledge of the time before Sameness. To receive this knowledge, he’ll have to spend time with “The Giver”, the previous holder of memory. He’ll be Jonas’ guide into the old world, where pain and happiness existed in equal parts. As Jonas discovers more about the past, he begins to realize how Sameness has killed the essential humanity of his community. That realization leads to a course of action he hopes will break the cycle, even though it will put his life-- and that of Gabriel, a baby he’s sworn to protect-- in mortal danger.

MAY 3, 2023
EXTREME SCIENCE 2.0!!!
9:00, 10:30 & 1:00 | Grades K - 8
The Science Wizard, David Hagerman combines humor and highly visual experiments to capture the attention of students. This show is a large production including two performers, music, and amazingly visual demonstrations. The 700,000 Volt Van de Graaff generator (VDC), one of the largest you can find, creates 10-15 inch lightning bolts and more than enough static to raise hair! vortex cannons creates flying rings of flagons floating beach balls thanks to the Bernoulli effect, we have flight!

TOURS

Cedarhurst Center for the Arts offers free docent led tours that focus on current exhibitions as well as the Permanent Collection , the Goldman-Kirke Sculpture Park and the beautiful buildings and grounds at Cedarhurst. Our volunteer docents are qualified professionals, many with an education and art background. Tours are designed to include concepts and skills appropriate to the visiting student or adult group. Docent led tours are available upon request for groups of 10 or more and must be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance. Visit our resource tab on our website to complete an online request and for more information. https://www.cedarhurst.org/visitor-information.html#TOURS