

## 2024-2025 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

# AWESOMEPLAYS

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](mailto: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.

November 7, 2024

### 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 a 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 their 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.



**CURRICULUM TIE-INS:** Native American History | History | Social Studies

February 26, 2025

### HEROES OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD- BRIGHT STAR THEATER

10:00 & 1:00 | GRADES 3 - 8

During one of the darkest periods of American History, thousands of enslaved people undertook a harrowing journey to find freedom. That story comes to life in Bright Star Theater's stage production: Heroes of the Underground Railroad. This play highlights several of the heroic stories of the brave men and women who dared to escape slavery, and the abolitionists who risked everything to aid them along the way. Students will be amazed at the bravery and dedication of Harriet Tubman, Henry "Box" Brown, Frederick Douglass, Levi Coffin, and John Parker in this incredible show of true American Heroes.



**CURRICULUM TIE-INS:** Black History | History | Social Studies

March 26, 2025

### NUMBER THE STARS

10:00 & 1:00 | GRADES 5 - 8

A thrilling true-life adventure about doing the right thing to save your friend - even if it puts your own life at stake. When the Nazis invaded Denmark in the 1940s, Jewish families were generally left alone, unlike other parts of western Europe. But all of that changed suddenly in 1943, and when the call went out to round up Denmark's Jewish families, thousands of non-Jewish Danes worked together to smuggle their Jewish friends and neighbors across the water to neutral Sweden, and safety. That true series of events forms the basis of GreatWorks Theatre Company's production Number the Stars, based on Lois Lowry's popular book for middle-school readers.



**CURRICULUM TIE-INS:** Holocaust | History | Literature

April 8, 2025

### ALICE IN WONDERLAND

10:00 & 1:00 | GRADES K - 3

Embark on a whimsical journey down the rabbit hole with Lewis Carroll and Alice Liddell as your guides! Together, they invite you to explore a topsy-turvy world where nothing is quite as it seems. From the White Rabbit to the Cheshire Cat to the Queen of Hearts, you'll encounter the eccentric inhabitants of Wonderland in Lexington Children's Theatre stage play that's sure to delight and enchant audiences of all ages. Don't be late for this important date!



**CURRICULUM TIE-INS:** Literature | Drama | Theater

May 8 & 9, 2025

### PUPPY PALS!

10:00 & 1:00 | GRADES K - 8

Puppy Pals is a family fun action-packed show where adopted and rescued dogs perform spectacular stunts and breathtaking feats. Watch as the Puppy Pals team leads the puppies and audience through challenging and comical tricks as the pooches show everyone who is really boss! Full of surprises and laugh-out-loud canine comedy this performance (previously seen on America's Got Talent!) appeals to students of all ages.



**CURRICULUM TIE-IN:** Performance

## Notes in the Classroom

Get your students inspired through this music program that partners with renowned performers featured in the Cedarhurst Music Series, as well as various school partnerships, to provide master classes, demonstrations, and other unique performing arts programs to students throughout southern Illinois.

- November 8, 2024  
Cuarteto Latinoamericano
- Friday - March 21, 2025  
Konrad Paszkudzki Trio

Scan to read more about these musicians



## TOURS

Cedarhurst Center for the Arts offers free docent led tours that focus on current exhibitions as well as the Permanent Collection, the Goldman-Kuenz 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.


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