

Maryland's Largest School District

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**2025-2026**

# Performing Arts

## CATALOGUE

A GUIDE TO EDUCATION-BASED PERFORMERS



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Schools should check with performers for their liability insurance.

## Alden Phelps

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***Word Play***

Alden's far-fetched, funny songs and impressive guitar playing will delight audiences. Students are encouraged to sing along with original songs such as "My Mommy's A Pirate" and "Chocolate Pie." Word games are woven into this musical performance to bolster language skills. Students are asked to finish simple rhyming couplets and improvise song lyrics.

**Grade Level:** K-5**Fee:** \$563 single, \$732 back-to-back (mileage fee may apply)

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## Arturo Ho

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***Visual Arts Residency***

Custom-tailored residencies can focus on a variety of 2-D techniques and result in either individual or collaborative artworks, including murals. Residencies explore universal themes like home, community, or transformation, or complement curricular areas like math, science, and social studies. Residencies are typically scheduled over the course of 5-6 days, but may be scaled up to include additional days, or scaled down to focus on as few as 2 days. Residencies can include several workshops each day (typically 3-6), with each workshop including a classroom-sized (or smaller) group of students.

**Grade Level:** PreK-12**Fee:** \$1800 two-day residency / \$4500 five-day residency / \$5400 six-day residency (includes materials; \$25/day travel fee additional; additional fees available upon request)

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## Ballet Theatre of Maryland\*

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***American Journey Through Classical Dance***

This interactive journey allows the audience to experience the impact of cultural diversity on the evolution of American ballet. Students explore the dance forms of Hispanic, African American and Native American cultures within Classical dance. Performers encourage enthusiasm for live ballet and its relevance as an expression of American culture.

**Grade Level:** K – 8**Fee:** \$1000 single, \$1286 back-to-back (mileage fee may apply) (Available for residencies: please contact Arts for Learning for pricing and availability). \*Maryland State Arts Council – (AIE) funding may be available for MD schools.

## Barry Louis Polisar

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### ***Songs, Stories, Books & Poems***

Barry Louis Polisar is an author, songwriter, poet, and storyteller for children who also writes songs and books for adults. He performs his songs on two different Grammy Award winning albums and sings his song *All I Want is You* in the opening credits of the Academy Award winning movie Juno. A five-time Parents' Choice Award winner, Barry is a pioneer in the world of music for children. He has recorded and shared his songs, poems, stories, and books with audiences throughout the world and has performed at the White House, The Smithsonian, and The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. He was given a Special Library Recognition Award for his "ability to communicate with and excite children to read". (45-50-minute performance)

**Grade Level:** Pre-K-5, 6-8

**Fee:** \$1000 per show, Up to 4 in one day.

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## Barynya

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### ***Barynya***

Barynya's skillful musicians and dancers introduce the rich traditions and culture of pre-revolution Russia. Lively songs are sung and played on instruments like the bayan and garmoshka (Russian accordions) and guitar-like dorma, balalaika, and very large contrabass balalaika. Vivid costumes, athletic dances, and lighthearted humor enhance this memorable performance. (60-minute performance)

**Grade Level:** Pre-K – 12

**Fee:** \$750 single, \$600 for additional up to 6 in one day (includes travel fee). Residency also available.

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## Beatrice Pickles

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### ***Around the World with Beatrice Pickles***

Fantasy storyteller Beatrice Pickles tells traditional folktales from around the world with an interactive twist, bringing students from the audience directly into the performance as featured characters. Beatrice provides costumes, props, and deft direction to help students act out stories from across Europe, Africa, and Asia. (30, 45, and 60-minute performances)

**Grade Level:** PreK-2

**Fee:** \$300 single, \$500 back-to-back up to 3 per day

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## Big Learning Science & Engineering

**CONTACT:****Jane de Winter****Phone: 301-326-1969****Email: [science@biglearning.org](mailto:science@biglearning.org)****Website: [www.biglearning.org](http://www.biglearning.org)*****Erosion Detectives (Classroom Workshop)***

Uncover the mysteries behind erosion! Students will become field scientists in this unique hands-on workshop. They will experiment with soil, rocks, sand, and water and then just like engineers build and test different erosion prevention and water filtration models. Students will take home a colorful sedimentary rock kit! Program is aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards.

**Grade Level:** K-5**Fee:** \$400 single, \$750 back-to-back***Molecular Art (Classroom Workshop)***

Art and science merge in this hands-on science spectacular. Students will be dazzled by chemical reactions, bubble printing experiments, and color explosions! Students will create molecule models, practice scientific process skills, and use concepts such as density to produce art projects to share with family and friends.

**Grade Level:** K-5**Fee:** \$400 single, \$750 back-to-back

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## Brian Curry Magic

**CONTACT:****Brian Curry****Phone: 703-725-2100****Email: [briancurymagic@gmail.com](mailto:briancurymagic@gmail.com)****Website: [www.BrianCurryAssemblies.com](http://www.BrianCurryAssemblies.com)*****Book Club The Magic Assembly***

This reading-themed assembly brings favorite book characters to life with multimedia, music, and hands-on fun. Students float tables with Matilda, get silly with Junie B. Jones, and walk away excited about stories. It's an interactive celebration of reading that gets even reluctant readers to lean in. (40-45 minutes)

**Grade Level:** K-6**Fee:** \$850 single, \$1200 back-to-back assemblies***Pop Quiz: The Math and Science Game Show***

A science and math game show packed with buzzers, bean bags, fog machines, and nonstop energy. Students compete in fast-moving challenges that reinforce core concepts like the water cycle, estimation, and test-taking strategies—without ever realizing they're reviewing. (40-45 minutes)

**Grade Level:** K-6**Fee:** \$850 single, \$1200 back-to-back assemblies***The Magical Math Tour***

This high-energy assembly uses storytelling, humor, and sleight-of-hand to make math review feel like an event. Students revisit core concepts - like patterns, problem solving, and number sense - through fast-paced visuals and full-on participation. It's the kind of show where they're laughing, shouting out answers, and seeing math in a whole new way. (40-45 minutes)

**Grade Level:** K-6**Fee:** \$850 single, \$1200 back-to-back assemblies

## Building Better People Productions

**CONTACT:****Lynne Childress****Phone: 240-475-1908****Email: [lynne@bbpproductions.com](mailto:lynne@bbpproductions.com)****Website: [bbpproductions.com](http://bbpproductions.com)*****Feeling All the Feelings***

Laila is a 10-year-old girl who feels feelings so big, in fact, that she suspects they might be TOO big in other people's eyes. She comes up with a way to express her emotions that seems to make everyone else happy. But will it work for HER? In this funny, emotional, interactive one-person play starring and written by Lynne Streeter Childress, Building Better People Productions explores the enormous range of kids' emotions, the pressure they feel to be accepted, and the awesomeness that comes from feeling ALL of your feelings. Our play was written with the advice and input of professionals in child mental and physical health. Run-time: 40-minute show and 15-minute post-show workshop. Run-time: 40-minute show and 15-minute post-show workshop. Comes with a Teacher's Guide

**Grade Level:** PreK-5**Fee:** \$1000 single, \$1800 two shows back-to-back, \$2800 three shows back-to-back (Travel fee added for locations more than one hour outside of Annapolis, MD)***Drama For Good***

This interactive workshop introduces the idea that theatre can entertain AND teach at the same time. By the end of the workshop, students will create and perform short pieces centered around important social messaging of their choosing. Drama For Good can be done in either one, two, or eight sessions. Sessions are 90 minutes each but can be adapted for shorter times.

**Grade Level:** PreK-12**Fee:** \$350 single workshop, \$650 two workshops, additional workshops discounted as well. Multiple day residency also available – pricing provided upon request.

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## Bully You, Bully Me

### MerMan Productions, Inc.

**CONTACT:****James McCubbin****Phone: 1-800-815-0364****Email: [mer-man@mindspring.com](mailto:mer-man@mindspring.com)****Website: [www.bebullyfree.com](http://www.bebullyfree.com)*****Bully You, Bully Me, Learn to Be Bully Free***

Designed to help students/teachers understand what it means to be a bully and to give them non-violent solutions to overcome bad situations. Audience participation, theater, comedy, and more help convey the message so it is heard and used; guaranteed! Partial grants are available; call for free application!

**Grade Level:** Pre-K – 10**Fee:** as low as \$250-\$500 single, \$500-\$795 back-to-back (depending on grants)

## Cantaré\*

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### ***Mucha Musica!—A Musical: Journey to Latin America***

Sing, dance and explore Indigenous, European and African cultures that have shaped Latin American music. Spanish and Portuguese rhythms and lyrics are supported by traditional instruments like the charango, an armadillo shell guitar. Programs may be scheduled as 45-minute performances or 30-minute performances. Themes include: ¡Mucha Musica!: Madre Africa – African Heritage in Latin America; Rainforest Air; Shake Your Bones!; The Legend of Viracocha – Pre-Columbian Music; ¡Vamos al Carnaval!; ¡Feliz Navidad! – Latin American Holiday Celebration. Cantaré is a Maryland State Arts Council Arts in Education (AiE) Teaching Artist Roster – AiE Grant funding may be available for Maryland schools.

**Grade Level:** PreK-12

**Fee:** 45-minute programs: \$900 single, \$1600 back-to-back, \$1700 split; 30-minute programs: \$750 single, \$1300 back-to-back, \$1400 split (\$50 travel fee additional; “split” fee includes 2 performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request)

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## Chris Fascione: Bringing Literature to Life!

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### ***Bringing Literature to Life!***

Nationally known and award-winning school assembly performer Chris Fascione brings stories to life as he acts out library books and gets students excited about reading in his energetic, engaging, and participatory shows. His unique combination of storytelling, mime, juggling and comedy creates colorful characters from literature who tell their stories as laughter abounds. “This is the best assembly we’ve ever had.” – many teachers, principals and PTA/PTO members. “If you have one program in your school or library this year, make sure it is his! Your audience will thank you!” – Author Esme Raji Codell

**Grade Level:** Pre-K – 8

**Fee:** \$495 single, \$795 back-to-back

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## Christylez Bacon

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### ***Human Beatbox***

Christylez (pronounced: chris-styles) Bacon, GRAMMY-nominated progressive hip-hop artist, combines rhyming, storytelling and interactive call and response choruses with diverse instrumentation (West African djembe drum, human beatboxing). This high-energy program delivers a message of cultural acceptance and unification blending traditional elements of musical

styles from jazz to hip-hop. Duo Beatbox Remix options exploring cross-cultural collaboration also available. May also be scheduled as a workshop or residency theme.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K – 12

**Fee:** solo performances: \$695 single, \$895 back-to-back, \$1295 split; duo performances: \$995 single, \$1295 back-to-back, \$1795 split (\$50 travel fee additional; “split” fee includes 2 performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request)

### ***Classical Hip-Hop***

Remixing the classics, this program merges the contrasting worlds of classical and hip-hop music in a collaborative musical program featuring Progressive Hip-Hop artist Christylez Bacon and six-string electric cellist, Wytold. Traditional elements of hip-hop such as human beatbox, rhyming, and storytelling are blended with classical compositions of composers like Bach, Vivaldi and Pachelbel. The Classical Hip-Hop 2.0 sequel program fuses additional pieces by Bach, Strauss, Beethoven, and Vivaldi with live-looping technology and hip-hop compositions. May also be scheduled as a workshop/residency theme.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K – 12

**Fee:** solo performances: \$695 single, \$895 back-to-back, \$1295 split; duo performances: \$995 single, \$1295 back-to-back, \$1795 split (\$50 travel fee additional; “split” fee includes 2 performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request)

### ***Beats, Bows, and Remixes***

Join Christylez Bacon and Wytold as hip-hop and classical music collide with multi-cultural collaboration, transforming well-known songs into new compositions. Learn how these musicians work as a team, listening to each other’s different backgrounds and perspectives as they shape modern versions of all-time favorites, like Hot Cross Buns. Create a team remix with Christylez and Wytold that twists and turns a familiar tune into a brand-new musical invention. May also be scheduled as a workshop/residency theme.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K – 12

**Fee:** solo performances: \$695 single, \$895 back-to-back, \$1295 split; duo performances: \$995 single, \$1295 back-to-back, \$1795 split (\$50 travel fee additional; “split” fee includes 2 performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request)

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## **Claysmile Entertainment**

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### ***Bring Your Own Sunshine***

An interactive show that combines dance fitness with a series of engaging, uplifting, thought-provoking, and exhilarating stories and illustrations that promote a healthy and happy mindset.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K - 12

**Fee:** \$1200 single, discount for up to 3 back-to-back

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## Cosmic Adventures Traveling Planetarium

**CONTACT:****Greg Anderson****Phone: 301-732-7047****Email: [greg@cosmic-adventures.com](mailto:greg@cosmic-adventures.com)****Website: [www.cosmic-adventures.com](http://www.cosmic-adventures.com)*****A Brief Tour of the Universe***

This interactive program immerses audiences in a 360-degree view of the night sky via a computerized planetarium. Inside the dome, students journey on a virtual voyage through our solar system into the far reaches of the galaxy and beyond, encountering the planets, constellations and a few surprises along the way. (45 minutes per session.)

**Grade Level:** PreK-8

**Fee:** \$250 First class of up to 25 students: \$100 additional for each group of 25 up to six. Multiple program discounts available. Please contact for a quote. Travel expenses \$1 per mile one way from Frederick, MD to school.

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## Debra Mims\*

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Becoming her grandmother, Sally Kathryn Mims, Debra tells students stories her grandmother once told her. Stories are an entertaining mix of ghost, folk and "cautionary" tales found in African, African American and Caribbean literature. The program ends on a note of triumph that informs the audience how to overcome a bad situation.

**Grade Level:** 1-8**Fee:** \$858 single, \$1200 back-to-back. (mileage fees may apply)

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## Dovie Thomason

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Dovie Thomason heard voices of the Animal People, Tricksters, and Heroes in the stories of her Lakota and Apache relatives. Her lifetime of storytelling joins those voices to share wise, boisterous teaching tales about talkative Turtle, overbearing Buffalo, or clever Coyote. Stories from diverse Native cultures are shared and values like respect are gently emphasized. Performances may be custom-tailored to complement curriculum or celebrate special events. Themes include Lessons From the Animal People, Monsters and Courage, Stories of the Four Directions, Storytelling and Science, The Trickster, He Was

Going Along, and We Call the Earth Our Mother: Stories of Thanks. May also be scheduled as workshop and residency themes.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K – 12

**Fee:** \$745 single, \$945 back-to-back, \$1095 split (\$50 travel fee additional; “split” fee includes 2 performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request).

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## Echoes of Nature

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### ***In-School Field Trip: Program Varies***

Our programs are designed to meet criteria/NGSS/common core for the grade chosen. There are some programs that overlap in grades. Most programs have live animal ambassadors that complement the lesson to be shared. Programs are designed to be interactive with questions encouraged. Many animal ambassadors are touchable in a safe manner. Programs are flexible to meet specific requests of focus. Please see our brochures found at [echoesofnature.org](http://echoesofnature.org).

**Grade Level:** Pre-K – 12

**Fee:** \$195 classroom, \$325 assembly, \$30 driving fee if applicable

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## Eric Energy Science Show

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### ***Science Spectacular***

Eric Energy offers interactive, hands-on science shows that engage kids without a screen. You may choose from programs designed for grade levels Pre-K to middle school or for the whole school. With over 25 years of experience, a well-trained “wacky” scientist will make learning fun and inspire your students. Volunteers from the audience will be used throughout the show. (45-60 minutes)

**Grade Level:** Pre-K-6

**Fee:** \$525 one grade, \$650 single, \$1150 back-to-back

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## Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble\*

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### ***Irish Roots and American Branches***

Performing live Irish music and dance alongside their American descendant styles, Footworks illuminates the American story of traditions originating from the Old World and blending with others here, resulting in new traditions. Students learn about the

powerful role the Irish played in shaping Maryland, the United States, and American culture.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K - 12

**Fee:** \$936 single, \$1500 back-to-back (mileage fees may apply)

### ***Keeping the Beat***

(A wooden performing surface is suggested.)

When Irish, Scottish, and English immigrants arrived in the New World, they brought their step dancing traditions with them. These dances were influenced by the rhythms and melodies of the African, African-American, and Native American cultures. Students discover the melting pot and multi-cultural origins of percussive dance in this interactive performance.

**Grade Level:** K - 12

**Fee:** \$893 single, \$1429 back-to-back (mileage fees may apply) (Available for residencies: please contact Arts for Learning for pricing and availability)

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## **FutureMakers**

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### ***Drawing Machines (Workshop)***

In this single-session design challenge, young makers invent wiggling electrical creatures that draw fantastic geometric patterns. You and your students use engineering and design thinking to create a creature that stands, its motor spins, and LED's glow. Each student creates a working, take-home drawing machine. Workshop cost includes materials for up to 30 participants.

**Grade Level:** K - 8

**Fee:** Contact Arts for Learning via [programteam@artsforlearningmd.org](mailto:programteam@artsforlearningmd.org) for pricing and availability.

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## **Illstyle & Peace Production**

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### ***NO Bullying, STOP Bullying: Let's Be Friends!***

During the high-energy dance assembly students learn valuable lessons about positivity, fairness and working together. Illstyle acts out scenarios that pit two school groups against one another in day-to-day life, culminating in a dance-off. With the help of a dedicated teacher, the students soon come together, discovering that they are more alike than they are different.

**Grade Level:** K-12

**Fee:** \$938 single, \$1216 back-to-back (mileage fees may apply)

### ***Hip Hop Added Up!***

Using movement patterns and complex rhythms, Illstyle explains math concepts in a fun and engaging way. They cover addition, subtraction, multiplication and fractions, and help kids associate positive messages with mathematics with

audience participation throughout the program.

**Grade Level:** 3–8

**Fee:** \$938 single, \$1216 back-to-back (mileage fees may apply)

### ***The History of Hip-Hop***

This high-energy program brings the history of hip-hop dance to life. The company shares this history through interactive lecture, jaw-dropping dance, and a compelling Q&A session. Students learn the positive aspects of hip-hop art and culture, the technical elements of this dance form, and how the dance has evolved. DJing, the Human Beat-Box, and the MC are only a few elements covered.

**Grade Level:** K–12

**Fee:** \$938 single, \$1216 back-to-back (mileage fees may apply)

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## **Janice the Griot, LLC**

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### ***Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad***

The performance is a costumed first-person re-enactment of the live, trials and triumphs of Harriet Ross Tubman. It includes Underground Railroad and work songs, quilts, audience participation and movement. The program gives dates and historical content about the Civil War, Quakers, Underground Railroad codes and names of other abolitionists like Frederick Douglass, William Still, Beth Van Lew, Levi Coffin, and Abraham Lincoln.

**Grade Level:** 3-12

**Fee:** \$500 single, \$800 back-to-back, \$1200 for 3-day residency, \$25 travel fee

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## **Joe Romano, Ultimate School Shows.com**

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### ***Books: The Magic is Real!***

The #1 reading assembly in the Northeast. Recently chosen to open for First Lady, Michelle Obama at The Library of Congress! Joe Romano brings books to life through the art of magic and illusion. Over 4500 schools have experienced this amazing production filled with dynamic music, audience participation and jaw dropping magic!

**Grade Level:** K-5

**Fee:** \$795 single, \$1095 back-to-back

### ***Take Me to Your Readers***

Popular book magician, Joe Romano, returns with the most amazing show on the planet! “Take Me to The Readers” will transport your students to a world of space, planets, aliens, magic, and lots of books. This school year will be STELLAR, as Joe Romano DOCKS his all-new reading magic show that will BEAM young readers to library shelves everywhere!

**Grade Level:** K–5

**Fee:** \$795 single, \$1095 back-to-back

***Superhero Math!***

Educational Entertainer Joe Romano will Multiply your students' excitement, in a Fraction of the time, with the Addition of "Superhero Math!" We've got your common core standards covered in this exciting assembly where magic, puzzles and tricks educate your students about fractions, orders of operation, measurement, estimation and more!

**Grade Level:** K-5

**Fee:** \$795 single, \$1095 back-to-back

***Green Magic!***

"Green Magic!" will grow your students' minds as they learn how "going green" can be easy and fun! Using science and comedy, Joe Romano magically transports the audience to a world where Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling is the #1 way to protect our planet.

**Grade Level:** K-5

**Fee:** \$795 single, \$1095 back-to-back

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**KanKouran West African Dance Company****CONTACT:**

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***Visit Africa***

KanKouran, known internationally for its authentic traditional West African Dance, offers an electrifying display of choreography and polyrhythmic drumming from Senegal, Mali, and Guinea. In addition, the program offers an enhanced educational component that gives audiences an inside view of African history, culture, and customs.

**Grade Level:** K-12

**Fee:** \$600 single, \$800 back-to-back

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***Anansegro: A Visit to an African Village***

Join master artist Kofi Dennis for an imaginary journey to share in the sounds, drumming, and movements of African rhythmic traditions. Discover call and response songs, stories, traditional instruments, and games in a highly interactive exploration of African cultures and customs. May also be scheduled as a workshop and residency theme.

**Grade Level:** K-12

**Fee:** \$750 single, \$950 back-to-back, \$1150 split (\$30 travel fee additional; "split" fee includes 2 performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request).

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## Luis Garay Percussion World

**CONTACT:****Luis Garay****Phone: 202-246-5848****Email: [luis@garaymusic.com](mailto:luis@garaymusic.com)****Website: [www.luisgaray.com/schools.htm](http://www.luisgaray.com/schools.htm)*****The Passion and Inspiration of the Drums***

Percussion World's high energy blend of spicy Afro-Latin rhythms introduces audiences to exotic world percussion instruments including the balafone, djembe, cuica, and berimbau. Throughout this highly educational, fun, and entertaining performance, students and faculty participate with clapping and call and response, and are invited to play drums from a variety of cultures.

**Grade Level:** K-12**Fee:** \$900 single, \$1100 back-to-back, \$1300 split day, \$900 family night, Multi-day residencies available. Please call.***Rhythm Rocks! (Workshop)***

Luis Garay's dynamic percussion workshop introduces students to the exciting and fascinating world of Afro Latin, Jazz, and World percussion music and instruments including congas, djembes, bongos, balafones, shakers, and much more! His unique "hand son" style of teaching encourages workshop participants to experience the exhilaration of being "in the groove" as they learn and perform rhythm patterns from different cultures on the actual instruments!

**Grade Level:** K-12**Fee:** \$450 single, \$550 back-to-back, \$600 split day. Maximum audience: 30

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## Mad Science of Washington

**CONTACT:****Tony Smith****Phone: 301-593-4777 or 410-259-2707****Email: [assemblies@madscienceofdc.com](mailto:assemblies@madscienceofdc.com)****Website: [dc.madscience.org](http://dc.madscience.org)*****Spectacular Science: Fire & Ice***

This spectacular show thrills audiences with impressive science experiments. The event includes foggy dry ice clouds and the chemistry of fire! Learn all about the science of magic, including a disappearing water trick and fun with air pressure. This is one of our most popular shows, covering a wide variety of science topics, and excellent for audiences of any age range.

**Grade Level:** K-5**Fee:** \$525 single, Back to back show (usually 15-30 minutes after first show ends) only \$325. If there is an hour or more between shows, full price applies to both.***Things That Go Boom***

One of our most popular shows, themed all around learning about chemical reactions. Learn the four signs of a chemical reaction through foaming and color changing experiments, balloon inflation, and, of course, some explosions! Conclude with our Mad Science Bubbling potions, where the kids will get to learn about dry ice and see the creation of real clouds! (45 minutes)

**Grade Level:** K-5**Fee:** \$525 single, Back to back show (usually 15-30 minutes after first show ends) only \$325. If there is an hour or more between shows, full price applies to both.

***Up, Up & Away***

This spellbinding special event introduces children to the principles of air and pressure. Children see an incredible exothermic reaction take place, witness the power of vacuums, and experience the four forces of flight. They'll even get the chance to watch a hovercraft in action!

**Grade Level:** K-5

**Fee:** \$525 single, Back to back show (usually 15-30 minutes after first show ends) only \$325. If there is an hour or more between shows, full price applies to both.

***Marvels of Motion***

In this high energy event, children see Newton's three laws of motion in action. They try exciting experiments, witness forces in action, and see how the power of physics can manifest in seemingly magical ways. This show is entertaining for the whole school, but the concepts are best suited to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders or higher. An excellent choice for a school-wide assembly or for individual grade levels looking to better instill motion and/or force-related curriculum concepts.

**Grade Level:** K-5

**Fee:** \$525 single, Back to back show (usually 15-30 minutes after first show ends) only \$325. If there is an hour or more between shows, full price applies to both.

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**Magpie: Greg Artzner & Terry Leonino****CONTACT:**

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***Battle Cry of Freedom: Civil War to Civil Rights***

Songs that teach about the history of Civil Rights going back to the abolition movement, AND engage students, with singable choruses, and use of ASL and meaningful gestures to engage physical participation. The program draws connections between the songs used in the movement to abolish slavery and the Underground Railroad of the 1850s, and the songs sung a hundred years later in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. (45 minutes or as needed)

**Grade Level:** PreK-8

**Fee:** \$750 single, \$900 back-to-back (includes travel fee)

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**Marc Tyler Nobleman****CONTACT:**

**Marc Tyler Nobleman**

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***Heroes With and Without Capes***

My multidisciplinary presentation (adjustable for any age) is a jaw-dropping epic revealing secrets uncovered and mysteries solved while researching my nonfiction books on the creators of Superman and Batman—riveting even for those who couldn't care less about superheroes. The interactive story emphasizes persistence, challenging injustice, and sticking up for oneself and others. My approach motivates even the most reluctant students to read and embrace the adventure of research. It includes an irresistible analogy that teachers regularly incorporate into their classroom lessons. The presentation culminates in not one but three big twists that show how, despite the odds, children's literature—and any one person—can change the

world. It has elicited raves (and sometimes tears) from students and teachers worldwide. Part educational, part inspirational, all entertaining.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K–12

**Fee:** \$3000 per day rate for multiple presentations

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## Marsha and the Positrons

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### ***Go From STEM to STEAM with Marsha and the Positrons***

Fun, catchy original songs about science and how the world works with positive social messages! Content supports common core standards. Assemblies can be tailored to your needs including a focus on Big Ideas in Science, Women in Science (great for Women's History Month!), Astronomy, Biology, or Health & Wellness. Show options include solo (vocals & guitar), duo (vocals/guitar & bass guitar or percussion), or a trio.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K–2nd, 3rd–5th, 6th–8th, or a combo

**Fee:** **SOLO** \$500 single, \$800 back-to-back **DUO:** \$800 single, \$1400 back-to-back **TRIO:** \$1200 single, \$2000 back-to-back

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## Mary Ann Jung - History Alive!

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### ***Good Queen Bess***

Jump into the personal side of the Renaissance with the woman for whom England's Golden Age was named. Her majesty transforms students into courtiers to explain Elizabethan clothes, manners, and even dances! This performance is guaranteed to excite interest in history and visits to the library! (1 performer)

**Grade Level:** K–12

**Fee:** \$475 single, \$850 back-to-back

### ***Margaret Brent and the Indians***

Which Maryland woman was the first to own land, the first to act as an attorney, and the first in America to ask for the right to vote? Margaret Brent, whose story gets even better! As a close friend of Governor Leonard Calvert, no one is better qualified to recount how, why, and by whom the colony was founded. (1 performer)

**Grade Level:** K–12

**Fee:** \$475 single, \$850 back-to-back

### ***Clara Barton—Red Cross Angel***

You will transform into a Yankee or a Rebel, a believer or a naysayer when this local and national heroine recounts her courageous life and battle against prejudice. Clara Barton, a heroine of the Civil War, overcame personal obstacles and society's limited roles for women to pursue her heart's work—battlefield nursing. Learn how her persistence paid off when she founded the Red Cross in America!

**Grade Level:** 3–12

**Fee:** \$475 single, \$850 back-to-back

***Rosalie Calvert and the War of 1812***

Maryland's being INVADED! Rosalie Calvert of Riversdale Plantation takes you on a breathless journey through the Battle of Bladensburg, the burning of the White House, and the creation of the "Star Spangled Banner." Students discover the drama of life during the War of 1812 by choosing sides-British vs. Americans. They also explore the interesting day to day details of running a plantation in Maryland. And which lucky audience member will be chosen to be President and Dolley Madison?

**Grade Level:** 3-12

**Fee:** \$475 single, \$850 back-to-back

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**Norad Media, LLC****CONTACT:**

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***Soul of Langston***

Soul of Langston is a one-man stage play about American poet, playwright and Civil-Rights activist Langston Hughes. In his study room, Langston recounts the events that constructed his life—going from "busboy and poet" to becoming Harlem's Wonder, helping establish the Civil-Rights movement through the Harlem Renaissance.

**Grade Level:** 4-12 (45 minutes)

**Fee:** \$1000 single, \$1500 back-to-back

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**On The Ball, Spinny****CONTACT:**

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***On the Ball***

This dynamic program features fun and amazing basketball skills while teaching the importance of respect, education, health and anti-bullying. Using audience participation, Spinny persuades the students to believe in themselves and to embrace positive thinking. This former professional's ambitions are to perform for students and encourage them to say "Yes To Education."

**Grade Level:** K-5

**Fee:** \$550 single, \$750 back-to-back

**Grade Level:** 6-8

**Fee:** \$600 single, \$850 back-to-back

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## Pam the Kindersinger

**CONTACT:****Pam Minor****Phone: 410-771-4774****E-mail: [pam@pamthekindersinger.com](mailto:pam@pamthekindersinger.com)****Website: [pamthekindersinger.com](http://pamthekindersinger.com)*****Fun with Pam the Kindersinger and Rascal***

This Interactive program starts with Pam's greeting song and has the children dancing, singing and laughing with her and her chipmunk puppet Rascal. Her ventriloquist skills bring Rascal to life as the children enjoy her original songs and familiar ones, while the program emphasizes the current season. This show engages everyone and is a real delight.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K-2**Fee:** \$325 single, \$475 back-to-back***Go Green With Pam and Rascal***

This "green" program will be sure to kick start or highlight a school's environmental awareness through singing, dancing and puppetry. It addresses recycling, renewable energy, creating a habitat, gardening, and caring for our earth.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K-5**Fee:** \$325 single, \$475 back-to-back

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## Pandas Karate Inc

**CONTACT:****Daniel Amaguana****Phone: 301-569-7433 or 301-388-5414****E-mail: [office@pandaskarate.com](mailto:office@pandaskarate.com)****Website: [www.pandaskarate.com/bully](http://www.pandaskarate.com/bully)*****Sticks and Stones***

As featured on NBC, Sticks & Stones is a live anti-bullying show that will leave the audience with vital tools to combat bullying without physical violence. Through role-playing, humor and a little bit of karate, our anti-bullying assembly is designed to empower kids and teens to stand up and take action.

**Grade Level:** K-12**Fee:** \$750 single, discount for back-to-back shows

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## Prakriti Dance

**CONTACT:****Bright Cardinal Creative, LLC****Phone: 571-249-5220****E-mail: [info@brightcardinalcreative.com](mailto:info@brightcardinalcreative.com)****Website: [brightcardinalcreative.com](http://brightcardinalcreative.com)*****Through Fish Eyes***

This unique performance utilizes dynamic classical Indian dance styles to spark students' interest in what lies beneath the ocean's surface. Prakriti Dance shares the wonders of marine life through the language of dance and illuminates the ways in which humans are affecting the world's oceans. Students will be inspired by the beauty of nature and empowered to make small changes to help the environment. May be scheduled as a solo performance (one dancer) or duo performance (two dancers). May also be scheduled as a workshop or residency theme.

**Grade Level:** PreK–12

**Fee:** **solo performances:** \$575 single, \$725 back-to-back, \$750 split; **duo performances:** \$725 single, \$875 back-to-back, \$925 split; **workshops:** \$425 single workshop or \$325/workshop when scheduled after performance, in series, or as part of residency (\$30/day travel fee additional; “split” fee includes two performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request).

### ***Introduction to Classical Indian Dance Workshop***

Using a combination of dance movements and rhythms based on classical Indian dance styles, students explore the traditions, music, and stories of South India and how they have shaped the classical performing arts. Students learn traditional dance steps and experience the dance style’s intricate rhythms and hand gestures. This workshop engages all students as they journey into this ancient dance style from India.

**Grade Level:** PreK–12

**Fee:** **solo performances:** \$575 single, \$725 back-to-back, \$750 split; **duo performances:** \$725 single, \$875 back-to-back, \$925 split; **workshops:** \$425 single workshop or \$325/workshop when scheduled after performance, in series, or as part of residency (\$30/day travel fee additional; “split” fee includes two performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request).

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## **Quynn Johnson**

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### ***The Tap Live!***

Tap Live is an interactive, rhythmic performance that shares Quynn Johnson’s unique journey of using tap dance to over-come challenges. This performance combines the four elements of tap with storytelling to inspire students. Audiences enjoy making rhythmic patterns with their hands, learning tap steps, and Improvisation tap on stage.

**Grade Level:** K-12

**Fee:** \$786 single, \$1215 back-to-back (mileage fees may apply)

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## **Rapping About Prevention**

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### ***Escape the Vape Assembly***

Rapping About Prevention delivers a high-energy performance using facts, humor, personal experience, teamwork exercises, and audience participation. RAP teaches the importance of maintaining a positive, drug-free, safe, healthy and active lifestyle all while having an amazing and memorable experience!

**Grade Level:** 5-8 (45-60 minutes)

**Fee:** \$1700 single, \$200 discount for 2, \$500 discount for 3

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## Reptile Wonders - The Nature Center on the Go

**CONTACT:****Brian S. Kristal****Phone:** 410-374-0336, 301-938-7877 (cell)**E-mail:** [naturecenteronthego@hotmail.com](mailto:naturecenteronthego@hotmail.com)**Website:** [www.reptilewonders.com](http://www.reptilewonders.com)***Reptiles of the World***

Join us as we do a hands-on, interactive, interpretive presentation with 9–12 exotic species of reptiles. We bring everything from water turtles to giant tortoises, monitor lizards, to large Burmese pythons. Everyone can touch all of the animals except the water turtles. We discuss their skin coverings, habitat, environment, and predator/prey relationships. Educating children and adults with hands-on animal programs for 30+ years.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K–12**Fee:** \$475 single, \$900 back-to-back, \$1300 three in a day

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## The Rope Warrior, Inc

**CONTACT:****David Fisher****Phone:** 312-944-5063**E-mail:** [ropewarrior@netzero.net](mailto:ropewarrior@netzero.net)***ROPENASTICS: Rope Jumping In a New Dimension***

A highly entertaining look at a great cardiovascular activity! ROPENASTICS is a combination of rope jumping, rhythmic gymnastics, dance, and martial arts. The Rope Warrior's amazing repertoire includes such razzle-dazzle techniques as glow-in-the-dark ropes and jumping rope while sitting or lying on the floor ("tush-ups"), all to a background of energizing music. The interactive program also covers an explanation of the benefits of aerobic activities, a look at the equipment and safety, and, with help from audience members, demonstrates teamwork and cooperation. There is a short question and answer period at the end of the performance.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K–12**Fee:** \$650 single, \$1,000 back-to-back

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## Schroeder Cherry And His Puppets

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A young boy decides to escape slavery and run North. He encounters free blacks, whites who are willing to help, and slave catchers. Will he make it? 45-minute presentation performed with a variety of puppets, hand puppets, and wood cut-outs. The show concludes with a participatory chant led by the audience.

**Grade Level:** 2-12**Fee:** \$563 single, \$731 back-to-back (mileage fees may apply)

## Smithsonian Associates Discovery Theater

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### ***Fábulas Fairytales***

Three's the charm in the newest version of this interactive Discovery Theater original. Start with three bears, three pigs, three little kittens, and three billy goats gruff. Add two languages, and what do you get? The perfect combination for a fresh and fun introduction to Spanish, literacy through storytelling, math, music, and more – and a fábulas new take on a quartet of familiar stories. Best for grades preK-3. **Tour dates: October 11-27, 2025**

**Grade Level:** PreK-16

**Fee:** \$795 single, \$995 back-to-back, \$1590 split (\$45 travel fee additional; "split" fee includes two performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request).

### ***Going The Distance***

Race to the finish with two Black Olympians who changed history! Soaring music and the exhilaration of world-class sorts inspire us all to greatness in this vivid portrayal of the lives of Jesse Owens and Wilma Rudolph. Watch them overcome childhood illness, infirmity, and poverty to become the world's fastest man and fastest woman, winning the greatest honor in athletics: the Olympic Gold medal. The score by John Cornelius II speaks to the heart and soul of the winner in all of us. **Tour dates: February 7-28, 2026**

**Grade Level:** PreK-16

**Fee:** \$795 single, \$995 back-to-back, \$1590 split (\$45 travel fee additional; "split" fee includes two performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request).

### ***Mother Earth & Me***

The magic of earth science takes center stage in this fun, interactive Discovery Theater original as audiences explore the origins of our planet and the systems that shape it, from powerful plate tectonics to the ever-present water cycle, and even the impact of life itself. They also learn about peoples' important roles in protecting earth's ecosystems, as well as folklore about the "big blue marble" we call home. **Tour dates: April 4-25, 2026**

**Grade Level:** PreK-16

**Fee:** \$795 single, \$995 back-to-back, \$1590 split (\$45 travel fee additional; "split" fee includes two performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request).

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## SOLE Defined

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### ***SOLE Defined LIVE!***

SOLE Defined presents The Remix, an interactive performance highlighting body percussion. This high-energy assembly fuses live performance with music and history to teach the great traditions of two American art forms.

**Grade Level:** K-12

**Fee:** \$1786 single, \$2572 back-to-back (mileage fees may apply)

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## Snowday

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### ***Be Aca-Awesome***

Music performance, is a great way to develop real world skills like public speaking, self-confidence, and teamwork. Audiences watch as the newest member of Snowday transforms from timid newcomer into seasoned performer. Students enjoy upbeat, chart-topping hits while taking away numerous lessons in how to find the strength to be themselves.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K-12

**Fee:** \$865 single, \$1015, back-to-back (includes travel fee)

### ***An A Cappella Musical History***

Snowday takes students on a whirlwind journey through time, tracing a cappella music from its roots in chant, barbershop, and doo-wop to present-day pop and rock. Students are introduced to elements of music theory—including harmonic voice parts and vocal drumming (beatbox) techniques—then invited to learn harmony parts and sing together.

**Grade Level:** K-12

**Fee:** \$865 single, \$1015 back-to-back (includes travel fee)

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## Ssuuna\*

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### ***Mujje: Come Together***

Ssuuna opens a window on African culture through dance, music, and storytelling. He weaves stories with dance and music from his native Uganda played on authentic African instruments. Learn how the Amagunju dance evolved as a way to soothe an infant king (the traditional equivalent of today's iPod) and how traditional values like respect and gratitude are passed on through song and story.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K-12

**Fee:** \$729 single, \$1019 back-to-back (mileage fees may apply) (Available for residencies: please contact Arts for Learning Maryland for pricing and availability)

*\*Maryland State Arts Council – (AIE) funding may be available for MD schools.*

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## The Story Ship, LLC

**CONTACT:****Sean Driscoll****Phone: 912-663-6320****Email: [sean@thestoryship.com](mailto:sean@thestoryship.com)*****Diggery Digger's Dino Adventure***

Interactive high-tech theatrical adventure with live actor, baby dinosaur & giant egg (Puppet), fossils, music and interactive animation. Paleontologist (Actor) accidentally opens a top-secret box making dinosaurs come alive around the world. The only way to stop it is to reunite baby dinosaur with his mom in an animated cartoon world.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K – 5**Fee:** \$995 single, \$1195 back-to-back

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## Story Tapestries: Arianna Ross and the Ensemble

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Many people came to the United States by choice and others were forced to come bringing with them only their stories. Through story, dance, and music celebrate their journey to and survival in the United States. Travel back in time to hear historical stories from the 1600's to present day.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K–12**Fee:** \$650 single (\$900 after hours), \$1175 back-to-back (\$1500 after hours)***The Fastest Plane: Around the World in 45 minutes***

Arianna Ross will take your students around the world in 45 minutes through this multi-lingual program. We might dance through the streets of America, Russia, Mexico, Indonesia, Brazil, or India. Discover the similarities and differences in geography, culture, history, and language between diverse countries. Students will want to read more tales and tell more stories.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K–5**Fee:** \$650 single (\$900 after hours), \$1175 back-to-back (\$1500 after hours)

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## Story Tapestries: Noa Baum

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Hear a richly woven tapestry of stories across diverse cultures that create the foundation for understanding and compassion and promote tolerance. This program focuses on 21 Century Social-Emotional skills

**Grade Level:** Pre-K – 5**Fee:** \$650 single, \$900 after school hours, \$1175 back-to-back, \$1500 after school hours (mileage fees at current federal rate)

***Timeless Treasures: Lessons from World Cultures***

Exploring qualities of character and encouraging responsibility and empathy, this program helps develop 21 Century Social-Emotional skills. Noa introduces students to the importance of kindness, courage, and making good choices using stories from around the world.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K–5 (tailored to specific ages; customized programs to support your curriculum available with advance notice)

**Fee:** \$650 single, \$900 after school hours, \$1175 back-to-back, \$1500 after school hours (mileage fees at current federal rate)

***The Art of Storytelling/Residencies***

This residency teaches the skills needed to become storytellers and story listeners. Noa guides students to command their creativity and expressiveness in the service of a complete, meaningful narrative. Students will:

- Identify the distinguishing elements of Spoken Language
- Tell a story without memorization
- Learn story structure
- Listen to others

**Grade Level:** 3–12

**Fee:** contact Story Tapestries for pricing and availability

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***The Seas Will Give You a Standing Ovation When You Speak Poetry by Regie the Poet***

Regie Cabico weaves a high-energy tale of interactive spoken word performance, engaging family audiences into the story of what we want to be and who we want to become when channeling our fearless selves. Regie the Poet performs his award-winning work from NPR's Snap Judgement, TEDx, The Archeology Channel, and PBS.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K–12

**Fee:** \$650 single (\$900 after hours), \$1175 back-to-back (\$1500 after hours) (mileage fees may apply)

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***Visual Arts Workshops and Residencies in Ceramics, Embroidery, Mixed Media***

The artist will consult with teachers to design an arts-integrated workshop or residency project in embroidery, ceramics, or mixed media aligned with curriculum standards. The artist will guide students in the creating embroideries, ceramic relief sculptures, or mosaics. These artworks can be individual works or incorporated into an installation.

**Grade Level:** K - 12

**Fee:** Contact Arts for Learning Maryland for pricing and availability.

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## Synetic Theater: Pantomime for Youth

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### ***The Miraculous Magical Balloon***

The "The Miraculous Magical Balloon" is a comedic performance first created and performed over 40 years ago in the Republic of Georgia. Since then, it has traveled all around the world and has been touring DC, Maryland and Virginia for the past 20 years. The show is a wordless production, breaking language barriers, about a person and a magical box where props, including what seems like an ordinary balloon, come alive through impressive and hilarious scenes of mime, clowning and acrobatics. There is a surprise character, a doll, who emerges from the box and unbeknownst to the person, comes alive through a beautiful ballet-slapstick dance. Once the two characters meet, the hilarity ramps up as they tell a story of discovery and bonding culminating with friendship, brought together by the miraculous magical balloon. There is much audience interaction through-out the performance, and depending on the venue audiences may be asked on stage to participate. The workshop and/or residency will teach students of Synetic's unique techniques and approach to art. Packed with lessons that reach beyond the stage and performance, into life lessons through lens of choice with our Body, Emotion, Imagination and Focus. Through the foundations of Synetic techniques the students will learn how to tell stories and create dialogue without verbally saying a single word.

**Grade Level:** K-12**Fee:** \$750 single, \$700 each for multiple shows (mileage fees may apply). Performance can be paired with a residency or a workshop.

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## TAHIRA

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### ***LOL: Literacy Out Loud***

TAHIRA enthralls students with her tickle-your-funny-bone tales and delightful sing-along songs. The interactive program utilizes stories and songs to teach literacy skills, as students join in the performance, through engaging Q&A woven into the fabric of the stories.

**Grade Level:** K-8**Fee:** \$786 single, \$1100 back-to-back (mileage fees may apply)

### ***Gift of Story***

Gift of Story is an interactive and educational program led by TAHIRA, a nationally acclaimed storyteller and musician. Designed for students in grades K-8, this program uses the powerful medium of storytelling to foster a love for literacy and promote essential social-emotional learning. TAHIRA's engaging performances go beyond mere entertainment; they spark imagination and nurture young minds through a blend of storytelling and music rooted in the African oral tradition. TAHIRA's storytelling is dynamic and immersive, combining vivid descriptions, expressive voices, and rhythmic patterns that captivate students' attention and strengthen their literacy skills. Her stories often feature diverse characters and experiences, helping children to develop empathy and understand different emotions. The call-and-response exchanges create a safe space for self-expression and community building, ensuring every student feels heard and involved. In addition to promoting literacy and social-emotional learning, Gift of Story connects to various curriculum themes. TAHIRA seamlessly weaves in lessons on resilience, perseverance, and significant historical events, making her stories relevant to social studies, language arts, and

character education. Students explore themes like civil rights, cultural heritage, and global awareness, gaining a deeper appreciation for the African Diaspora and its contributions. TAHIRA's performances are further enriched by her musicality. She interweaves traditional and contemporary tunes with her storytelling, and her guitar playing adds a dynamic and immersive element to the experience. This not only enhances the storytelling but also engages students actively in the process, fostering a sense of community and amplifying their voices. Gift of Story is a transformative experience that ignites curiosity, celebrates diversity, and empowers young minds.

**Grade Level:** K-8 (45 minutes)

**Fee:** \$1021 single, \$1336 back-to-back (mileage fees may apply)

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## Turtle Dance Music and AutismFriendlyShows.com

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### ***Reading Rocks! The Bubble, Comedy and Music Show – Autism-Friendly All Ages!***

Reading Rocks! A Bubble, Comedy and Music Show features wonderful classic and original children's songs and tales. The show engages children with big giant bubbles, songs, comedy, dance, and music technology. Join us for this novel performance which will be accompanied by visual and sensory experiences. Kids will dance, sing, laugh, use their imaginations and connect with new friends. The show is crafted to be inclusive for all children, including children on the Autism Spectrum, and a great time for parents and teachers!

**Grade Level:** Pre-K – 12 (40-45 minutes or 30 minutes for multiple performances)

**Fee:** \$1250 single, \$850 + \$400 multiple shows. Residencies offered as well - \$500 per date or \$4000-\$5000 entire residency.

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## Under the Sea

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### **Under the Sea**

Under the Sea brings live sea creatures to your school to educate about the life found below the ocean waves! Students will meet animals such as a sea snail, clam, crab, sea urchin, and fish, and learn about the environmental impact of humans upon the aquatic world.

**Grade Level:** Pre K-12

**Fee:** \$375 single assembly, \$175 classroom

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## Wendy 'The Singing Scientist' Solo Assemblies presented by Ion Imagination Entertainment, Inc.

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### ***STEM comes ALIVE!***

When it comes to creating unforgettable educational experience, Ion Imagination Entertainment, Inc. with Wendy 'The Singing Scientist' leads the way with dynamic elementary school STEM assemblies and family nights. These interactive programs combine the thrill of live entertainment with the power of science education, leaving students inspired and energized. Wendy 'The Singing Scientist', (real scientist- BS Life Science/Agriculture/Food Chemistry, award winning songwriter, singer and author) is the driving force behind Science Rocks, an electrifying science and music experience that has captivated audiences nationwide.

Science Rocks is unlike any assembly program you've experienced. These innovative shows transform traditional learning into a high-energy rock concert for children, seamlessly blending music, movement-full audience participation and science. Performing since 1994 nationwide, Wendy, a Montgomery County Maryland native, has entertained at over 8,000 venues including the White House.

### ***Science Rocks: Frogs, Rain Forests & Other Fun Facts***

Wendy 'The Singing Scientist' delivers an unforgettable performance filled with full-audience participation, fun and learning. Students and educators alike are captivated as science is brought to life in ways that feel relatable, exciting and effortless. No one even realizes they're learning or exercising. Biological science is highlighted presented through music and movement. Curriculum pints include: habitats, rain forests, life cycles, species identification and environmental awareness.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K-5 (45-55 minutes)

**Fee:** \$675 single, Two assemblies or one assembly + one family night \$985; three assemblies \$1300

### ***Science Rocks: Water, Water Everywhere!***

Science is fluid! One of the building blocks of life: WATER. From simple to complex presented in a way to remember the facts. For all grades. Music and movement reinforce the curriculum points: water cycle, elements and molecules, states or matter, importance of conservation, Earth's water distribution-fresh, brackish and salt water and the future of water science.

**Grade Level:** Pre-K-5 (45-55 minutes)

**Fee:** \$675 single, Two assemblies or one assembly + one family night \$985; three assemblies \$1300

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## Wytold

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### ***The Science of Sound: Music Theory Demystified***

Six-string electric cellist and composer Wytold shows students how his background in science and math helps him create exciting new music. By exploring the relationship between the science of waves and musical scales, as well as live electronics and wild effects on the cello, students learn how basic patterns in the world can create interesting and dynamic music. Students use their knowledge to create a short musical piece together as a group. Duo program option also available. May also

be scheduled as a workshop and residency theme to provide additional opportunities for hands-on learning and collaborative music creation.

**Grade Level:** PreK-12

**Fee:** \$645 single, \$895 back-to-back, \$1095 split (\$30 travel fee additional; “split” fee includes two performances divided by a longer break; additional fees available upon request).

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## The YoJo Show!

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### ***Bully No More***

This program covers all aspects of school-age bullying. Our friend, YoJo, now has a bullying problem. The problem is YoJo is acting like a bully! But after several situations, and learning the golden rule, YoJo sees how damaging bullying really is. Bully No More covers very specific skills for those who are targets, witnesses, and even those who may be doing the bullying, too.

**Grade Level:** K-5

**Fee:** \$850 single, additional shows discounted.

Maximum audience: Full Auditorium

### ***Treat Your Body Right***

YoJo’s junk food binges and couch potato ways finally end in this upbeat health & fitness program. This show emphasizes daily physical activity and also making sensible food choices. It features the new USDA MyPlate Icon, and will get your entire audience on their feet to do a session of “YOJOROBICS!”

**Grade Level:** K-5

**Fee:** \$850 single, additional shows discounted.

Maximum audience: Full Auditorium

### ***Choose to Read***

YoJo initially has a bad attitude about reading and would rather watch TV or play video games, but after several comic mishaps, he ultimately learns “The more you read, the smarter you get!” Fun, motivational, and a perfect assembly for kicking off reading incentive programs.

**Grade Level:** K-5

**Fee:** \$850 single, additional shows discounted.

Maximum audience: Full Auditorium

### ***Ace Your MCAP***

This show deals with overcoming test-taking anxiety and also promotes very specific and beneficial strategies for the MCAP exams. YoJo gets involved in a “MCAP” game show”, and learns about the features, question-items and tools of this computerized test. In the end, YoJo develops the skills and confidence to ACE THE MCAP!

**Grade Level:** 3-5.

**Fee:** \$850 single, additional shows discounted.

Maximum audience: Full Auditorium

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