Arts in Education Series 2015-2016

Dear Educators –

Thank you for including Center for Performing Arts as an educational destination to augment your academic year. We welcome you to join us as we proudly present our exciting 2015-16 Season! Once again, this season you will have some amazing choices such as holiday specials, The Nutcracker and Christmas Carol; for history buffs, Harriet Tubman; literary favorites Junie B. Jones, Seussical, and many more. Our vision is to present affordable and diverse cultural programs for students of all ages. The educational or early bird price discounts June 6 through September 30 is our way to present affordable and engaging entertainment for your students. Our vision is to present affordable and varied cultural programs for students of all ages. Take advantage of our early bird price ($1 off per student), and bring your classroom to experience live theater that aligns with Illinois education standards. We look forward to seeing you and your students this season.

Warm regards,

Kathleen Brennan
Director of Arts in Education

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Order by June 30 and send deposit by Sept. 30 to save $1 per ticket plus two free tickets for each 20 purchased.

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Fahrenheit 451
Friday, November 6, 2015
9:45 a.m. & 12 noon
Grades: 5th – High School
$7, $6 Early Bird
Curriculum Connection: Literature and Fine Arts
This powerful drama tells the story of the inner struggle of Guy Montag, a fireman. Montag has worked as a civil servant for ten years burning books, but lately he has become increasingly unsure about what he is doing. It is not until he meets 16-year-old Clarisse, who has strange ideas, that he is led into a dangerous and highly combustible situation. Now he must choose between his mundane existence and risking everything for the right to think.

Math Maniac
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
9:45 a.m. & 12 noon
Grades: 2nd – 5th
$7, $6 Early Bird
Curriculum Connection: Math and Fine Arts
Math maniacs! Filled with exciting props, this interactive program will add fun, subtract boredom, multiply test scores and keep the audience’s undivided attention. This program will help students hone their skills in: measurement, patterns, money, probability, percentages, operations, place value, fractions, geometry, and number relations.

Junie B.’s Essential Survival Guide to School
Monday, November 16, 2015
9:45 a.m. & 12 noon
Grades: K – 5th
$7, $6 Early Bird
Curriculum Connection: Literature, Music, Relationships, Family, and Fine Arts
Outspoken, precocious, lovable Junie B. Jones stars in a colorful, funny, fast paced musical about new friends, new glasses, sugar cookies, the annual kickball tournament, and other various first grade angst ridden situations. This new musical is based four volumes in Barbara Park’s Junie B. Jones series of books, Junie B 1st Grader, (at Last!), Junie B., Boss of Lunch, Junie B., One-Man Band, and Top-Secret Personal Beeswax: A Journal by Junie B. and Me!

Salt Creek Ballet’s The Nutcracker
Friday, December 4, 2015
12 noon
Grades: K – 8th
$10, $9 Early Bird
Curriculum Connection: Literature, Dance and Fine Arts
Enjoy our literature based traditional holiday performance, The Nutcracker, which employs a cast of talented local dancers. This seasonal gem will delight the entire audience. Join Salt Creek Ballet for this special, one-act, presentation of the story, based on the famous classic by Dickens, A Christmas Carol. A heartwarming story of the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge from a greedy, heartless miser to a generous, loving man. It is not until he meets 16-year-old Clarisse, who has strange ideas, that he is led into a dangerous and highly combustible situation. Now he must choose between his mundane existence and risking everything for the right to think.

Let’s Go Science
Wednesday, February 24, 2016
9:45 a.m. & 12 noon
Grades: 2nd – 5th
$7, $6 Early Bird
Curriculum Connection: Science, Math, and Fine Arts
The Let’s Go Science show is a look at “how things work” with Professor Smart and Ms. Knowitall. Learn about air pressure, flight, optical illusions, and law of inertia, static electricity, and much more. This fun filled production teaches physics concepts through theatrical based experiments and demonstration with a great amount of student interaction.

Out of Bounds
Thursday, February 25, 2016
10 a.m.
Grades: 5th – 9th
$10, $9 Early Bird
Curriculum Connection: Science, Emotional and Social Development, Social Media, and Fine Arts
Out of Bounds is a play about bullying with a particular emphasis on cyber bullying. It was developed in 2013 using several research methods including interviews with students, administrators, teachers, and parents; data and input from the Injury Prevention Research Center in the University Of Iowa College Of Public Health; and an analysis of relevant academic and news articles. The show lasts for about 40 minutes and then there is time for a discussion between students and the artists.

Eurydice
Monday, April 4, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
Grades: 7th – High School
$7, $6 Early Bird
Curriculum Connection: World History, Literature, and Fine Arts
In Eurydice, Sarah Ruhl visualizes the classic myth of Orpheus through the eyes of its heroine. Dying too young on her wedding day, Eurydice must journey to the underworld, where she reunites with her father and struggles to remember her lost love. With contemporary characters, ingenious plot twists, and breathtaking visual effects, the play is a fresh look at a timeless love story.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater-Twelfth Night
Wednesday, April 13, 2016
10 a.m.
Grades: 4th – Adults
$10, $9 Early Bird
Curriculum Connection: Literary Classic, and Fine Arts
Shakespeare’s romantic comedy is designed to immerse students in the playwright’s timeless work in this 90-minute abridged production. A pair of shipwrecked twins set into motion a tale of mistaken identity and unlikely love. Separated from her brother Sebastian, the quick thinking Viola adopts a male disguise and enters the service of the handsome Duke Orsino, only to find herself in the middle of a triangle of unrequited love. This performance will be followed by Q & A session with the entire cast.

The World of Anne Frank-
Through the Eyes of a Friend
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
9:45 a.m. & 12 noon
Grades: 4th – 12th
$7, $6 Early Bird
Curriculum Connection: World History, Literature, Life Skills, and Fine Arts
This moving program is a poignant portrait of friendship and survival, brought to life through the eyes of Anne Frank’s best friend. Witness the pain, loss, and hope of young people during the Holocaust. This performance encourages the audience to discover their personal awareness of stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination. The program will be followed by Q & A session with the artist.

Seussical
Monday, May 2, 2016
9:45 a.m. & 12 noon
Grades: PK – 4th
$7, $6 Early Bird
Curriculum Connection: Literature, Music, Dance, and Fine Arts
SEUSS IS ON THE LOOSE! “Oh, the thinks you can think” when Dr. Seuss’s best-loved stories collide and covant in an unforgettable musical caper! This adapted Broadway version is especially created for young audience featuring thirteen actors and enhanced production values. The Cat in the Hat is the host and emcee in this romp through the Seuss classics. Dr. Seuss’s beloved classic characters find themselves intertwined in an incredible crazy-quilt adventure, in which the power of imagination and the most miraculous “think” ever save the day!

To order tickets: CenterTickets.net or 708.235.2222