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## Press Release

### The Grand Theater Announces 2018-19 Aspirus Arts In Education Series

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Wausau, WI – April 23, 2018 – Exploding science experiments, mischievous farm animals, and rapping arthropods all highlight the 2018-19 Arts In Education Series at The Grand. The Grand's Performing Arts Foundation is dedicated to serving schools, teachers, and students through the Arts In Education Series, featuring matinee performances designed to meet Wisconsin academic standards for students in grades pre-kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **2018-19 Aspirus Arts In Education Series student matinees include:**

**Doktor Kaboom!**: Thursday, October 4, 2018 – 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Doktor Kaboom is an over-the-top German physicist with a passion for science that knows no bounds. Sporting chrome goggles, an orange lab coat, motorcycle boots, and wicked cool hair, Doktor Kaboom travels the world, thrilling children with an explosive comedic style that is guaranteed to please every crowd.

**Giggle, Giggle, Quack**: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 – 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Running a farm is hard work, especially with cows that type, hens on strike, and a duck who's always causing trouble. This musical adaptation of the 2002 *New York Times* best-selling book by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin features the whole gang from Farmer Brown's farm.

**Charlotte's Web**: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 – 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Wilbur the pig has a problem: how to avoid winding up as pork chops! Charlotte the spider, a fine writer and a true friend, weaves a solution which not only makes Wilbur a prize pig, but ensures his place on the farm forever. This musical adaptation of a treasured tale explores bravery, selfless love, and the true meaning of friendship.

**The One and Only Ivan**: Monday, February 4, 2019 – 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

For 27 years, the world of Ivan the gorilla was a dull cage in a roadside shopping mall. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant captured in the wild, Ivan's ambitions and imagination must grow to meet the challenge of rescuing his endangered new companion. This #1 *New York Times* best-seller enters the mind of a remarkable hero in this unforgettable story of enduring friendship, drawn from true events.

**Diary of a Worm, a Spider and a Fly**: Monday, March 11, 2019 – 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Insects rule in the diaries of unlikely best friends: Worm, Spider, and Fly. Worm eats his homework, Fly believes she has superpowers, and Spider can't wait to grow up and molt. Promoting eco-consciousness, earth science and tolerance of creatures of all kinds, *Diary of a Worm, a Spider and a Fly* is a joyful, hip musical exploration of the world outside.

**Frindle:** Friday, March 15, 2019 – 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

When Nicholas Allen ends up in Mrs. Granger's language arts class, he has his best idea ever. He decides to create his own word... FRINDLE! Before long, Nick's word creates a buzz in his school, his town, and then, to his surprise, it spreads all around the country. This adaptation of Andrew Clements' best-selling novel is a quirky, imaginative tale about creative thought and the power of words.

**Crossing Borders Music:** Tuesday, April 9, 2019 – 10:00 AM (Grades K-3) & 1:00 PM (Grades 4-8)

Crossing Borders Music's educational programs aim to foster young people's awareness of the diversity and richness of cultures and their music. The group produces moving music that tells compelling stories by composers from under-represented cultures, such as the nations of Haiti, Colombia, India, Egypt, Syria, the Chickasaw Nation, and Uganda.

The education series brings more than 18,500 students from North Central Wisconsin to The Grand each year. School ticket prices for each performance are \$6 each, thanks to the annual support and generosity of Aspirus. Reservations for the Series are available to public, private, parochial and home schools. For reservations or more information, call The Grand's Ticket Office at 715-842-0988 or visit [grandtheater.org/education](http://grandtheater.org/education).

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