

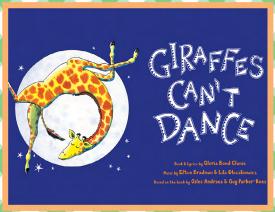
# 2023-24 ARTS IN EDUCATION SERIES

















## Celebrating more than three decades of engaging students, The Grand is proud to present the 2023/24 Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series!

The Performing Arts Foundation is dedicated to serving schools, teachers, and students of the region through educational and cultural experiences, and works closely with local and national partners in fulfillment of that mission. Through the Aspirus Health Arts In Education Series, The Grand brings curriculum-based performing arts to our area's students, exposing them to the arts, social studies, language arts, math, science, and more. The series ensures the arts remain accessible to our youngest patrons in public, private, parochial, and home schools.

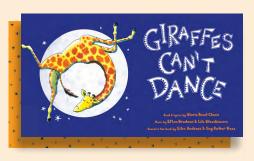
**Workshops** - Bringing main-stage artists into schools and classrooms of our community, workshop activities vary from small, intimate performances to master classes with participants.

**Residencies** - Taking the idea of workshops further, residencies immerse an artist in our area for multiple days. Their time in Wausau is spent educating and engaging with the community through workshops, outreach events, interviews, pop-up performances, and so much more.

**Access to the Arts** - These scholarships make it possible for students who cannot afford a ticket to attend performances. If a teacher certifies that a student cannot afford a ticket, The Grand will cover the cost with our Access to the Arts Scholarships.

**Jerry Awards** - Returning to North Central Wisconsin for its seventh year, the Jerry Awards encourage, recognize, and honor excellence in high school musical theater across Wisconsin.

**Central Wisconsin Jerry Ensemble** - This premier performance group features high school students from across the region, building their technical stage skills and giving them performance opportunities across the state.





Based on the best-selling book GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE, written by Giles Andreae and illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees, Bay Area Children's Theatre brings the classic tale of Gerald the Giraffe to the stage!

All the animals in the jungle know their own special dance, but Gerald can't seem to move without a clumsy step. But with the help of a wise cricket, he finds his own song, and dances to the beat of his own drum! In this stage adaptation of the beloved children's book, with puppets, African rhythm, and lots of dancing, Gerald learns that his differences are what make him special.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 10 AM & 1 PM

# RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES PRE K-2





Theatre Heroes presents Jack London's classic tale live on stage with CALL OF THE WILD: ILLUSTRATED EDITION.

This multi-media adventure mixes classic story telling with projected illustrations to tell the story of Buck, the magnificent cross-bred offspring of a St. Bernard and Scottish Collie. Kidnapped from his lavish life on a California estate and sent to work as a sled dog during the great Klondike Gold Rush, Buck fights to survive and becomes the most famous dog in the whole history of the northland.

The show uses a 180 degree projection screen that surrounds the performer. It features a unique mix of classical illustrations from the book with brand new drawings and animations created by artist Michael Rae.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
10 AM & 1 PM

RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 3 AND UP





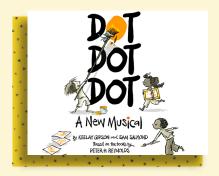
An America's Got Talent finalist from Season 8, Catapult is a shadow dance company which features incredible dancers who work behind a screen to create magical shadow silhouettes of shapes from the world around us.

Be amazed as you watch their bodies transform into a mountain, an elephant, a dragon, even a helicopter! You'll never figure out how they do it, and you won't know what they will create next – you'll be surprised and delighted again and again.

"Magic Shadows" is packed with hundreds of shape transformations as the group tells 8 fully realized stories through music and shadows, along with 6 short shadow dance videos played between the live dances - brief moments of poetry or humor which perfectly cleanse the palate and prepare the audience for their next shadow journey.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 10 AM & 1 PM

# RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 3 AND UP





DOT DOT: A New Musical is an exciting new musical based on the *Creatrilogy* trio of award-winning picture books by *New York Times* bestselling author Peter H. Reynolds-*The Dot, Ish* and *Sky Color*. Adapted by Composers Keelay Gipson and Sam Salmond, the musical, like the series, celebrates the power of originality, self-expression, and opening our eyes to look beyond the expected.

When Marisol (*Sky Color*), a young artist and curator of the Musee de Marisol, decides that her gallery requires more than her own art, her search for emerging talent leads her to Vashti (*The Dot*), whose dots inspire Ramon (*Ish*) to become an artist in his own right.

The musical follows Marisol's journey to help her new friends, and her entire community, break free from self-criticism and learn to let their imaginations soar.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 10 AM & 1 PM RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES PRE K-2





When the class gets lost on the way to the planetarium, Ms. Frizzle saves the day by blasting into outer space for an epic interplanetary field trip! But when rivalries both old and new threaten to tear the students apart, our young heroes must learn to pull together or risk getting forever lost in the solar system.

Hop on the Magic School Bus for a ride in this new musical adaptation based on the original book series published by Scholastic.

# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 10 AM & 1 PM

# RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 1-5





An emotive and exhilarating tale about human ingenuity and our natural resources. In *Zephyr – A Whirlwind of Circus by Cirque Mechanics*, audiences will witness the tug of war that exists between man and nature, in the name of progress.

Cirque Mechanics, although inspired by modern circus, finds its roots in the mechanical and its heart in the stories of American ingenuity. The shows, rooted in realism, display a raw quality, rarely found in modern circus, that makes their message timeless and relevant. The stories are wrapped in circus acrobatics, mechanical wonders, and a bit of clowning around.

Zephyr (which means gentle breeze from the Greek god of the west wind Zephyrus) tells the story of Nigel, mill owner and operator, and his complicated relationship with wind, the natural resource that powers his flour mill.

MONDAY, MARCH 11 10 AM RECOMMENDED FOR GRADES 4 AND UP

#### **Place Your Order Today!**

- 1. List the total number of seats needed for each performance. *Total number of seats should include everyone attending (students, teachers, aides, interpreters, chaperones, etc.).*
- All school seats with a federal tax-exempt number cost \$6.00 each. For every
  20 tickets purchased, you will receive one additional free ticket. (Ex: If you order
  105 tickets, five tickets will be at no charge). Initial confirmation of your order will be
  sent out once the order is received.
- 3. Ticket prices for the general public and schools without a federal tax-exempt number are **\$8.00** per ticket.
- 4. Please update your reservation numbers by **Friday, September 29.** After this date, orders cannot be decreased by more than 25 percent.
- 5. An order acknowledgement and additional information will be sent out 6 weeks before the performance. At this time, final order increases and other slight adjustments may be made, and a final invoice will be generated. Payment is due upon receipt of the invoice. Orders cannot be adjusted after this invoice is issued. Loss of seats may occur if payment is not received prior to the performance.
- Refunds are issued only if a performance is cancelled or if your school is closed by an administrator on the day of the show. No refunds will be given for unused seats the day of performance.
- Performances sell out quickly. Reservations are processed in the order in which they are received.

#### **Submit Your Order!**

- Click <u>HERE</u> to email your order form to education@grandtheater.org
- Click **HERE** to fill out our online order form at **www.grandtheater.org**

#### A Special Thank You To Our Sponsors

The Grand would like to thank Aspirus Health for their support of the Arts In Education series and their investment in programs that benefit children.



The Grand Theater is also supported in part by:













## **Order Form**

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	Giraffes Can't Dance	Mon, Oct 23	10 am		1 pm			
	Call of the Wild	Wed, Jan 17	10 am		1 pm			
	Catapult - Magic Shadows	Thurs, Feb 1	10 am		1 pm			
	DOT DOT DOT	Fri, Feb 16	10 am		1 pm			
	The Magic School Bus	Thurs, Feb 29	10 am		1 pm			
	Cirque Mechanics: Zephyr	Mon, Mar 11	10 am					

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