



Season tickets on sale early for PCAA Members

May 01 - \$1,000 +

May 15 - \$250 +

May 22 - \$50 +

May 30 - \$25 + & Volunteers

- 'Wizard of Oz' \$40 PATRON TICKETS to Gen. Public on sale May 15. \$22/\$18 tickets - to members as listed above \$22/\$18 tickets - to General Public on June 5
- Season tickets on sale to GENERAL PUBLIC June 05.

This year we invite you join us for a season of non-stop entertainment!

Come along on a fantastical journey to the Emerald City, nibble your way through Wonka's delectable chocolate factory and tumble into Wonderland with Marion's uniquely talented casts. We'll pay tribute to legends, celebrate the 70s, and tap our toes to some of country's top talent. Join us to experience a touching dramatic portrayal when literature comes to life, be blown away with the big brassy "sounds of the cinema," and play along with the wild and zany fun of family entertainment.

But that's not all...there's more! In the end, we think you'll agree. There truly is no place like home – Marion's home for the arts.

To keep the stage lights burning and the talent center stage, we invite you to support the Palace through a membership contribution. You'll find all the benefits of your membership included in this brochure's centerfold. Please take a moment to complete the form and let us know you agree; there's no place like the Palace for arts and entertainment

Please read on to learn more about a wonder-filled, season-long celebration of the performing arts right here at YOUR historic Palace Theatre.

Can't wait to see you this season!

Bev Ford, Executive Director

PLANNING CALENDAR

TOURING ARTISTS

Thursday, Oct 12 @ 7:30pm
THE KITE RUNNER

Saturday, Oct 21 @ 8pm TRACY LAWRENCE with Ashley McBryde

Friday, Jan 12 @ 7pm PRESIDIO BRASS

Sunday, Jan 21 @ 3pm MARK NIZER 4D

Friday, Jan 26 @ 8pm FLATT LONESOME

Friday, Feb 16 @ 7:30pm SHADES OF BUBLE

Saturday, Mar 10 @ 8pm
BRASS TRANSIT CHICAGO TRIBUTE

Friday, Mar 23 @ 7:30pm

Friday, May 4 @ 8pm
ONE NIGHT IN MEMPHIS

SCHOOL MATINEES

Thursday, Sep 28
CHICKEN DANCE
GRADES PREK - 2

Monday, Oct 23
HOW TO SURVIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thursday, Nov 16
MATH MANIAC
GRADES K-5

Friday, Feb 23

DRAGONS LOVE TACOS

GRADES K-3

SUNDAYS WITH THE ARTS

Sunday, Aug 27 @ 3pm PEDALS, PIPES & PIZZA

Sunday, Dec 10 @ 3pm
WONDERFUL WURLITZER

Sunday, Mar 25 @ 3pm

PALACE PRODUCTIONS

July 8, 9 & July 14, 15, 16
WIZARD OF OZ
MAIN STAGE - MUSICAL PRODUCTION

October 6, 7, 8
WILLY WONKA, JR.

MAIN STAGE - JR. MUSICAL PRODUCTION

November 3, 4, 5
THE DROWSY CHAPERONE
MAY PAVILION - MUSICAL PRODUCTION

December 1, 2, 3
CHRISTMAS AT THE PALACE
MAIN STAGE

February 9, 10, 11

ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND
MAIN STAGE - JR. STAGE PLAY

April 6 & 7

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN DEAD MAY PAVILION - DINNER THEATRE

OPEN MIC NITES

Friday, Sep 29 @ 7:30pm Friday, Apr 13 @ 7:30pm

A PALACE PRODUCTION MarionMade! #WeAreTalented

This greatest family musical of all time will wind its way down the Yellow Brick Road and onto the Palace stage with a large cast of #MarionMade! talent. Under the expert direction of Clare Cooke, all the iconic 1939 MGM film characters come to life. Scarecrow, TinMan, Cowardly Lion, Dorothy and her little dog Toto will lead the audience on a captivating journey over the rainbow and through Oz where we meet a wizard, witches, and winged monkeys.

This lavish production, featuring breathtaking special effects, stunning choreography, and an Oscar-winning score will blow you away from the instant the Kansas twister touches down and transports the audience to the magical world of Oz.

So, click your heels three times and embark on an unforgettable experience at the Palace and discover a fantastic musical treat for the whole family. Adding to the fun will be a special Munchkin Luncheon before the show on Sunday, July 16 (separate ticket required).

Reserved Seating \$40 patrons (includes premium seating, name listed in the souvenir program, and a party on 7/08/17), \$18/\$22 adult, \$12 child (under 13)



JULY 8, 9 AND JULY 14, 15 & 16, 2017

FRI & SAT 7:30PM ◆ SUN 2PM

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CREDITS: By L. Frank Baum with Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg • Background Music by Herbert Stothart
Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard • Orchestration by Larry Wilcox • Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company
Based on the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.
Presented by arrangement with TAMS-WITMARK MUSIC LIBRARY, INC., 560 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022

We're turning back the hands of time at the Palace as we celebrate the marvels of the theatre's Mighty Wurlitzer Organ.
Come experience a film, just as audience members did in our theatre 89 years ago! Playing on the big screen will be the 1929 Silent Film LIBERTY, starring the lovable comedic pair Laurel and Hardy. Renowned resident organist for Detroit's fabulous Fox Theatre, Dave Calendine will accompany the film on the theatre's prized 1924 instrument.

After the short film, Dave will play songs from "Music of the Mouse: The Walt Disney Song-Book," which features famed tunes from cartoons of the 20s through today's blockbuster hits such as "Frozen." The Wurlitzer boasts more than 700 pipes which are designed to create the sounds of a full orchestra including percussion instruments, bells, chimes, whistles and horns. Patrons will have the opportunity to get an up close and personal look at the wonderful and mysterious Mighty Wurlitzer organ and enjoy pizza on the Palace stage.

Tickets for admission and pizza are \$15.



SUNDAY, AUG 27, 2017 • 3PM

SPECIAL EVENT MarionMade? #WeAreTalented



Have a hidden talent you're just aching to reveal – a master magician waiting to pull a rabbit out of your hat?

Maybe you've recently written a song that just needs an audience ear, or you've conquered a musical instrument and you're ready for the stage.

On the other hand, perhaps it's no secret at all that you're loaded with talent and love to sing, dance, juggle, or recite poetry.

If you answered yes, then we invite you to step onto the stage and into the spotlight for this season's open mic nights.

We'd love to experience your #MarionMade talent!

And with all that great talent on stage, we'll need an audience! So, plan to join us for some hometown entertainment by previously undiscovered performers or those who've already made a name for themselves.

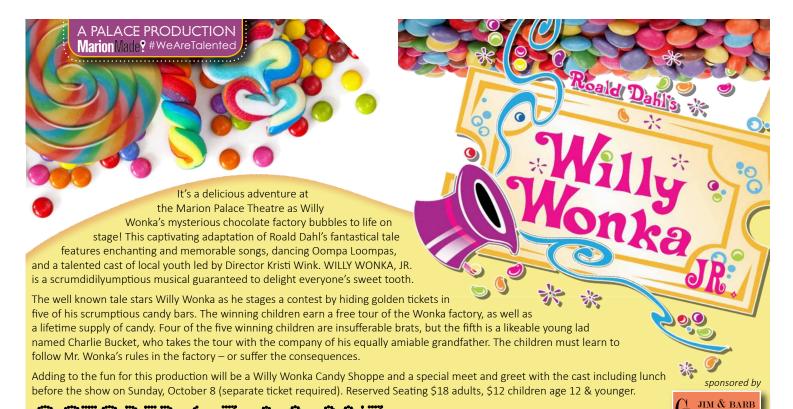
For your spot on the open mic roster, be sure to sign up in advance at the box office.

Spectator Admission: \$5

Cash bar available. Food will be available for purchase. Please order in advance (BBQ Pulled Pork Sliders, Firehouse Baked Beans, Slaw)

SEP 29, 2017_{AND} APR 13, 2018

FRI @ 7:30PM ◆ IN THE MAY PAVILION



OCTOBER 6, 7, & 8, 2017 • FRI & SAT 7:30PM • SUN 2PM

CREDITS: Words and Music by Leslie Bricussse and Anthony Newly • Adapted for the Stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy A. McDonald • Based on the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) • All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

TOURING ARTIST
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A LITERATURE TO LIFE ® Stage Presentation of



by Khaled Hosseini • A Program of Young Audiences New York

The professional theatre company, Literature to Life, brings the New York Times bestseller and an international classic, THE KITE RUNNER, to life in a stunning solo performance that audiences will be discussing for days. From the first novel about contemporary Afghanistan to be written in English, this performance dramatically portrays the relationship of two boys – Amir, a privileged Pashtun and Hassan, a Hazara servant. Through the eyes of the young hero, Amir, the actor takes us on a heartbreaking journey of friendship and betrayal in a society of severe class division.

During the show, which utilizes original
Afghani music as a backdrop, we meet upwards
of eight characters, each fully realized by this
virtuosic performer. Attendees are invited
to stay for the post show interactive
discussion where the audience will
explore themes including redemption and
class systems.

Join in the pre-show book read and post-show book discussion facilitated by the MARION PUBLIC LIBRARY staff. Reserved Seating \$16 adult, \$10 student.

THURSDAY, OCT 12, 2017

@ 7:30PM



TRACY LAWRENCE, the dynamic country music singer, guitarist, and radio host of *Honky Tonkin' with Tracy Lawrence*, is one of the most recognizable voices in Country music. With an impressive collection of twenty-two songs on the Billboard top ten charts, eighteen number one singles, and over thirteen million albums sold, Lawrence is one of the most played artists on radio.

The Multi-platinum CMA and ACM award-winning artist has imprinted an indelible mark on the genre with dozens of hits including *Sticks and Stones, Alibis, Texas Tornado, Time Marches On, Paint Me a Birmingham,* and *Find Out Who Your Friends Are,* just to name a few.

With his new radio show and more than 100 live appearances every year, Lawrence's music continues to evolve and engage all generations of Country music fans.

Reserved Seating \$34, \$42, \$48, \$55.

SATURDAY, OCT 21, 2017

OPENING ACT **ashley McBryde!**

Performing music from her latest album "Jalopies & Expensive Guitars"

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Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score, THE DROWSY CHAPERONE is a loving send-up of the Jazz Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another.

> favorite record: the cast recording of a fictitious 1928 musical. The recording comes to life and THE DROWSY CHAPERONE begins as the man in the chair looks on. The barrage of characters, who include two lovers on the eve of their wedding, a bumbling best man, a desperate theatre producer, a not-so-bright hostess, two gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a misguided Don Juan, and an intoxicated chaperone, all add up to madcap delight.

> > Hailed by New York Magazine as "The Perfect Broadway Musical," THE DROWSY CHAPERONE is masterful, poking fun at all the clichés that surround the musical theatre genre. Directed by Charles Groth with Musical Direction by Daniel Bradshaw. Reserved Seating \$16.

> > > THE DROWSY CHAPERONE Music & Lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison · Book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also MTI. www.mtishows.com

IN THE MAY PAVILION FRI & SAT 7:30PM • SUN 2PM









Mark Nizer is truly "the juggler your mother warned you about." Or if she didn't, she should have!

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TOURING ARTIST #WeAreFun

Imagine a concert experience that incorporates light, sound, and color to create a multidimensional 4D visual feast for the eyes. Throw in world-class juggling, a good dose of outrageous humor, and some unexpected technology and you have Mark Nizer's unique, one-of-a-kind show that has been

described by Performance Magazine as "nothing less than brilliant."

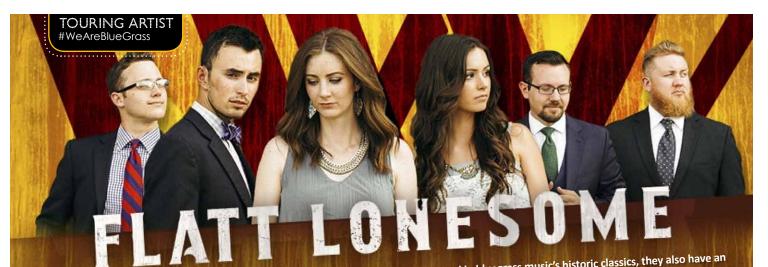
Entertaining for all ages, Nizer takes his show to a new dimension and gives audience members special glasses to see a portion of the show in mind-blowing 4D. The fun begins from the moment Nizer takes the stage. While most performers ask people to turn off their cell phones, Nizer asks his audience to turn ON their phones. With the help of his virtual assistant, Siri Nizer (of iPhone fame), he then uses the devices as an interactive lighting element

Reserved Seating \$12, \$16, \$20 adult, \$8 student. Ticket-holders are also invited to attend a pre-show event in the May Pavilion.

SUNDAY, JAN 21, 2018







FLATT LONESOME is a young, new group of pickers fresh to the scene. While deeply-rooted in bluegrass music's historic classics, they also have an energetic flair for country sounds, progressive jams, and soul-stirring gospel music while never forsaking their traditional essence.

The band is comprised of Robertson siblings Kelsi Harrigill (mandolin, vocals), Charli (fiddle, vocals) and Buddy (guitar, vocals), along with Dominic Illingworth (acoustic bass), Paul Harrigill (banjo), and Michael Stockton (resophonic guitar). The Mufreesboro, Tennessee-based band first arrived on the bluegrass music scene in 2011. Since that time, FLATT LONESOME has sky-rocketed to the top of the music industry, attracted thousands of dedicated fans, and collected coveted music awards including three 2016 International Bluegrass Music Association trophies: Vocal Group of the Year, Album of the Year for their record "Runaway Train," and Song of the Year for "You're the One."

If you love high lonesome harmony, soaring sibling vocals and powerful bluegrass music, then you will love FLATT LONESOME!

Reserved Seating. \$18 adult, \$12 child

FRIDAY, JAN 26, 2018

Alice's ADVENTURES in WONDERLAND

Take a plunge with Alice down the famous rabbit hole and discover a delightful, madcap world of childhood fantasies and delicious adventures.

In this wildly entertaining stage play performed by local youth, audience members will meet all the classic characters immortalized by the Lewis Carroll novel including the habitually late White Rabbit, the frantic Mad Hatter, the tyrant Queen of Hearts, the sneaky Cheshire Cat and the comical twins Tweedledee and Tweedledum, just to name a few.

The wonder-filled world of Alice is a fantastic magical journey for all ages and gives a modern view to an old classic, where nonsense makes quite good sense.

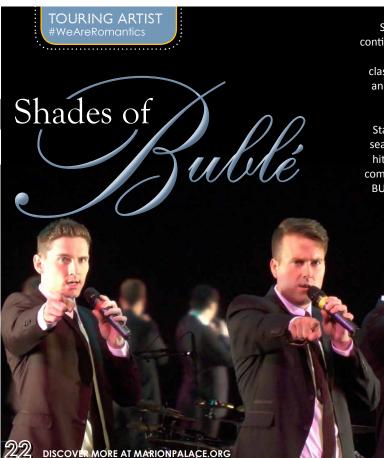
Reserved Seating \$18 adults, \$12 children age 12 & younger.

ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND Based on the novel by Lewis Carroll • Adapted by Tim Kelly Presented in special arrangement with PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE, INC.

FEBRUARY 9, 10 & 11, 2018

FRI & SAT 7:30PM ◆ SUN 2PM





SHADES OF BUBLÉ: A Three-Man Tribute to Michael Bublé celebrates the continuing outstanding career of Bublé by performing his swinging standards and pop hits in an unforgettable high-energy concert event. This world-class tribute act honors (but doesn't imitate) the sophistication, retro style, and spirited fun that Michael himself brings to his concerts while engaging diehard fans with thrilling three-part vocal arrangements.

Starring three incredibly talented gents with charming good looks, the trio seamlessly combines big-band standards from the jazz era, classic Motown hits of the 50s, and Billboard chart toppers from today. Delivering a set list comprised only of songs recorded or performed live by Michael, SHADES OF BUBLÉS will perform Feeling Good, Moondance, Come Fly With Me, Home, Everything, Fever, Save the Last Dance for Me, Haven't Met You Yet, and many more.

Whether you're planning a romantic night out with your significant other or prefer a fun night out with friends, the SHADES OF BUBLE concert at the Palace is the perfect place to be this Valentine's!

Reserved Seating. \$20, \$25, \$30.

FRIDAY, FEB 16, 2018

@ 7:30PM

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With a world-class horn section, a rocking rhythm section and vocals stacked sky-high, BRASS TRANSIT has established itself as the world's foremost Chicago experience! But it's not the band's management saying that. It's the growing legion of fans, who have heard this eight-piece Toronto group flawlessly rip through Chicago's catalogue of hits from the '70s'. With spectacular attention to detail the group performs hits like: Saturday.

TOURING ARTIST #WeAreJazzFusion

the '70s. With spectacular attention to detail, the group performs hits like: Saturday In The Park, 25 Or 6 To 4, If You Leave Me Now, Feelin' Stronger Every Day, Beginnings, Make Me Smile, Call On Me, Wishing You Were Here, Old Days, Questions 67 & 68, and Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?

Formed in 2008, BRASS TRANSIT brought together 8 of Canada's most talented, accomplished and award-winning players. The group goes far beyond just imitating the songs; they embody the music and leave crowds in awe, evoking multiple standing ovations and comments like: "Spine-Tingling!" "Brought me back to my youth!" and "Perfect in every detail!"

Get ready for a high-energy performance, sing along to your favorite songs, and re-visit the most memorable times of your life when BRASS TRANSIT takes the historic Marion Palace Theatre stage! Reserved Seating. \$18, \$24, \$28



THE MUSICAL LEGACY OF CHICAGO





Fiery Irish reels, Gypsy fiddle tunes of Romania, and haunting melodies will fill the air when Central Ohio's renowned Celtic group, LONE RAVEN takes center stage at the Palace.

A favorite among many concert-goers, the band performs an eclectic blend of traditional music from various areas of the world, as well as their own original compositions. The group uses over 20 instruments in their performances, including a variety of unique ethnic instruments.

Their instrumentals are fueled by the twin fiddles of Elizabeth Blickenstaff and Kara Markley. Adding layers of instrumental depth are a rhythm section driven by the skilled hand of Craig Markley and award-winning guitar playing by Neil Jacobs. Additionally, Kara's highly acclaimed vocal stylings are showcased throughout the concert, performing songs in both English and Irish Gaelic.

Don't miss this concert that sold out the May Pavilion in 2014! Reserved Seating \$15

FRI, MAR 23, 2018 @ 7:30PM



Join us for an uplifting and joyous Easter Celebration when NINE (No Instruments Needed Ever) takes the historic Marion Palace Theatre stage!

The a capella singing group is comprised of RIC KLENZMAN, SCOTT FORRY, TITUS RITCHEY, ERIC MOSELY, LUKE HENRY, SCOTT RUTH, WES PETERS, MATT CRAYCRAFT, STEVE DEWEBER, and MATT HOLSINGER. Using only their voices to create a captivating sound, this group of men entertains listeners with a spiritual, gospel collection and pure and simple Gaither-style songs.

NINE first introduced their vocal harmonies to the public during Christmas at the Palace in 2011, and immediately audiences fell in love with the fun-loving group of guys. Popular demand brought the group back to the stage in 2012 and 2013 with fresh holiday acts. The men went on to perform a full scale show for an enthusiastic full house at the Palace in 2014. Described as endearing entertainers, NINE's performances radiate with humor, friendship and their devotion to God.

Make NINE part of your Easter celebration plans and purchase your tickets in advance for the best seats. \$15



YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN DEAD

Mystery. Murder. And, lots of surprises and laughs abound in the Palace's annual Dinner Theatre held in the May Pavilion.

Following a catered buffet dinner, "YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN DEAD" narrator, Harnell Chesterton, will take the audience to visit a small community theatre group staging a play set in the Deep South....and the scene of the crime. Here you'll meet Fat Daddy, a rich but vindictive southern gentleman with an equally conniving and scheming family: Sweet Mama, Daddy's pandering wife; Hyacinth, the daughter who's always cleaning the family firearms; Earl the worm and his overly amorous wife, Savannah; and Clete, the sullen handyman who, for some reason, is in the will? But, did a member of the cast commit the murder—or did someone in the audience?

Twists, turns and a fast-paced dialogue will keep the audience guessing "whodunnit" until the last clue is dropped.

Directed by Margaret Bowman. Reserved Seating \$40.

FRI, APR 6, 2018 @ 6:30PM SAT, APR 7, 2018 @ 6:30PM





Get ready for a night of rockabilly, country, gospel, and pure 1950's rock and roll with this high energy concert! ONE NIGHT IN MEMPHIS takes you back to December 4, 1956, when four of the biggest names in early rock and roll — Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash — gathered together for an impromptu jam session at the legendary Sun Studios in Memphis.

Audiences will see and hear Carl Perkins performing hits like Honey Don't, Brown-Eyed Handsome Man, and Blue Suede Shoes. Jerry Lee Lewis' set includes High School Confidential, Breathless, Whole Lotta Shaking Goin' On, and Great Balls of Fire. Johnny Cash performs smash hits like Folsom Prison Blues, Ring of Fire, and I Walk the Line. Elvis will close out the night with his electrifying hits like Shake, Rattle & Roll, All Shook Up, Heartbreak Hotel, Don't be Cruel, and Hound Dog.

Be a witness to and experience a rock and roll royalty jam session with legendary performers whose music has stood the test of time. Featuring acclaimed national talent with an uncanny sound, look, and feel of the original legends, this show is guaranteed to get you rocking and rolling. There's a whole lotta shakin' going on!

Reserved Seating \$20, \$25, \$30.



he School Matinee Series is programming that links the arts and education by offering students exposure to live performances that support curriculum content. National touring troupes bring to life performances based in current issues, literature, history, science and math. Students enjoy learning while being entertained in the area's largest "classroom." For reservations please contact the School Matinee Coordinator (740) 383-2101 or tickets@marionpalace.org. When making reservations, indicate all special seating needs for those with walkers and/or wheelchairs. Note NEW afternoon performance time is now at 12:45pm to better accommodate busing schedules. Admission is \$3.50 per student and chaperone. The 2017-18 School Matinee Series is sponsored by CSX and Honda of America and supported by Ohio Arts Council.



CHICKEN DANCE Thu, Sep 28, 2017 Grades PreK-2 10° & 12:45°

Every barnyard has its bully! But two of the barnyard's chickens, Marge and Lola, will not stand idly by. In this ArtsPower's musical, the colorful story of these two "birds" unfolds with them on a mission to win the barnyard talent contest and take first prize, two concert tickets to see the great Elvis Poultry. But first, these friends must present a performance that will score higher than a flock of very talented ducks, led by Mac who loves to play the bully. Can Marge and Lola face their challengers, against all odds, and win the talent contest?

Curriculum Connections:
• Literature-Based• Family Relationships
• Musical• Language/Communication Skills
• Values-Based

HOW TO SURVIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 23, 2017 Grades 6-8 | 10^{am} & 12:45^{pm}

Like many of us, comedian Robert Post barely survived middle school. Struggling because of various learning disabilities, he found that making people laugh saved him. In this brand new multimedia performance, kids talk to kids in a compelling, funny, and educational show.

Dealing with real issues affecting students today – including social media, testing, bullying, and peer pressure – the video testimonials by kids and their advocates (along with a generous dose of Post's

signature humor) are sure to resonate with students and teachers alike.

Curriculum
Connections:
•Communication
•Values-based
•Relationships



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MATH MANIAC Thursday, Nov 16, 2017 Grades K-2 @ 10^{am |} Grades 3-5 @ 12:45^{pm}

Is learning math fun? You bet it is! In his fast-paced, up-beat, and highly visual demonstrations, The Math Maniac proves that learning Math and fun go together naturally. Whether students are REVIEWING the material, PREVIEWING the material, or LEARNING the material for the first time. The Math Maniac makes math easy to learn and fun to think about! Funny, entertaining and educational — The Math Maniac Show is a whole new way for students to discover the awesome possibilities of mathematics. Students have so much fun they don't even know they're learning!

Curriculum Connections: Arithmetic+Fractions+Probability+Money+Patterns+Place Values+Operations+Geometry+Word Problems+Percentages

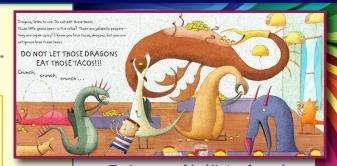
DRAGONS LOVE TACOS and OTHER STORIES Friday, Feb 23, 2018 | Grades K-3 | 10^{am} & 12:45^{pm}

Theatreworks USA's newest musical revue of beloved contemporary children's books is based upon the following popular titles:

Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride by Kate DiCamillo Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa School Days by Erica Silverman

Curriculum Connections:

Communication & Language Arts Literature-Based Music Relationships & Family



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