

# Education Through the Arts

Spring Newsletter 2016

LUTHER BURBANK  
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THE ARTS

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## Welcome Back to the LBC!



As you may have heard, we've recently returned to Luther Burbank Center for the Arts, thanks to a new 10-year naming sponsorship with Lytton Rancheria/Lytton Band of Pomo Indians. As do many longtime members of this community, the Lytton Tribe feels a strong connection to the LBC, and earmarked their generous contribution to allow us to return to that original identity. Please join us in thanking Lytton Rancheria! As an independent non-profit organization that does not receive significant funding from a local or state government or university, we rely on community support – like that from Lytton Rancheria – to make all of our programs

and operations possible, especially the Education Through the Arts programs that are featured in this brochure. We extend sincere thanks to our more than 4,500 members, donors, sponsors, and funders for helping make these programs possible. Looking ahead to the next 10 years and beyond, we will continue to grow and expand our programs and community reach, continually working to ensure that the LBC offers opportunities for everyone in our community.



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

#### Arts Integration Tools for Teachers

Luther Burbank Center for the Arts has offered top-notch professional development opportunities connecting the arts to other core curriculum since 2005 when it became part of the Kennedy Center's Partners in Education network. These arts integration trainings are open to all teachers in Sonoma County and beyond.

We would like to announce a few exciting changes coming in the 2016-17 school year. First, we are thrilled to welcome Sonoma County Office of Education into the local partnership that includes the Center, Healdsburg Unified School District and Santa Rosa Charter School for the Arts. Working with SCOE will enable us to extend our reach to teachers throughout the county as we continue to offer arts integrated professional development opportunities.

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Look inside  
for a sneak  
peek at next  
year's school  
shows!

On sale  
August 10  
at 9:00am

# Professional Development:

## ARTS INTEGRATION TOOLS FOR TEACHERS

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We will also be expanding the program to offer five workshops throughout the school year. All five will be held at Sonoma County Office of Education, during the school day, in order to best serve educators.

The Center has long been committed to providing classroom modeling opportunities to teachers. We know that it is an invaluable part of the training process for teachers to observe strategies in action as their students engage in arts integrated lessons. With the expanded number of workshops, we will continue to offer classroom modeling to as many participating teachers as possible.

Finally, the Center is hosting several networking opportunities throughout the year where all teachers participating in arts integrated workshops will be invited to join us for a facilitated conversation. These “happy hour” meetings will enable teachers to share how arts integrated strategies are working in their classrooms prior to seeing a complimentary live performance.

We are excited about the expanded Arts Integration Tools for Teachers program and know all of these changes will make a positive difference in the community for both teachers and students alike. Stay tuned for a listing of workshops! Questions? Contact Tracy Sawyer at [tsawyer@lutherburbankcenter.org](mailto:tsawyer@lutherburbankcenter.org) or 707.800.7529.



## Music For Schools

### Instruments Available for Loan

Does your school have a music program? Are there students who are unable to play because they don't have an instrument? If you answered yes to either of these questions, read on!

In the 2015-16 school year alone, the Center's *Music For Schools* program supplied **421 instruments** to students in **38 different schools**. These instruments are loaned out free of charge for the entire school year.

"It is truly a pleasure to work with local school music teachers to provide instruments to those students who need them," says Tracy Sawyer, who coordinates the program. "We know we are making a difference to school music programs and in the lives of the children who are given the opportunity to learn to play music. This is no small thing."

Teachers, please pass this information along to your music teacher. We'd like to make a difference at your school, too. Please contact Tracy Sawyer at 707.800.7529 or [tsawyer@lutherburbankcenter.org](mailto:tsawyer@lutherburbankcenter.org) with questions or inquiries.

# Sneak Peek: 2016-17 School Shows

## Take a look at what's coming next year!

We have at least 22 excellent performances planned in 2016-2017 geared to specific grade levels, with educational and entertaining experiences for students pre-kindergarten through high school. Plus, all shows align with your overall teaching objectives using Common Core Curriculum. This is just a sneak peek at what's to come!

\*Program information and dates are subject to change.

Look for our Education Brochure and order form available in early August. Visit [lutherburbankcenter.org](http://lutherburbankcenter.org) later this summer to view the final schedule and download program materials, including study guides.

**Education programs are on sale August 10 at 9:00am!**



- **Preschool/Early Elementary**
- **Elementary**
- **Elementary/Middle School**
- **Middle School/High School**
- **Elementary through High School**

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## Rock the Presidents

by Childsplay

**Monday, October 3, 2016**

Just in time for the 2016 elections, take a journey through the history of US presidents through original rock, pop, and folk music. This high-octane, multi-media filled musical revue empowers young people to get involved in civic life.

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## ERTH'S Dinosaur Zoo Live

Created and Performed by

ERTH—Visual & Physical, Inc.

**Friday, October 14, 2016**

Take a journey through pre-historic times in this performance with heaps of audience interaction. Human-powered puppetry creates this eye-popping visual feast! Experience an amazing cast of creatures that inhabited the landscape millions of years ago, including a T. Rex.

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## Goodnight Moon & The Runaway Bunny

by Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia

**Tuesday, November 15, 2016**

Two beloved classics from Margaret Wise Brown come to life on stage. Don't miss this theatrical adaptation with whimsical puppetry and original music echoing the sentiments of two stories which have delighted generations.

## Movies to Games, Classically Trained with Alpin Hong

**Wednesday, November 30, 2016**

Imagine Mario Brothers without the background music? What's a movie without its score? Classically trained pianist and international performer, Alpin Hong, illustrates how the elements of today's music from movies, television, and video games are rooted in classical traditions.

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### Posada Navideña by Ballet Folklórico de Sacramento

Friday, December 9, 2016

Featuring traditional Mexican folkloric dance and music, this performance—back by popular demand—celebrates the wonderful folk culture of Mexico during the Christmas season.

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### The Peking Acrobats®

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Back again in Sonoma County, China's finest gymnasts, jugglers, cyclists, and tumblers transform 2,000-year-old athletic disciplines into a kaleidoscope of entertainment and wonder.

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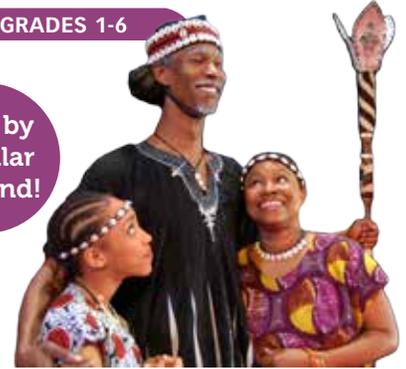
### Black Violin

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

This band was declared one of the hottest bands of renowned musical festival SXSW. With two string artists, a drummer and DJ, their unique sound blends classical, hip-hop, rock, and R&B. This special performance for students focuses on the history of music and the fusion of sound.

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### Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters

by Dallas Children's Theater

Thursday, February 9, 2017

African drumming, powerful and majestic choreography, thrilling original music and the splendor of Zimbabwe burst onto stage in this beautiful African tale that mirrors the story of Cinderella based on the book by John Steptoe.

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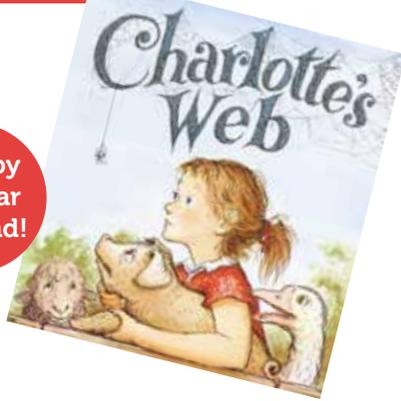
### Laura Ingalls Wilder

by ArtsPower

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

This outstanding musical production chronicles the exciting adventures of the Ingalls family as they travel across the prairie in search of a little house to call home based on Laura Ingalls Wilder's own stories.

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### Charlotte's Web

by TheatreworksUSA

Monday, February 27, 2017

This treasured tale featuring quirky and endearing farm animals explores the timeless virtues of friendship, courage and unconditional love based on E.B. White's classic story.

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### The Mayhem Poets

Monday, March 6, 2017

The Mayhem Poets are on a mission to change what society thinks about poetry with a unique, rhythmic style of spoken-word poetry. These theatrically-trained, comedic, lyrical virtuosos seamlessly blend raw elements of hip hop, theater, and comedy to reveal truths on contemporary issues.

GRADES 2-6



### Lights! Camera! Math!

by Cahoots NI from Belfast, Northern Ireland

Thursday, March 9, 2017

In order for Danny Carmo to live his dream as a magician, he'll have to embrace magic's most powerful secret... math! Prepare to be amazed, dazzled, and bewildered as math, magic, theater, and technology collide in an interactive performance, proving math can be fun!

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### DiNO Light

by CORBiAN Visual Arts and Dance in collaboration with Lightwire Theater

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

This unique and visually dazzling performance showcases a world of glow-in-the-dark characters created out of neon light. With a cutting-edge blend of puppetry, technology and dance, the show tells the adventure of a friendly dinosaur named Darwin and the scientist who created him.

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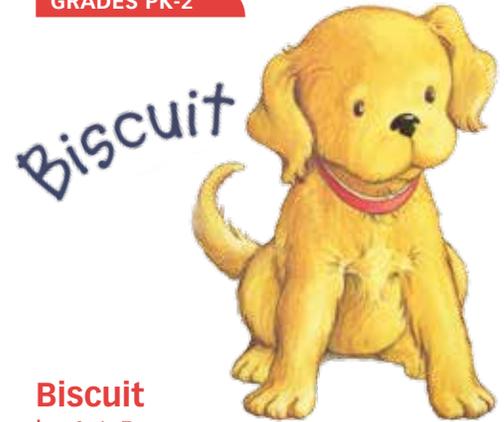


### Doktor Kaboom! in Look Out! Science is Coming!

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Doktor Kaboom! blends science, comedy, and a German accent in his series of increasingly spectacular demonstrations of the physical sciences with a focus on the scientific method. Join us for side-splitting humor and awesome experiments from a tabletop catapult to exciting chemical reactions and more.

GRADES PK-2



### Biscuit

by ArtsPower

Monday, March 13, 2017

A frolicking little puppy named Biscuit loves exploring, making new friends, and even stirring up some mischief. Join Biscuit in this all-new musical based on the popular books by Alyssa Satin Capucilli.

- Preschool/Early Elementary
- Middle School/High School

- Elementary
- Elementary through High School

- Elementary/Middle School

# School Shows

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## Wings of Courage by Mad River Theater Works Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Determination and perseverance helped African-American Eugene Bullard to overcome discrimination while serving in World War I. Don't miss this performance based on the true life story of a remarkable historical figure.

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## Street Beat Wednesday, April 12, 2017

This high-energy explosion of urban rhythm and uplifting, inspiring music education returns to our Santa Rosa stage. This awesome duo brings together the elements of music, rhythm, and academic focus for your students!

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## Young Audiences of New York's Literature to Life® production of **Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury

May 2017

In this verbatim adaptation of Bradbury's science fiction novel, we see a frightening vision of the future: firemen don't put out fires, they start them in order to burn books. This American classic comes to life in a haunting look at the dangers of censorship.

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## A Year with Frog and Toad by Casa Manaña Monday, April 10, 2017

Join us for this Tony award-nominated Broadway musical celebrating life's simple wonders of all four seasons with the cheerful Frog and rather grumpy Toad. Based on the delightful stories of an enduring friendship by Arnold Lobel.

GRADES 7-12



## BODYTRAFFIC Tuesday, April 25, 2017

This Los Angeles based company is praised as one of *Dance Magazine's* "24 to Watch" with their vibrant and inspiring repertoire. In this special presentation, students will gain an understanding of the human body moves and it is used to communicate through dance.

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## Junie B. Jones' Essential Survival Guide to School by TheatreworksUSA Thursday, May 4, 2017

Join us for an all new adventure with the precocious Junie B. Jones! From bus rules to band-aids, carpool to cookies, Junie B. and friends always have something to sing about in this brand new musical based on Barbara Park's popular book.

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# Art of Dessert Success!

## Raising \$\$ in support of our Education programs

Art of Dessert, the Center’s annual fundraising event to support all our Education Through the Arts programs was held Saturday, April 9, and raised \$420,000, breaking all previous records. The “Fund-a-Need” portion of the live auction raised \$131,200, plus an additional \$75,000 matching donation from Lytton Rancheria—Lytton Band of Pomo Indians. Proceeds from this annual event help make all of our programs possible, including *Music For Schools*, School Shows, New Song Music Camp, Professional Development workshops through Kennedy Center’s Partners in Education program, and more.



SRJC student Brandon Cowen spoke about his experience with *Music For Schools*.



## Thank You!

Luther Burbank Center for the Arts wishes to thank the following for their support of \$1,000 or more for our *Education Through the Arts* programs since April 1, 2015.



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## SUMMER CAMPS • COMING SOON!

### **New Song Music Camp**

June 13 – 17, 2016 • 9am – 3pm

For students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades

### **Missoula Children's Theatre**

**Auditions:** Monday, June 20, 2016 • 10am – 12pm

For students entering 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades

**COME SEE THE SHOW!**

### **Rapunzel**

**by Missoula Children's Theatre**

Saturday, June 25, 2016 • 2pm & 4:30pm

Luther Burbank Center for the Arts • East Auditorium

