

Touring Performances



BANANA SLUG STRING BAND

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We All Live Downstream

All about watersheds: our role in protecting and teaching about them. This will engage the students, their families and communities in learning about how activities within their communities affect the quality of water that is used in their everyday living.

Living with the Earth

A discovery of the magical relationship between animals, plants and the Earth. During this musical journey, students will meet a six-foot tall Banana Slug, learn how dirt made their lunch and rap with 'Nature Man'.

The Awesome Ocean

Based on the Slug's award winning "Slugs at Sea", and the Project MARE Oceans week curriculum, this program focuses on the habitats of the West Coast. Favorite Slugs songs such as "The Water Cycle Boogie" are featured.

A Penguin Parade

From feathers to furs and scales to skin, this journey into the world of ecology raises awareness about the diversity of animals and their habitats. A dynamic blend of original songs, humor and amusing costumes guarantees an animated performance.

THE 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)

How does nature recycle and how can humans recycle? Empower children to make earth-friendly choices with an awareness of sustaining natural resources, improving the environment and recycling opportunities.

Program: 1 to 2 performances at 45 min each

Cost: \$875 single / \$975 double performance



IL TEATRO CALAMARI

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Il Teatro Calamari offer a wide variety of exciting programs in 30 to 45 minute bite-sized chunks with educational topics ranging from the fields of health, ecology and recycling to programs that feed the brain with unique brands of puppetry, mask and physical theater. We also offer less exciting programs for weaker audiences. More programs and workshops at the website.

Plumkin's Choice

A lively and engaging smoking education program about the realities of tobacco. Highly effective and enjoyable for all elementary grades K-3 and 4-6. Extensive audience participation and role-playing with refusal strategies and a "teacher friendly" curriculum guide.

Plumkin's Lunch

This time he's had the wrong food for breakfast and he can't seem to wake up. Can the kids help Plumkin eat less sugar, drink more water, exercise and get enough sleep? Targeted K-3 and 4-6 messages, role-playing and audience participation make this a very exciting show.

Odyssey

Take a big slice of puppetry, add a dash of mask and dollop of physical comedy, whirl it together. Season with events from everyday life and add some highly unusual twists and you will have the highly flexible "Odyssey", featuring the classic tale of the "Tortoise and the Hare" done in the found object puppetry style. Silent with music. Workshop in Found Object Puppetry or Mask designed for this performance.

The 3 Billy Goats Gruff

Three starving goats. A very nasty troll. A bridge too far. In this fast-paced show the audience is king (or queen). They get to choose just how scary they want the Troll to be, help or hinder the goats on their quest to reach the other side of the bridge and chant along with the Troll as he does his Troll things. What are Troll things? You will see in this, a near-classic retelling of this beloved children's story that children and adults can participate in and laugh with together.



Cost: \$550 single performance/\$860 double performance or add workshop.

MAGICAL MOONSHINE THEATER

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Grade Levels: K-12

Animal Folktales of the Americas

This award winning series of traditional folktales from North, South and Central America is presented with puppets, masks, and music. Over a dozen programs are available including several Spanish/English productions.

For a complete listing of all Animal Folktales programs with photos, as well as photos and descriptions of the programs below, please go to: www.magicalmoonshine.org and on the home page open either the html or the PDF version (suitable for printing) of the school program catalogue.

Shipwrecked! The Adventures of Miss Robin Crusoe

An exciting adventure story about the niece of the famed Robinson Crusoe. Young Robin is shipwrecked on a tropical island and must use her wits to deal with her sunken ship, pirate treasure, sharks, a volcano, and her two new friends, a parrot and a mischievous monkey.

The Recycling Show

Presented with puppets and actors, this interactive show focuses on the whys and hows of living on earth in our age of consumption.

Program: 1 to 3 Assemblies per day

Cost: \$585 single/ \$895 double performance

Custom Puppet and Drama Workshops

Puppet and Drama Workshops: Magical Moonshine Theatre directors Michael and Valerie Nelson have almost 3 decades of experience in California schools, are designated California Arts Council Artists in the Schools for 2008-09 as well as current teaching staff for the Vallejo Music Theatre Conservatory.

Magical Moonshine offers a variety of puppet and drama workshops for grades K-12, with curriculum based upon the California Frameworks and Standards. Short term and on-going workshops are available. Call to discuss possibilities.



MEN OF WORTH

Artist Instructors: James Keigher and Donnie Macdonald

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Grade Levels: K-12

Schools Program

The schools program is tailored according to the age/grade level of the students that are attending the presentation. A fifty minute performance includes touching on the historical and geographical aspects of the music and language. A display and performance on all of the instruments involved in a "Men of Worth" performance, explaining their function and a who, when and where they were made. Teaching a Gaelic chorus allows students to not only participate in song, but in another language, the ancient language of the Celts. Introducing songs that highlight the movement of people and their culture to America from Ireland and Scotland. Discussing the relationship between Celtic music and American bluegrass and country music. Allowing a question and answer period from both the students and teachers, a "Men of Worth" schools program aims to be educational and fun.

In association with the assembly performance, "Men of Worth" can conduct workshops on the following:

- Traditional Irish/Scottish singing
- A hands on approach to our musical instruments:
Guitar, mandolin, banjo, bodhran, concertina, and mandocello

If a music class would like to attend a workshop we can tailor our time with these people to best benefit them.

Program: 1 to 3 Assemblies per day

Cost: \$380 single/ \$1,400 four performances in one day

NOTE: Schools may partner to take advantage of the four performance price.



MUSIC AMERICANA

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The Music Americana Show: A Multicultural Extravaganza

Grades: K-8

Trace the history of the people who shaped America – from the Native Americans through the Europeans, Africans, Hispanics and Asians. This show is filled with tales of their struggle and triumph. Learn how to Irish River Dance, participate in old-fashioned Sing-A-Longs, join in an African Percussion Jam. Audience participation from start to finish! Show includes student workbooks.



The History of Americans of African Descent

Grades: K-12

Book this historical musical assembly for Black History Month in February! Learn how ancient hieroglyphics led to our modern alphabet. Discover how to read an ancient tale taken from a pyramid wall using the original symbols. Find out how Egypt became the birthplace of modern medicine. Feel what it's like to fight slavery through The Underground Railroad and learn the secret code of slaves. Take a stand by sitting down next to Rosa Parks on the bus to freedom. Highlighted throughout with the rich musical heritage of African Americans who sang their way to freedom! Show includes student workbooks.

The César Chávez Show

Grades: K-12

Three actor-musicians pass on the legacy of humanitarian-activist César Chávez. This show combines comedy, music and drama and one big, big salad to portray the odyssey of the California farm workers in their struggle to earn a decent life. It is the story of how César Chávez used the spirit of positive social change through non-violence to change conditions for farm workers who were exploited for over 100 years. This show contains authentic music César Chávez and the farm workers sang in the fields.

That's Why They Call It Junk Food!

Grades: 3-12

A three-man show about why America loves junk food and what we can do to address obesity and diabetes in young people. A NEW AND BOLD SHOW! This show is filled with games, quizzes and sing-a-longs to see how much our kids know about the latest information on the state of our health. How does junk food affect your body? Why is junk food hard to resist? What is really in a Twinkie? How can we live longer, healthier and happier lives. **OUR MOST IMPORTANT SHOW.**

Show Lengths: 40-45 min each

Cost: 1 show: \$690, two: \$990, three: \$1290

ONE WORLD PERCUSSION

Artist/Director: John Hannaford

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Grade Levels: K-12

One World Percussion is a performing percussion ensemble. The group performs a range of multi-ethnic music; inclusive of African, Latin, Afro-Cuban and world beat fusion. The strong, rich rhythms are layered with percussive texture. The group will perform for classes, whole school assemblies and can also incorporate percussion workshops.

Program: 1 to 2 one-hour performances; 2 hour to half-day performance w mandala workshops

Cost: \$350-\$500. All performances or workshops are tailored to your needs. Pricing is based upon the specifics of the event.



RANKA'S MARIONETTE THEATER

Artist Instructor: Ranka Gatu

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Animal Stories from Around the World

Grade Levels: K-6

An enchanting tour of world cultures through folk literature, Animal Stories presents folktales and fables from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Each story is carefully retold and enhanced with ethnic music. This program also includes Ranka's popular puppet-making demonstration with recyclable materials.

Length: 40-45 minutes

Cost: 1 show \$750, 2 shows \$950

For the 2008-2009 school year, Ranka is available during December, January, 1st half of February, 2nd half of April, May



RANKA'S MARIONETTE THEATER (CONTINUED)

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Ranka's Musical Revue: From Rock To Opera

Grade Levels: K-8

Ranka's musical marionette revue combines theater, music, and visual arts in a refreshingly unique and entertaining educational program. The presentation starts with Ranka's spirited music show in which a series of marionette musicians perform all kinds of music--from opera to rock. Then, using actual materials, Ranka illustrates how she creates her characters and how the students can create puppets using recyclable materials such as milk cartons.

Length: 40-45 minutes

Cost: 1 show \$700, 2 shows \$850



RHYTHM MAGIC!

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RHYTHM MAGIC Music Assembly

Grade Levels: K-12

Rhythm Magic is an exciting and enriching music assembly program, which uses drums and percussion instruments from around the world and many different cultures - including Africa, Mexico, South America, Asia, Europe, and the U.S.A.

Through extensive interaction and student participation, Rhythm Magic emphasizes teamwork, harmony, communication, self-esteem, confidence, and in a fun and creative way - integrates math, science, literacy, social studies, multicultural appreciation and music. Rhythm Magic is an unforgettable and life-enhancing experience for kids.

Cost: \$525 single/\$795 double performance



Consideration given for hardship schools

SOL FLAMENCO, THE MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE OF SPAIN

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Flamenco Dance Performance and Workshops

Grade Level K-12

Transport your students to Spain! An experience for children that combines authentic Spanish culture, dancing, rhythmic hand clapping and a live dance show with singers, dancers and guitar. Teachers select the grade levels to receive dance workshops (ex. K-3, 4-6, Middle School, High School) that follow a 30 minute show. Workshops are taught by 3 dancers with live guitar accompaniment. A question and answer period is reserved for the last 5 minutes of class.

Sol Flamenco provides the floor and sound system. A very popular workshop!

Program: 30 minute show with 30 minute workshops per grade level

Cost: \$550 One performance and workshop. Each additional workshop \$150



