



SPENCER THEATER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CLASS ACTS 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Inspiring children to learn through theater arts is a vital part of programming at the Spencer Theater. We are proud to help educators, via Class Acts performances of dance, music and drama, to present art that is both educational and entertaining. Class Acts performances are designed for children of all ages and presented at the Spencer Theater exclusively for the benefit of school students and home school students. Launched in 1997 when the theater first raised its curtain, Class Acts has served tens of thousands of school children from throughout south central New Mexico with the indispensable joys of arts and entertainment. The program has enjoyed continuous transportation support from the R.D. & Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation, and funding support through New

Mexico Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. We thank these entities and all participating teachers and students for their support.

In order to make attendance affordable for all students, tickets to all Class Acts performances are priced at \$5 per person. Shows run approximately one hour in length. **Ordering begins Wednesday, September 20th:** Download the order form **No phone orders are taken.** Email: boxoffice@spencertheater.com or mail/in person: 108 Spencer Rd., Alto, NM 88312 to reserve seats for your class. Classes should have (1) chaperone for every 15 students. **The performances begin on time, so please allow plenty of time for travel -- the theater is located 30 minutes from central Ruidoso.**

ZEPHYR - a WHIRLWIND OF CIRCUS

TUESDAY, **OCTOBER 24, 2023** AT 12:30 PM

(one SHOW ONLY)

Zephyr is an all new, exhilarating Cirque du Soleil-styled production with a story about human ingenuity and mechanical energy. This abridged performance displays a combination of comedic and acrobatic moments on enormous set pieces. Performers fly, balance, float and defy gravity with loads of comedy, circus aerial dance with hair hanging and the thrilling perch pole maneuvers. Through the comedy and eye-popping action, your students will learn about

LENGTH: 1 hour • **GRADES:** Pre-K - 12TH

Curriculum connections: circus arts, social studies, physics, windmill history, health, performing arts, the environment, math, engineering.



MISSION NUTRITION starring magician-performer-educator Jason Hudy

TUESDAY, **MARCH 5, 2024** AT 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Fun, interactive and highly entertaining, Nutrition Mission is an educational, outreach program designed to improve children's lives by teaching students healthy living and eating habits. Join Captain Jason Hudy in this exciting journey through space that teaches students healthy eating and living habits! Lack of exercise, and improper eating habits are a major problem among children today, and this show explains the ideas in an entertaining way! The lesson points of the show are explained using magic, comedy, audience participation and storytelling. "Mission Nutrition" is a fun, entertaining way to learn about these important topics!"

LENGTH: 40 minutes+ • **GRADES:** K - 5th

Curriculum connection: nutrition, smart choices, balance, phys ed., nature, science, magic, play



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MARK NIZER SCIENCESPLOSION

WEDNESDAY, **APRIL 3, 2024** AT 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Have you ever wondered why science works? How do we know what is true and what isn't? How does a laser work? What is gravity? Well Mark Nizer's New ScienceSplosion takes students on a journey thru time and space to help figure these things out. Using multimedia, juggling, lasers and more, Nizer gives your students real tools and teaches them how science works, how to determine what is true and what is not, bringing students up to speed on the science we will need to save the planet.



Mark Nizer is a world class juggler (nizer.com) and comedian who has been performing his one man show around the globe for the last 40 years.

His passion for science and truth has been at the heart of all he loves.

LENGTH: 1 hour • **GRADES:** K - 5th

Curriculum connection: positive reinforcement , comedy, coordination, animals, concentration.

COPPÉLIA • Boarderland Ballet Company (BBC)

THURSDAY, **APRIL 25, 2024** AT 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM

Students will marvel at classic ballet's most whimsical tale about an eccentric old toy maker, a life-like doll, mistaken identities, and playful relationships. It's a fun, romantic, magical tale that will immerse your students into a storybook village with unforgettable characters and hilarious revelations. This this abridged version of Coppélia introduces students to the centuries-old delight of ballet –one of the most disciplined and revered dance forms in the world. Coppélia is produced by the Las Cruces-based BBC and features a cast of graceful semi-professional dancers of all ages, delightful costumes and sets, a gorgeous original score (1870) by Leo Delibes.

LENGTH: 1 hour • **GRADES:** K - 8th ; *Curriculum connections: dance, theater, music; rhythm & movement, literature, physical education, stage craft, artificial intelligence*

