

Stearns-Cottrell Instrument Petting Zoo:

Fri, October 17, 2025, 9:00 AM Zoo, 12:00 PM Concert (45 mins)

Fri, March 20, 2026, 9:00 AM Zoo, 12:00 PM Concert (45 mins)

The Crane School of Music, SUNY Potsdam

The Stearns-Cottrell Instrument Petting Zoo is a biannual showcase of musical instruments for local elementary school students. Students have the opportunity to try different instruments hands-on and learn how they work, how they sound, and which ones they like to be better prepared to learn an instrument in school. Since its founding, thousands of local children have enjoyed their first chance at playing an instrument.



Student Tickets: \$7, Teachers, Bus Drivers: Free

Chaperones (1:10 required ratio): Free, Chaperones over the 1:10 ratio: \$7



Scan for scenes from the Spring '25 Zoo!

Crane music education students share how the Instrument Petting Zoo brought children from local schools the chance to explore instruments from clarinet to violin.

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**Crane Opera Ensemble Presents:
*Down In the Valley***

**Thurs, October 30, 2025, 9:30 AM (60 mins)
SUNY PAC, Proscenium Theater**

Folk-opera in one act.
Libretto by Arnold Sundgaard
Set in the rural South, it tells the story of Brack Weaver, a young man sentenced to die after a tragic fight. On the night before his execution, he escapes to see his true love one last time. With familiar folk songs woven throughout, the opera explores themes of justice and the struggles of ordinary people in a divided society. It raises questions about fairness, consequences, and the human spirit, all within the context of U.S. history and culture.

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UNDER PRESSURE!

SHOW DESCRIPTION (60 min):

Be amazed by the power of pressure - and what it can teach us.

Equal parts interactive science, comedy, and personal empowerment messages, Doktor Kaboom returns with a new show. ***Doktor Kaboom: Under Pressure!*** illustrates physical science concepts, which are also metaphors for real-life mental and emotional pressures.

Praised for keeping crowds riveted with interest and rolling with laughter, Doktor Kaboom is also known for empowering volunteers from the audience to be the heroes of the moment. In Under Pressure!, Kaboom validates the pressures some students may feel, and shares tools and life lessons as resources for dealing with the difficulties that face us all.

SHOW FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC: Tues, March 3, 2026

Sara M. Snell Music Theatre, SUNY Potsdam

7:00 PM SHOW - General Admission. **Tickets on sale at cpspotdam.org**

SCHOOL GROUPS IN GRADES 4-7: Wed, March 4, 2026

Sara M. Snell Music Theatre, SUNY Potsdam

9:30 AM SHOW -200 student cap. **11:00 AM SHOW** - opens once 9 am show is full.

Student Tickets: \$7

Teachers, Bus Drivers: Free

Chaperones (1:10 required ratio): Free

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