Winner of the 2017 Governor’s Awards in the Arts: Education Award

Education and Outreach Programs
for Students Grades Pre-K through 12

RiverPark Center
Owensboro, KY
In ArtsPower’s newest musical, Judy Moody and Stink, this dynamic sister and brother duo take audiences on a hilarious adventure. As usual, Judy is in a mood. After seeing her classmate’s picture on the front page of the newspaper, Judy wants to be famous and sets off to find fame and happiness. All the while, Stink and his foul-smelling sneakers become a real distraction as he vies for the coveted Golden Clothespin Award. Judy Moody and Stink are the perfect pair for their imperfect capers that lead to fun, mystery, sibling rivalry, and, in the end, true friendship.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS: Conflict Resolution, Family Relationships, Language/Communication Skills, Literature-Based, Musical, Values-Based

“Lucy, Lucy, eats stinky food that puts us all in a big, bad mood!” How can Ralph be so mean, Lucy wonders? Lucy is one of a kind, and Ralph loves to point that out. Lucy’s defining moment comes when Ralph truly needs her help. Because she knows what she stands for, Lucy has the courage to make the right choice. This tasty new musical, based on the award-winning book by Maria Dismondy, empowers children, when faced with bullying, to always do the right thing and to be proud of themselves.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS: Family Relationships, Anti-Bullying, Literature-Based, Values-Based, Musical, Language/Communication Skills

Children of all ages will find the joy of Christmas through the beauty of music and dance with The Nutcracker, based on E.F. Hoffman’s tale. Owensboro Dance Theatre brings new and innovating tricks and technology to the stage every year. The audience will enter Marie’s dream, experiencing all the magic and wonder with a flying bed, levitating Arabian dancer, and more with special flying effects from ZFX. The Nutcracker will feature your students, classmates, friends, and five professional dancers! This timeless production fills the stage with movement and imagination, generating enthusiasm for all students.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS: Dance, Music, Storytelling, Visual Arts, Relationships and Family, Literature-Based, Multi-Cultural

“Dress for success” is good advice that the Emperor takes wholeheartedly, wanting to impress new friends. But where to stop? When the clothes (and other people’s opinions) become more important than the people of the kingdom, trouble brews. To help their beloved Emperor find the way back to his heart, his true friends create an elaborate “birthday suit” for the Emperor to wear for his birthday parade celebration. The Emperor quickly and humbly learns that sometimes “less is more”!

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS: Communication & Language Arts, Relationships & Family, Music, Life Skills

Audition Notice – Be Part of the Cast!
Auditions for students in grades K-12 will be held Monday, February 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Approximately 60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT Tour Actor/Directors. A tour team arrives in town with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play...except the cast. The team holds an open audition and casts 50-60 local students to perform in the production. Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through the participation in this unique, educational project. MCT’s mission is the development of lifeskills in children through participation in the performing arts.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS: Family Relationships, Historical, Language/Communication Skills, Multi-Cultural, Musical, Values-Based

To young Lemuel, who has escaped slavery in Georgia, life in Gettysburg is everything he had dreamed it would be. His ideas about the North and the South, as well as what it means to be a free man, are challenged, however, when he unexpectedly befriends Jacob, a young Confederate soldier. The two men may be of different races and on different sides of the Civil War, but they have much to teach each other about bravery and loyalty in ArtsPower’s exciting and suspenseful musical.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS: Family Relationships, Historical, Language/Communication Skills, Multi-Cultural, Musical, Values-Based
Ms. Greer’s classroom includes three inquisitive out-of-the-box thinkers. Rosie Revere has big dreams. Iggy Peck has a relentless passion for architecture. And Ada Twist’s curiosity can drive her teacher crazy. A fun new musical based on the books *Rosie Revere, Engineer; Iggy Peck, Architect; and Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty which spotlights the STEM curriculum (focusing on science, technology, engineering and math).

**CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:** Communication and Language Arts, Music, Science, Social Studies

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Hakuna Matata! Come enjoy *The Circle of Life…A Lion’s Tale* with no worries. Dance into the wild with all your favorite characters, vibrant costumes, elaborate digital moving backdrops, and flying animals! This timeless tale tells the story of a lion who must find and accept his role and responsibility in life. Of course, he does this with help of friends he finds along the way. ODT dancers will be joined with professional dancers and loads of local talent! It’s gonna be the main event like no show was before, you won’t want to miss this brave adventure in the circle of life.

**CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:** Dance, Music, Storytelling, Visual Arts, Relationships and Family, Literature-Based, Multi-Cultural

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Every barnyard has a bully! But two of the barnyard’s chickens, Marge and Lola, will not stand idly by. ArtsPower’s musical portrays the colorful story of these two barnyard chickens on a mission to win the barnyard talent contest first prize of two tickets to see the great Elvis Poultry in concert! But first, they 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:** Family Relationships, Language/Communication Skills, Literature-Based, Musical, Values-Based

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For 27 years, the world of Ivan the gorilla was a dull cage in a roadside shopping mall. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant captured in the wild, Ivan’s ambitions and imagination must grow to meet the challenge of rescuing his endangered new companion. Aided by Bob the scrappy dog and a young human ally, Ivan sets out to become the great silverback and protector he was always meant to be. Enter the mind of a remarkable hero in this unforgettable story of enduring friendship, drawn from true events.

**Based on the 2012 book by Katherine Applegate, a #1 New York Times bestseller and winner of the Newbery Medal.**

**CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:** Language Arts, Math, Emotional & Social Learning, Performing and Visual Arts

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The Garden consists of twelve acres and offers a great opportunity for on-site, in nature, hands-on education with an emphasis on environmental issues. There is plenty of room for activities outside, as well as an educational classroom building connected to the Conservatory, a playhouse, a gazebo and tents as needed. The Garden provides a great place for learning, while having fun and being active.

**WESTERN KENTUCKY BOTANICAL GARDEN**
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OWENSBORO, KY 42301
270-993-1234
wkbg@bellsouth.net
**ARTS IN THE A.M. and STUDENTS ON STAGE!**

**Arts in the A.M.** is an interactive integration of the arts for students in grades 3 and up. Students will become actively involved in multiple arts activities. Components of the program include visual arts, music, dance, theatre, and a backstage tour. Workshops run for three hours and students are divided into groups for a MORE INTIMATE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE that’s fun-filled and educational.

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 12 noon

**Students on Stage** is participation in improvisational drama for grades 5 and up. The program will enable the students the opportunity to experience and be a part of live theatre. These classes create a fun and supportive environment for kids to learn the basics of drama, creating improv, storytelling, and stagecraft. The classes are taught primarily through focus instilling games and improvised stories students create and act. Students will also participate in technical theatre, focusing on lights and sound.

**Time:** 9 a.m. - 12 noon

The cost of each three-hour program is $8.50 per student. A minimum and/or maximum number of students is required to schedule a day.

For more information or to schedule a date, contact: Donna Conkwright 270-687-2770 or dconkwright@riverparkcenter.org.

*These programs are made possible with support from The Marilyn and William Young Charitable Foundation.

**ORIGINS CAVE!**

Crawl through our lifelike IMPACT100 Kentucky Cave and discover the geology, soils and watershed of our local natural world…all in the new ORIGINS Natural History Gallery!

**COAL MINE!**

Don your hard helmet and journey into history! Experience life in The Rudy Mine, a re-created Daviess County “pony mine” that was in operation from the late 19th Century until 1954.

**AMERICAN NATIVE GALLERY!**

Visit our new American Native Gallery exhibit and learn about our region’s first inhabitants!

122 East Second Street • Owensboro, Kentucky 42303  
(270) 687-2732 • www.owensboromuseum.org

*For more information contact Kathy Olson at kolson@owensboromuseum.org*

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**Enjoy an educational program from RiverWorks Discovery along with a FREE FIELD TRIP** to the Owensboro Museum of Science and History. This highly successful national education initiative features K-12 programs on the water cycle, the web of life, our watershed, the rich history of the Ohio River’s commerce, culture and the conservation of America’s waterways. Weather permitting, this class will be held outdoors in Smother’s Park, Owensboro’s new riverfront experience which is adjacent to RPC and the museum! * Funding is available on a first come / first serve basis and includes student ticket stipends and a bus transportation reimbursement up to $100.

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RESERVATION PROCESS

In order for us to better serve your needs, please provide us with as much accurate information as possible at the time of reservation.

Mail, Phone or Email the following information:
1. Name of show
2. Date and time of show
3. Total number of students, teachers and chaperones
4. Grade levels
5. Special seating requirements or other special services (wheelchair(s), hearing devices, etc.)
6. Contact person
7. School Information (Name, Address, Phone Number)
8. E-Mail address

ARRANGE YOUR TRANSPORTATION

ADMISSION & PAYMENT

SEATING ASSIGNMENTS ARE MADE IN THE ORDER THAT PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

Regular admission is $6.00 for each student, teacher and parent attending unless noted otherwise. Admission fees are used to pay artists’ fees and production costs. Although these costs continue to increase each year, we keep the ticket prices as low as possible with help from generous sponsors.

Payment is due at least four weeks in advance. Your reservations are confirmed only after payment or other arrangements have been made. Seating assignments are made in the order that payment is received.

Invoices are e-mailed eight weeks before each performance or as requested. Make necessary changes to your order before or at the time you are invoiced. Please specify if you would like an invoice sent at time of reservation. It is the responsibility of the contact person to forward the invoices to the appropriate person or office when it is received.

Confirmation and group tickets will be e-mailed 2-4 weeks prior to each show once payment has been received. Please print and present ticket for admittance to the show.

TO INCREASE OR DECREASE RESERVATIONS

Seating is limited on school day performances. If you need to change your seat count, please do so as far in advance as possible in writing. If you need to decrease seating, you must do so before payment is made. Once we have received payment, you will not be refunded for unused tickets or absentees. Should a group exceed the amount of seats it has reserved, we cannot guarantee that the entire group will be seated together.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations need to be made in writing at least four weeks in advance. Once you have made payment for a performance, a refund cannot be made. We will, however, offer to transfer the payment to another performance with availability depending on the circumstances of your cancellation.

In the case of school closings due to weather, we will transfer your payment to a different performance. If we are unable to accommodate your group, a refund will be issued.

BUS PROCEDURES

Plan to arrive at the theatre at least 20 minutes in advance. Remain on your bus until a RiverPark Center volunteer usher gives you instructions and leads you into the theatre. RPC has
developed a system to ensure the safety of students and to seat a large number of students in a short amount of time. Please wait until all students are seated before allowing restroom breaks. Bus drivers will be given a map to the Owensboro Sportscenter, because there is not ample parking in the downtown area.

Buses will be sent back to RPC in the order in which your school is called to exit the theatre. It is very important that you remain in your seats until your school and bus number are called. We will try to have you back on your bus within 30 minutes. If you have traveled a long distance and your students require a restroom break after the show, please let someone know upon arrival and we will call your buses accordingly. Once your bus has been called, you must load immediately.

**PARKING GARAGE**

For those arriving in cars or vans, parking is available across the street in the Downtown Parking Garage. There is some parking on the street, first level of the garage or top of the garage, but please do not park in private business parking lots or reserved spaces in the garage.

**ACCESS SERVICES**

All performances are wheelchair accessible. Please inform the box office of the number of wheelchairs and aids at the time of reservation to help us better serve your group.

RiverPark Center has updated its accessibility option for those who have difficulty hearing. The venue purchased 48 Williams sound assistive listening devices that can be used in Cannon Hall and the Jody Berry Cabaret Theatre.

A sign language interpreter can be provided for most performances with prior notification. Please call at least two weeks in advance. Schools are always welcome to bring their own sign language interpreter.

**LUNCH & RESTAURANT INFORMATION**

If your school has traveled a long distance to visit RiverPark Center, please consider local restaurants for lunch. Many restaurants are happy to accommodate groups with advanced notice. For a complete list of restaurants, go to visitowensboro.com and click on Visitors Guide. Please notify restaurants well in advance of your visit.

If your school is required to bring your own lunch, you must call at least two weeks in advance. RiverPark Center has very limited space and often cannot accommodate all requests. There is no fee for lunch space, but please be aware that we do not provide tables and chairs.

When loading or unloading lunches, buses will not be allowed to hold up the loading or unloading of students before or after a show. After a performance, buses are lined up according to how they are being called to leave. If your buses arrive during that process for the second show, you will be asked to return after the last bus is loaded.

When arriving with lunches, please have designated students, teachers or chaperones ready to exit the bus first and unload lunches as quickly as possible.

**SMOTHERS PARK**

Lunches can be purchased at Smothers Park concession stand upon request. Lunch options may include a hot dog or corndog, chips and soft drink for $4.50 per person. Restrooms are available at the Park. You must call in advance as the concession stand is not normally open during school days. Contact Jennifer Hodges at Smothers Park, 270-687-8333, or email hodgesjs@owensboro.org.

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**RIVERPARK CENTER SCHOOL DAY PERFORMANCE SERIES: ADVANCE ORDER FORM**

(Dates, Times and Shows are subject to change)

(Most performance run approximately 1 hour, unless otherwise noted)

Mail this form, contact Donna Conkwright at (270) 687-2770 or Email dconkwright@riverparkcenter.org

RiverPark Center 101 Daviess St. Owensboro, KY 42303

Administration Phone (270) 687-2770  Box Office (270) 687-2787

**TICKETS:** $6.00 PER PERSON (students & teachers) except where otherwise noted. If you are attending with another class, please combine orders.

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Special Needs**

I am interested in more information on:

Arts in the A.M. ____ Students on Stage ____ Other____________

School

Teacher/Contact Person

Phone

Email*

City ______________________________________________________________________________
State ______________________________________________________________________________
Zip _______________________________________________________________________________

**Please inform us of special needs or services (wheelchair(s), hearing devices and interpretation needs) at least two weeks in advance.

GROUP tickets will be issued by e-mail before each show once payment is received. Please present ticket for admittance to the show.

**Payment must be finalized before coming to the show.**

- Invoices will be e-mailed in the fall and 8 weeks before each performance. Please make necessary changes to your order at the time you are invoiced, including the total number attending.
- Payment is not due at time of reservation. However, seating assignments are made in the order that payment is received.
- PAYMENT MUST BE FINALIZED BEFORE COMING TO THE SHOW.
- Confirmation will be e-mailed 2-4 weeks before each performance, once payment has been received.
- Study guides will be available on-line at riverparkcenter.org
- If there is a problem with your order, you will be contacted.
- All sales are final. No refunds.
- Cancellations must be made in writing at least four weeks in advance. Many performances sell out. We must have advance notice to be able to fill seats from our waiting list.
- Make checks payable to: RiverPark Center.

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**TranspARTation Grant**

The TranspARTation Grant enables Kentucky teachers and schools to offer students quality arts experiences by providing transportation funding. Grants will be based on the mileage from the school building to the arts organization or performance venue and the number of buses necessary. There is a minimum grant amount of $100. Any Kentucky school, public or private that supports grades pre-K through 12 may apply. For more information, click here.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:** August 30, 2019
RiverPark Center is a non-profit organization seeking to improve the quality of life by hosting and presenting diverse arts and community events, focusing on arts in education.

The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, supports RiverPark Center with state tax dollars and federal funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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