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SERIES MATINEES



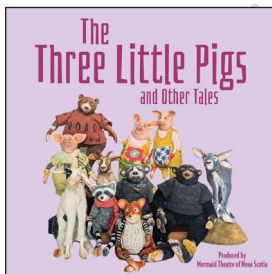
Friday
10.30.26
9:30 & 12:30

Kattam and His Tam-Tams

Recommended for Gr PreK-5

Music is the best passport to discovering the many cultures of the world! To the sound of the n'goni, balafon, djembe, naffar, derbouka and dhol, percussionist Kattam invites you to discover Africa, the Middle East and India through rhythm, song and dance! From African rap and desert dance

to trance Sufi rhythm and Bollywood dance, Kattam never fails to entertain his audience. Accompanied by his monkey, Takoum, join Kattam on an incredible multicultural adventure!



Monday
11.16.26
9:30 & 12:30

The Three Little Pigs and Other Tales

Recommended for Gr PreK-2

Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's newest production, Three Little Pigs and Other Tales, presents a fresh and engaging reimaging of three cherished children's stories—Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Billy

Goats Gruff, and The Three Little Pigs. Filled with adventure, humor, and heroism, the story follows a brave raccoon and clever mouse who are on a journey to collect treasure. Along the way, they unknowingly help the goats, bears, and pigs, preventing disaster—without any of the animals ever encountering a true villain. This imaginative retelling seamlessly interweaves three classic tales into a heartwarming adventure that celebrates friendship and courage.



Tuesday
12.15.26
9:30 Only

A Christmas Carol

Recommended for Gr 4-12

The true spirit of Christmas lives in this heartwarming production of Charles Dickens' holiday classic. Audiences, young and old, will leave the theater enchanted by this timeless tale of the miraculous redemption of Ebenezer Scrooge. Guided by the ghosts of Jacob Marley,

and Christmas Past, Present, and Future, the world's most famous miser undergoes a magical, stirring transformation into a marvelous man of overflowing love, kindness, and generosity.



Friday
01.08.27
9:30 Only

The Slocan Ramblers

Recommended for Gr 6-12

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gracing the most storied stages of the genre - The Grand Ole Opry, MerleFest, Rockygrass, and beyond.

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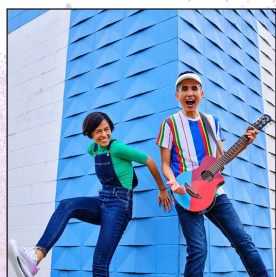
Monday
01.11.27
9:30 & 12:30

Under the Tangle

Recommended for Grades 4-8

Visually vibrant, Under the Tangle, is the dance-mystery about an adolescent girl who becomes ensnared in an intriguing labyrinth after the sudden loss of her parents. Throughout her journey, she twists along the maze being confronted with obstacles, finding numerous clues revealing life lessons and meeting many unusual characters: a flock of birds, the daunting labyrinth guards, and the Queen of the Lost perched upon a grim tower. As a metaphor for adolescence, this visual and artistic adventure exposes emotions of loneliness, otherness, hope, and accomplishment. It is this journey of obstacles, relationships, and discoveries, which strengthen the young girl's character, and eventually set her free from the labyrinth.

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Tuesday
02.09.27
9:30 & 12:30

123, Andrés! Activate!

Recommended for Gr PreK-2

Andrés and Christina are the GRAMMY and Latin Grammy-award winning music duo 123 Andrés! Their catchy songs and lively performances get the whole audience dancing, singing, and learning!

Available for family concerts and student matinees, these

high-energy, joyful shows celebrate the Latinx experience and incorporate Spanish, English, and ASL. *Activate* is a new show based on 123 Andrés' most recent album with songs to inspire audiences to get moving! 123 Andrés' dance moves, humor, and singable tunes invite kids to sing and dance - and get the adults onto their feet, too!



Tuesday
02.23.27
9:30 & 12:30

Hervé Koubi - Sol Invictus

Recommended for Gr 4-12

Direct from sold-out global tours, the world-renowned **Compagnie Hervé Koubi** arrives in Billings to unleash the radiant power of **Sol Invictus**. Named after the "Invincible Sun" of Ancient Rome, this New York Times

Critics' Pick is more than a performance—it's a physical revolution. Watch as the stage becomes a high-stakes playground for the impossible, blending the raw energy of hip-hop and capoeira with the fluid grace of contemporary movement. It is a celebration that defies gravity and convention alike, proving our love isn't just a feeling—it's our greatest power.



Education Guides

Each performance in the Student Matinee Series has a customized education guide that includes a variety of activities for students and teachers to incorporate their theater experience into the classroom. PDFs can be downloaded from the ABT website.



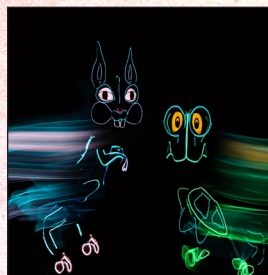
Monday
03.01.27
9:30 & 12:30

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Recommended for Gr PreK-5

Silas is from a family of shepherds and tries to do right by his mum and granddad as he reluctantly takes on the responsibility of watching their sheep up on the mountain over the winter. But he's bored, lonely, and missing out on the fun

of the annual knitting competition in town, so desperate for attention he cries out- "Wolf!" This is a beautiful wintery tale about a boy who learns the importance of the truth and finds a place for himself (and his imagination) in his warm woolly community. Inspired by Aesop's famous fable, a gifted ensemble of actor musicians play instruments and sing live as they embody all the characters, including mischievous sheep and even a scary wolf or two...



Tuesday
03.30.27
9:30 & 12:30

Lightwire Theater Presents:

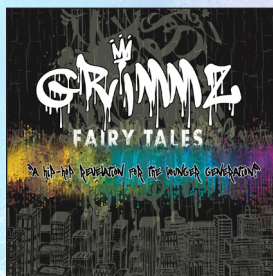
The Adventures of Tortoise & Hare: The Next Generation

Recommended for K & Up

Aesop's classic fable but continuing the story which finds them 10 years down the road, now with children of their own and exploring modern day distractions. Smart phones and video games create a new landscape of lost connections to life experiences. The Next Gen features Tortoise Junior and Lil' Hare in a whole new kind of race; where their adventures lead them into unexpected territory. Old man Tortoise and Big Daddy Hare must come together despite their differences to find and save their children.



SERIES MATINEES, CONT.



Thursday
05.06.27
9:30 & 12:30

Grimmz Fairy Tales II: Once Upon a Rhyme

Recommended for Gr 3-8

Jay and Will Grimmz, the hip-hop, fable, story dance-pop sensations, have come back home to the city where they grew up to give a concert. They're known not just for their sounds, but for the stories their music tells through, off-the-

chart theatrical effects. They'll be performing some of their greatest hits including Snow White and the Seven Shawties, Down with Rapunzel, and their featured first Granny-winning song, Cinderella Remix! Pay your bling and hear them sing...and so much more. A concert experience like none other! "A hip-hop revelation for the younger generation!"



Tuesday
05.11.27
9:30 & 12:30

Doktor Kaboom: Under Pressure!

Recommended for Gr 3-7

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.

Master Classes & Workshops

Master classes give artists time and opportunity to engage with local youth and their educators, delving deeper into the mechanics and artistry of a performing arts discipline. Artists and dates will be announced.

Workshops give artists the opportunity to engage with smaller groups of people and answer specific questions. Hervé Koubi will lead five workshops on stage at Alberta Bair Theater as part of ABT's Project Hip Hop program in partnership with eight BPS Title I elementary schools.

Grimmz, Kattam, Tutti Frutti and JazzReach will provide outreach in our community. Details to be announced.

AlbertaBairTheater.Org/Education

Questions? Call or email JulieAnn McCann, ABT Education Director, at 406.294.5204, jamccann@AlbertaBairTheater.Org



Student Matinee Ticket Information

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

All tickets are \$7 each for students, teachers and chaperones.

To reserve seats in advance for student matinees: Please fill out the order form on the back of this page and follow instructions below.

[A fillable pdf order form can be found at albertabairtheater.org/education or click here.](http://albertabairtheater.org/education)

- 1) Indicate number of seats, total amount due, grade levels attending, method of payment, transportation, and special needs.

Incomplete order forms will not be processed.

- 2) Payment is due NO LATER than two weeks before the show. Cash is not accepted.

- 3) How to submit your order form:

Email: Click "Submit" at bottom of fillable form.

Attach and email to: jamccann@AlbertaBairTheater.Org Fax: 406.256.5060

Mail: Alberta Bair Theater, Education Department, PO Box 1556, Billings, MT 59103-1556

Hand deliver: ABT Executive Office, GW Building, 2722 3rd Ave N, Ste 200 Hours: M-F, 9 AM-5 PM

- 4) Your order will be confirmed via email upon receipt of payment.
- 5) Seats are reserved. Seating assignments are made at the discretion of the ABT Education Manager based upon special needs students, age of students and transportation needs.

* We request at least one adult chaperone for every 20 students. Please note the suggested grade/age for each performance.

Tickets for the general community can be purchased day of show if available. The Box Office opens one hour prior to matinees. Seating is general admission in a designated area of the theater and is based on availability.

These tickets are subject to an additional \$3 facility fee. There are no refunds unless a performance is canceled.

NEED MORE SEATS OR NO SEATS?

Changes & Cancellations

- 1) Extra seats: Additional seat requests will be accommodated whenever possible. Let Julie know as far in advance as possible if you need extra seats. If you bring extra the day of show, there may not be availability or seats may not be together.
- 2) Refund/Cancellation Policy: All sales are final once payment or purchase order is received. No refunds will be given unless a performance is canceled.

TRANSPORTATION

Buses/Vans

- 1) Instructions will be emailed to **your school's contact person** approximately two weeks prior to the show. Your school will be given a **specific location** to drop off and pick up students.
Please make sure your drivers receive this information.
- 2) Name of school: Buses/Vans MUST have a sign in the side window with the name of the school and bus number (name of school #1, name of school #2, etc.) if sending more than one bus.

Student Matinee Ticket Order Form



You may print to manually fill out or complete and submit a fillable pdf here.

Name of School: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Person: _____ Position: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

**** Please circle preferred performance time and include chaperones in total number of seats. ****

Performances are approximately one hour long.

Performance & Recommended Grades	Time Circle One	Total # Seats	Ticket Price	Total Due	Payment Due	Grade Level(s)	Transportation
Kattam and His Tam-Tams Fri, Oct 30, 2026 (Gr PreK-5)	9:30 AM 12:30 PM		\$7.00		10/16/26		BUS How many buses? _____ VAN How many vans? _____
The Three Little Pigs Mon, Nov 16, 2026 (Gr PreK-2)	9:30 AM 12:30 PM		\$7.00		11/02/26		CAR (Try Park One) _____ WALKING _____
A Christmas Carol Tue, Dec 15, 2026 (Gr 4-12)	9:30 AM		\$7.00		12/01/26		Special Needs Please indicate how many Wheelchair _____ Visually Impaired _____ Hearing Impaired _____ ABT listening devices are available at Coat Check.
The Slocan Ramblers Fri, Jan 8, 2027 (Gr 6-12)	9:30 AM		\$7.00		12/18/26		
Under the Tangle Mon, Jan 11, 2027 (Gr 4-8)	9:30 AM 12:30 PM		\$7.00		12/18/26		
123 Andrés Tue, Feb 9, 2027 (Gr PreK-2)	9:30 AM 12:30 PM		\$7.00		01/26/27		Need Invoice? ☐ If invoice is to be emailed to a different address than above, please provide.
Hervé Koubi Tue, Feb 23, 2027 (Gr 4-12)	9:30 AM 12:30 PM		\$7.00		02/09/27		
The Boy Who Cried Wolf Mon, Mar 1, 2027 (Gr PreK-5)	9:30 AM 12:30 PM		\$7.00		02/15/27		ABT Office Use Only Spreadsheet Entry ☐ Spectrix Entry ☐ Invoice ☐ Payment ☐ Confirmation ☐
Lightwire: Tortoise & Hare Tue, Mar 30, 2027 (Gr K & Up)	9:30 AM 12:30 PM		\$7.00		03/16/27		
Grimmz Fairy Tales Thur, May 6, 2027 (Gr 3-8)	9:30 AM 12:30 PM		\$7.00		04/22/27		
Doktor Kaboom Tue, May 11, 2027 (Gr 3-7)	9:30 AM 12:30 PM		\$7.00		04/27/27		

Please fax this form to (406) 256-5060

or email to jamccann@AlbertaBairTheater.Org.

Check or money order (Payable to Alberta Bair Theater): Check # _____ Purchase order # _____	
Credit Card: Visa ☐ AmEx ☐ MC ☐ Discover ☐ Card Number _____ CVV# _____ Security Code _____	
* Please note: Credit Card orders will be charged a 4% processing fee.	
Expiration date: ____/____/____ Cardholder Name: _____ Signature: _____	

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At a Glance

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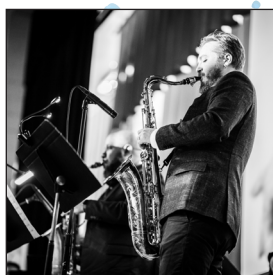
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Oct 3 • 7:30 PM



The Tannahill Weavers
Oct 15 • 7:30 PM



The Slocan Ramblers
Jan 7 • 7:30 PM



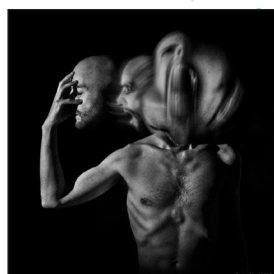
JazzReach: Celebrating Miles Davis
with Metta Quintet
Jan 14 • 7:30 PM



International Guitar Night
Feb 11 • 7:30 PM



Hervé Koubi - Sol Invictus
Feb 24 • 7:30 PM



Aquila Theater:
Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde
Mar 27 • 7:30 PM



Both Sides Now:
The Music and Lives of
Joni Mitchell and Leonard Cohen
Apr 17 • 7:30 PM

Educators, gather a group of ten or more students, educators, parents, chaperones, or guests to any of the following evening performance and tickets are only \$10 per person.

Purchase must be one transaction made by the educator.

See next pages for show descriptions.

Call JulieAnn at 406.294.5204 or the Box Office at 406.256.6052 to buy tickets.

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SONS OF SERENDIP 10.03.26

Billboard charting classical-crossover quartet, Sons of Serendip, won the hearts of fans and judges alike as finalists on *America's Got Talent* (NBC) with their ethereal and emotionally stirring interpretations of pop music, arranged with a unique blend of vocals, harp, piano, and cello. With four successful albums (*Sons of Serendip*, *Christmas: Beyond the Lights*, *Life + Love*, and *Mosaic*) and heartfelt live performances, Sons of Serendip has lifted audiences both nationally and internationally. Their most notable performances include collaborations with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops, the Atlanta Pops, the Maryland Symphony Orchestra, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, and Cynthia Erivo, as well as a performance for the Creative Arts Emmy Awards (FXX).



THE TANNAHILL WEAVERS 10.15.26

The Tannahill Weavers are one of Scotland's premier Traditional bands and have received worldwide acclaim over the years for their exuberant performances and outstanding recording efforts. They were the first Scottish traditional band to add bagpipes to their repertoire, and their current young piper has worked on "Outlander," "Men In Kilts," and more. They are Scottish traditional Music Hall of Fame inductees and national treasures, and their unique combination of traditional melodies, rich vocals, and driving high-energy rhythmic accompaniment makes their shows unforgettable.



THE SLOCAN RAMBLERS 01.07.27

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JAZZREACH: CELEBRATING MILES DAVIS WITH METTA QUINTET 01.14.27

METTA QUINTET, the official resident ensemble of JazzReach, brings together some of today's most dynamic and innovative jazz artists. Known for their adventurous performances and commitment to education, the quintet combines bold original works with fresh takes on rare jazz gems, heard on acclaimed albums like *Going to Meet the Man*, *Subway Songs*, and *Big Drum, Small World*. As the resident ensemble of the nationally recognized JazzReach, they have introduced nearly one million students across 200 communities to the power of jazz through concerts, residencies, and workshops. Founded in 1994, JazzReach continues to inspire audiences of all ages with creative performances and a deep dedication to America's jazz tradition.



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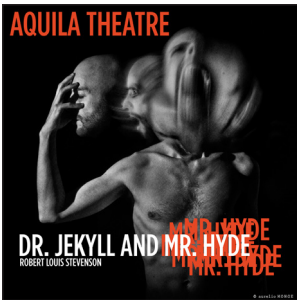
INTERNATIONAL GUITAR NIGHT 02.11.27

International Guitar Night is the world's premier touring guitar festival, each show bringing together the most interesting and innovative acoustic guitarists to exchange musical ideas in a public concert setting. For each tour, IGN founder Brian Gore brings together a new cast of guitar luminaries for special evenings of solos, duets, and quartets that highlight the dexterity and diversity within the world of acoustic guitar. Brian founded IGN in 1995 as a forum for the world's finest guitarists/composers to play their latest original songs and share musical ideas and talent with their peers. The 2027 IGN tour showcases Jim Kimo West, Luca Stricagnoli, Minnie Marks, and Roxane Elfasci.



HERVÉ KOUBI - SOL INVICTUS 02.24.27

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AQUILA THEATRE - DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE 03.27.27

Aquila Theatre's mission is to breathe new life into the classics and to make world-class theatre accessible to all. Aquila is one of the foremost producers of classical theatre in the United States. Since 1991, it has been bringing audiences superb actors, captivating designs, innovative adaptations, and impactful direction. Aquila Theatre is also an award-winning leader in the field of public arts and humanities programming that fosters dialogue and mutual understanding, combats social isolation, and promotes well-being. Aquila is proud to announce its new applied classical theatre program, The Catharsis Project, which explores ancient performance for healing. Aquila is committed to the research and development of performance-based practices that help bring meaningful change to people's lives.



BOTH SIDES NOW: THE MUSIC AND LIVES OF JONI MITCHELL AND LEONARD COHEN 04.17.27

"Two singer-songwriters sit on the edge of a cliff..."

With these words, we are drawn into the world of Both Sides Now - a theatrical concert that explores the music and lives of long-time friends and one-time lovers, Joni Mitchell and Leonard Cohen. Created by, and starring Robbie Schaefer and Danielle Wertz, the cabaret-style performance traverses decades alongside songs such as "A Case of You," "Hallelujah," "Big Yellow Taxi," "Suzanne," and many more. Both Sides Now is at once a piece of the 60s and 70s, and of right now — offering us a story about the messiness of being human, of lives persistently lived at the edge of growth, and of finding the courage to turn toward one another, again and again.



ABT is committed to enriching the lives of everyone in our community by providing a variety of exciting learning experiences in the arts for educators and their students, as well as the general public.

The 2026-2027 season will include 20 student matinees and outreach opportunities for area schools. Ten for Ten education tickets for select shows are also available.

For more information:

Visit the Education page at AlbertaBairTheater.Org and contact Education Manager JulieAnn McCann: 406.294.5204, jamccann@AlbertaBairTheater.Org.



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