

Kids, Books and the Arts 2009 Roster

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Kids, Books and the Arts Roster--Alex the Jester

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Program Description

Alex the Jester has devoted his life to being a fool, that character that can get people of nearly any age or culture to laugh. To do this, he shows both his deepest vulnerabilities and his greatest pride as he tears through an action-packed show filled with mind-bending sight gags, musical medleys and amazing stunts.

Libraries report that Alex draws large crowds, and is especially effective at drawing older kids back to the library. After laughing an hour with all ages present, people don't want to leave, and linger for autographs and catch up with their friends and neighbors.

Length of Program: 45-60 minutes
Ages for which program is most suited: 5-105
Program most suited for: Indoors
Special Requirements: None
Presenter Availability: Anytime
Fee for Program: \$525
Additional Costs: Mileage at federal rate

Workshop Description

Fool School
How to Get People to Lighten up!

The fool has always had a vital role: to make merry, especially when other folks are a little too serious. The fool starts with making light of him or herself, and has a disarming way that would invite others into an upside-down world that somehow made perfect sense.

- That impish look before pulling a prank
- How to say a mouthful without speaking a word
- Crazy mouth sounds, gibberish and double talk
- Balancing tricks
- Creating a funny walk
- *Safe* slapstick
- Over-the-top faces
- How to get loud applause without asking for it

Fee for program and workshop: \$650 plus travel

Kids, Books and the Arts Roster—Peter Boie

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Program Description

Peter started learning magic at age 11 from a magic book he checked out of his local library. That interest turned into a career as a professional magician that has taken him around the country. He tells that story at every library for which he performs, the story of how his local library empowered him to change his life.

From kids to teens, parents and grandparents, everyone will enjoy Peter's show. There's lots of magic and comedy, and audience members actually become a part of the show. Peter also comes fully equipped with his own sound system so there are no technical hassles for a library, and librarians have access to posters and press releases to help promote the show.

Length of Program: 45 minutes
Ages for which program is most suited: 4-104
Program most suited for: Indoors
Special Requirements: None
Presenter Availability: Anytime
Fee for Program: \$450, block booking rates available, call or email for details

Additional Costs: Mileage is free for the first 100 miles round-trip. Mileage is 50 cents/mile over 100 miles round-trip.

Workshop Description

Peter's Magic Studio

Peter teaches simple magic tricks to help increase confidence and improve communication skills in this hour-long hands-on workshop ... plus, it's just fun to fool your friends and family with your newfound magical knowledge. Pete's studio can be customized to your needs. For ages 7 and up. Maximum: 25 people per workshop.

Fee for both performance and workshop: \$650

Kids, Books and the Arts Roster—Rick Goldin

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Program Description

Rick Goldin's "I Like to Read" music and puppet program is an upbeat and entertaining family concert that fits in well with New Hampshire's Summer Reading 2009 theme "Summertime...and the Reading is Easy."

This program includes songs about books, reading and libraries, and also includes appearances by Rick's singing animal puppets: Henry the Horse, Quackleberry Duck and others. Rick's performances feature singing and song-leading of original and familiar songs (with guitar accompaniment), movement activities, child-participation, and lots of silliness and fun for the whole family.

His "I Like to Read" program is a lively and participatory experience for children of all ages and is designed to encourage children to read, and to become more familiar with their public libraries.

Length of Program: 45 minutes
Ages for which program is most suited: Best for 1-10, but fun for the whole family
Program most suited for: Indoors or Outdoors
Special Requirements: None
Presenter Availability: Anytime
Fee for Program: \$350 (Fee and mileage cost are negotiable)
Additional Costs: Mileage at 50 cents/mile

Kids, Books and the Arts Roster—Jennings & Ponder

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Montpelier, VT 05601 **Contact Person:** Tim Jennings or
Telephone: 802-223-9103 Leanne Ponder
Arts Discipline: Storytelling/Music

Program Description

Tim and Leanne tell many kinds of stories, but all are traditional folk, and every program features at least one solid example of their main love, Marchen. That's the folklorists' word for the perpetually endangered tradition of fantastic unauthored oral tales about (for example): youngest children, roadside wonders, wicked monarchs, the obsessed and the fated, fools, rogues, lovers and magic, and things that go bump in the night.

The couple tells together, their voices intertwining and overlapping in a kind of narrative counterpoint, a compelling alloy of technique and soul. Their physical presence is natural and animated, and very expressive. Harp and concertina weave traditional music into the tale spinning. Sometimes there's an old family ballad or parlor song. Humor, suspense, pathos and exhilaration all play together, with elements of chataqua, lyceum and vaudeville. The tales are timeless and ageless, and ignore political borders.

Length of Program: 30-90 minutes
Ages for which program is most suited: 5-and up
Program most suited for: Indoors or Outdoors
Special Requirements: At least a 5 x 10 foot performance area.
Audience area should be without distracting activities, and preferably without an echo. A little too small is better than a little too big. We provide lighting, a small set, amplification as needed, and promotional materials.
Presenter Availability: Monday-Saturday, anytime
Fee for Program: \$400
Additional Costs: Mileage at 35 cents/mile

Workshop Description How to Tell a Folk Tale

The workshop runs 30 minutes to two hours, suitable for grades 2-6. Using well-known folk classics, and participatory activities, we explore three dimensions of storytelling: narration, characterization, and physicalization. The workshop is available in conjunction with a performance.

Fee for both performance and workshop: \$550

Kids, Books and the Arts Roster—Marty Kelley

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Arts Discipline: Writing and Illustrating

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Contact Person: Marty Kelley

Program Description

Summertime...and the WRITING is easy.

Of course the kids in the summer reading program love to read books, but do they ever think about what goes into writing and illustrating one of those books? They will. Marty's fun, high-energy presentation and slideshow will show the kids each step in creating a book. He will address such issues as the writing and idea generation. He will show how his artwork is created and do some drawing demonstrations. There is always plenty of time for questions and answers, as well.

Length of Program: ~60 minutes
Ages for which program is most suited: 1-6
Program most suited for: Indoors
Special Requirements: Electrical outlet, screen or blank wall, small table/desk/cart
Presenter Availability: Anytime
Fee for Program: \$325
Additional Costs: Mileage at 50 cents/mile for each mile over 50 miles—maximum charge is \$25

Workshop Description

Marty has several workshops to choose from. The kids can try their hand at writing, illustrating, or editing. These workshops are lots of fun and the kids will leave enthused about writing, drawing, and reading books. Workshop details are on his website at www.martykelley.com

Fee for workshop: \$325

Fee for both performance and workshop: negotiable

Also available: Special Summer Reading Party with Marty Kelley and Steve Blunt.

Marty and Steve have teamed up to create a reading, writing, singing, drumming extravaganza that you won't want to miss. The hour-long show features Marty and Steve doing their thing as well as playing together and getting the audience involved with drums, movement, and singing. Hear the all-new hit song "Summertime and the Read'n is Easy" and see Marty's on-the-spot drawing demonstrations.

Fee for Joint Program: \$450 plus travel

Kids, Books and the Arts Roster—Mary Kaye

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Arts Discipline: Music and Theatre

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Contact Person: Mary Kaye

Program Description

Mary Kaye with Professor Von Wienerschnitzel and his **Grand** Experiment!

Award-winning children's music recording artist Mary Kaye and her comic cohort Professor Von Wienerschnitzel (David Kaye) have created this wonderful show designed to entertain children and their families. Filled with songs from Mary Kaye's three nationally acclaimed CDs, the show also includes juggling, magic and other antics by Professor Von Wienerschnitzel as he pursues his "grand experiment." The Professor has created a special machine that will allow him to defy the laws of gravity and make objects float in the air. Nothing works out the way he had planned, however, and despite his valiant efforts, Professor Von Wienerschnitzel is about to give up. Thanks to the encouragement of Mary Kaye's songs like *I Think I Can*, the Professor decides not to quit. In a rousing finish, and to the delight of the audience, he finally succeeds! Filled with toe-tapping music and lots of laughs, the performance has proven to be a hit with the entire family.

Length of Program: 50 minutes
Ages for which program is most suited: Pre-K – Grade 5 or families with young kids and older siblings
Program most suited for: Indoors or Outdoors
Special Requirements: Electrical outlet, minimum of 12' by 12' performance area and minimum of 8 feet high space.
Presenter Availability: Anytime
Fee for Program: \$400
Additional Costs: Mileage at federal rate

Kids, Books and the Arts Roster—Norman Ng

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Arts Discipline: Magic

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Contact Person: Norman Ng

Program Description

This show is full of original magic effects, visual comedy, and audience participation. Your library guests will not see a show like this anywhere else; they will laugh the entire time; and they will take center stage during the show. Every routine in the show involves one or more volunteers from the audience. This show has been performed over 1,500 times at libraries all over the United States for over 400,000 people.

Length of Program: 45 minutes
Ages for which program is most suited: K-12
Program most suited for: Indoors or Outdoors
Special Requirements: None
Presenter Availability: Anytime
Fee for Program: \$400
Additional Costs: Mileage at federal rate

Workshop Description

This 45-minute magic workshop is based on Norman's popular booklet, *Norman Ng's Magic Secrets for Kids*. This workshop teaches over a dozen easy-to-do magic tricks that utilize normal household items such as straws, string, paper, cups, paperclips, etc. In addition to showing the secrets behind these fun illusions, Norman also teaches the science that makes these tricks possible. Children will learn the basic ideas about "perception of vision," "camouflage," "light absorption," and many other fascinating principles!

Workshop participant maximum: 50 children (ages 8-16)
Special requirements: a room with tables and chairs set up in a "C" formation
Fee for both performance and workshop: \$700

Kids, Books and the Arts Roster — Reptiles On The Move

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Arts Discipline: Wildlife Education/Storytelling

Program Description

Close Encounters of the Reptile Kind

The children will experience live reptiles and learn intriguing facts about them. We will explore the specific characteristics of reptiles, their natural habits, habitats and methods of survival in the world. The children will also hear stories, learn about protected and endangered species, and discover why these animals are an important part of our ecosystems.

We will demonstrate more than 22 animals during our fun-filled visit. The participants will meet all sorts of interesting lizards, snakes, turtles, toads and frogs...even an American alligator or two! Everyone will enjoy meeting “Luka,” a 10.5 foot-long albino Burmese python, “Darth-Gator” and “Moose” our 25 lb. tortoise. We’ll bring mysterious and colorful creatures, such as Chinese water dragons and so much more!

Length of Program:	60-90 minutes
Ages for which program is most suited:	All
Program most suited for:	Indoors or Outdoors
Special Requirements:	Chairs for children/parents. One table/chair PA system for large group, if available.
Presenter Availability:	Anytime
Fee for Program:	\$395
Additional Costs:	Mileage at federal rate for travel beyond one hour’s travel time.

Workshop Description

Learn how to keep reptiles happy and healthy through proper nutrition and grooming. The program will include a special time for hands-on feeding of various reptiles. Participants will also learn how to keep these critters looking good through hands-on grooming techniques. They will learn proper sanitary procedures that will guard against contracting bacterial infections associated with these animals. This workshop is fun and informative even if you don’t have a pet reptile...yet!

Length of workshop: 60-90 minutes
Ages: 7 and up
Workshop participant maximum: 12 children
Fee for Program: \$275 ***Fee for both performance and workshop:** \$525 plus travel.

Kids, Books and the Arts Roster--Robert Rivest

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Contact Person: Robert Rivest

Program Description

A Comic Celebration of Reading and Mime! is a quick moving fun-filled program that gets children, teens, and adults excited about reading. Through a fast paced series of humorous mime pieces and insightful stories, Robert focuses on the joys of reading everyday. He shares what he loves about the art of mime and reading books.

Robert Rivest inspires even the most reluctant readers with his humorous look at aspects of literature we often take for granted. Robert's mime stories are crystal clear examples of well-developed plot, character, setting, problem and solution. Nearly every hand goes up to volunteer for one of his hilarious renditions of a child's favorite book. Librarians have the option to read a short story out loud while Robert brings it to life in Mime. Robert's other shows include *Science in Motion*, *Healthy Choices* and *Learn, Laugh & let go: The Stress Management Show*.

Length of Program: 45 minutes
Ages for which program is most suited: 4 and up
Program most suited for: Indoors
Special Requirements: Clear open space
Presenter Availability: Anytime
Fee for Program: \$375 (\$350 Block Booking rate)
Additional Costs: Mileage at federal rate (No mileage fee for block bookings)

Workshop Description

Mime Theater

Students learn exciting mime illusions, character development, and story building techniques, then create and share their mime stories with the rest of the class. Mime Theater Workshops build self-esteem, confidence, coordination, group sensitivity, and the ability to follow directions. Plus, the workshops are really fun!

Fee for both performance and workshop: \$600 plus travel

Kids, Books and the Arts Roster—Rosalita's Puppets

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Arts Discipline: Puppetry

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Contact Person: Charlotte Anne Dore

Program Description

Charlotte Anne Dore blends puppetry, improvisation, music and storytelling into her energetic shows. The stories are original yet include familiar references. The style can best be described as a little vaudevillian with traditional "schtick" mixed in with a good old happy ending and some songs thrown in. All the voices and singing are performed by Charlotte herself. The marionettes average 20 inches in height and are presented on the floor with the puppeteer in full view of the audience. The audience is invited to answer questions, sing along and actively participate in each show, making every performance one of a kind. Especially for the summer reading program Charlotte can add the song "Summertime" into any of her stories.

All shows are fully customizable. Check out www.rosalitaspuppets.com for descriptions of the various shows.

Length of Program: 35-45 minutes
Ages for which program is most suited: 3-8
Program most suited for: Indoors or Outdoors. Recommended maximum audience size is 100.
Special Requirements: None, but a raised stage allows for larger audience size.
Presenter Availability: Anytime
Fee for Program: \$300
Additional Costs: Mileage at federal rate

Workshop Description

Puppet Making

Children of all ages can learn to build their own simple marionettes. Younger children build simple one string puppets. For older groups instruction on building 4-6 string puppets is available. Puppeteer can bring all the supplies needed from scissors to fabric.

Workshop participant maximum : 50 as long as there is sufficient supervision of one adult per ten children. If I am running workshop without assistants: 15 max.
Special Requirements: Tables
Fee for both performance and workshop: \$400
Additional Costs: Material charge of 50 cents/participant