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Theatre Programs and Performances Theatre Programs and Performances Theatre Programs and Performances

Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine proudly presents: **Everyone Knows What a Dragon Looks Like (\$)**
Thursdays, October 15 & 22 at 4pm
Fridays, October 16 & 23 at 4pm
Saturdays, October 17 & 24 at 1pm & 4pm
Sundays, October 18 & 25 at 1pm & 4pm
The people of the ancient city of Wu are under attack, and only a dragon can save them -- but do you know what a dragon looks like? Based on the play by Bret Fetzer. Adapted by Claire Guyer. Directed by Reba Short. Cost is \$8 per ticket for non-members, \$7 per ticket for members. See the play and stay to play, \$12. Reservations recommended. FMI 828-1234 x231 or boxoffice@kitetails.org. *Everyone Knows What a Dragon Looks Like* is produced with special permission by Plays for Young Audiences.

Season Flex Pass:
Great theatre at a great price!
Enjoy the season at a discounted rate when you buy a Season Flex Pass – 8 tickets for \$55 or 16 tickets for \$100! Use them all at once or take in the whole season a few seats at a time. Get your Flex Pass at the Front Desk or call 828-1234 x231.

Stage Stories: Not Just The Three Little Pigs!
Starting in October, look for a new Stage Story each month in the Dress-Up Theatre on Fridays. Stage Stories offer children a chance to perform for their parents and each other, fostering communication skills in young learners and stimulate an early interest in story-telling and play-making.

October: The Sound of One Paw Clapping: Stories Taken from John J. Muth's Zen Shorts.
November: Goldilocks and the Three Bears
December: Featured Stage Story: All Aboard the Holiday Train!

About Our Theatre Classes:
Teensy Weensy Production Classes are a series of four classes designed for ages 3-5. Cost is \$60 for members and \$75 for non-members.

Master Classes are a series of four classes designed for actors between the ages of 8 and 15. Cost is \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members

Registration required. Participants must register for the entire month.

FMI or to register call 828-1234 x247 or e-mail reba@kitetails.org.

Teensy Weensy Production Class: In the Dark, Dark House (R\$)
Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27 from 10:30-11:30am

In this theatre class, we'll imagine our own Halloween stories with songs, language and rhythm!

Master Class: Improvisation (R\$)
Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20 27 from 3:30-5:30pm

Improvisation: making it up as you go along, but it's so much more than that! Whether you're the improv master, or you're completely terrified to play a game of freeze, this series of Master Classes is for you.

Master Class: Stage Movement (R\$)
Tuesdays, November 17 & 24, December 1 & 8 from 3:30-5:30pm

This series of four classes will take actors through the basics of Laban movement exercises to gain more confidence in their physical presence onstage.

Cinderella and The Emperor's New Clothes Auditions
Saturday, December 19 from 10am-1pm

Two classic tales of expectations turned upside down will run in repertory this spring! Kids ages 9 to 16 are welcome to audition with a short monologue.

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Polar Express!

Casting the Polar Express: Info Meeting for Performers of All Ages
Mondays, October 19 & 26 from 5-7 pm
CMTM is seeking performers of all ages to perform this classic winter tale at the Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad! If you would like to be involved, you must attend one of these informational meetings. Parents are encouraged to attend as well!

Storytime: Polar Express
November 12 & 14 at 11am
December 10 & 12 at 11:30am
Wear your PJs to our story time! Enjoy a hot chocolate while we read Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express* and make a golden ticket to take home.

Teensy Weensy Production Class: The Polar Express (R\$)
Tuesdays, November 17 & 24, December 1 & 8 from 10:30-11:30 am
During this four week class, we'll explore movement with our own human train and make up North Pole stories with songs, language and rhythm. *This is a series of four classes designed for ages 3-5. Cost is \$60 for members and \$75 for non-members. FMI or to register call 828-1234 x247 or email reba@kitetails.org.*

Polar Express Play
November 19 & 21, December 17 & 19 at 1pm
Join us to read Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express* and shape peppermint dough to look like the famous train from the story, the magic bell or a snow scene from the book.

Polar Express: Reindeer Prints
November 28 & December 3 at 11am
Let's read Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express* and make some fun reindeer pictures using our hands for the antlers.

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WE'RE JOINING THE MAINE NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD TO BRING POLAR EXPRESS BACK TO PORTLAND!

Once again, Portland's Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad (MNGRR) will be one of a select number of railroads nationwide this Christmas season to transport pajama-clad passengers bound for the North Pole! And this year, the Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine (CMTM) has come on board as partner and will bring its own theatrical, child-friendly talents to the event. Tickets are available now via PortTix.

The Polar Express will come to life with some exciting changes when it begins its schedule of trips from Portland to the "North Pole." "Decorations along the train's route will still light up the night," says Susan Davis, Executive Director of MNGRR, "but this year there will be several enhancements that will make the experience even more magical."

Suzanne Olson, CMTM's Executive Director, explains: "Santa will join guests on the ride back to the train station from a special outpost of the North Pole. During the ride, Santa will give out the special bell to guests. Guests will also meet the conductor, have hot chocolate and cookies, sing carols and watch a theatre reading of the magical story."

This year's experience will feature activities and entertainment for families to enjoy before, during and after their ride on The Polar Express. Another notable new feature is the First Class Coach with limited seating in which guests will drink hot chocolate in official Polar Express mugs, which will be theirs to keep.

Trains will run from the day after Thanksgiving through December 23rd. For a complete schedule of available trains, visit www.PortTix.com.



Tickets are available via PortTix:
Phone: (207) 842-0800*
Web: www.PortTix.com*
Booth: Visit the PortTix booth in Merrill Auditorium at City Hall in Portland
**Tickets purchased by phone or web are subject to a service fee.*

More information:
www.mngrr.com
www.polarexpressride.com
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(207) 828-1234 x350
MNGRR general info line:
(207) 828-0814

MNGRR and CMTM are pleased to partner with Rail Events Inc., through Warner Brothers Consumer Products, to bring the officially licensed Polar Express event back to Portland this year! The holiday film *The Polar Express*, originally released in 2004 by Warner Bros. Pictures, is an inspiring adventure based on the beloved 1985 children's book by Chris Van Allsburg.

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For more information on programs and events, please visit www.kitetails.org

Auction 2010

Save the Date! Friday, March 26th! Mark your calendars for our Annual Auction presented by our Friends Committee at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in downtown Portland. All are sure to find great auction items to bid on, both large and small, all in support of the Museum & Theatre. To get involved this year as a volunteer, donor, or sponsor, please contact Alicia at 828-1234 x242 or alicia@kitetails.org or Auction Chair Julie Chevalier at juliechevalier@maine.rr.com.

Join our Friends Committee! The Friends Committee of the Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine contributes to our fundraising effort, coordinating the Auction and more. For information on how you can get involved at any commitment level please contact Alicia (above) or Michelle Libby at Mlibby11@aol.com.

Special Thanks

4th Annual Golf Tournament - a HUGE success! Thank you to all of our golfers and sponsors who supported this year's tournament at Nonesuch River Golf Club in Scarborough on September 21st. Our sponsors will be listed in full in our winter Kitetails.

Please join us in thanking our generous donors and education sponsors!

Acadia Insurance Company for their outstanding business support for our 2010 fiscal year. • **Target** for their generous funding of an upcoming series of on-site cultural arts performances for area students. • **Fairchild Semiconductor** for supporting our Youth Ranger program in its 5th year; the program cultivates and trains teenagers in natural and environmental science mentoring and makes science accessible to even our youngest visitors.

Supporting CMTM

Kids LOVE joining the Patron Pig Pile! Now a permanent fixture of our recently re-launched *Have a Ball!* exhibit, the Patron Pig Pile is a fun way for children to learn about giving back to their community! For just \$1, children purchase and decorate a ball all their own and then watch it as it becomes a part of the Pig Pile. Please ask our friendly Front Desk staff for details on your next visit!

Help support the Museum with a donation to Annual Appeal. Admissions and memberships only cover 60% of our total operating expenses. Contributions to our Annual Appeal ensure that we can continue to provide our visitors with the highest quality exhibits and educational programming. Giving is easy! Donations can be made securely on our website, www.kitetails.org, or for assistance in making your tax-deductible contribution by phone, contact Alicia at 828-1234 x.242 or alicia@kitetails.org.

Raising Readers Book Celebration

Friday, Nov 6 from 5-7pm

Free Admission

Each year Raising Readers gives over 200,000 books to Maine kids. At this year's Book Celebration, children will meet some of the children's book authors and illustrators whose books have been a part of the Raising Readers program. Join picture book creators Melissa Sweet, David Elliott, Scott Nash, and Kevin Hawkes for read-alouds, book signings, and fun, book-related activities.



December School Vacation Week

Wednesday, Dec 23

10:30am Preschool Play: Holiday Paper Chains
11:30am & 2pm Cultural Creations: Monet's "Messterpieces"

Thursday, Dec 24 CLOSED

Friday, Dec 25 CLOSED

Saturday, Dec 26

11am Dino Balance: What a Puzzle!

Sunday, Dec 27

2pm Cultural Creations: Monet's "Messterpieces"

Monday, Dec 28

10am Icicle Painting
2-3pm Sparks' Ark Special Show (\$2/member, \$11/non-member includes \$8 admission)

Tuesday, Dec 29

1pm We Are Maine: Celebrate World Music

Wednesday, Dec 30

10:30am Preschool Play: Fireworks Painting

Thursday, Dec 31

10:30am Little Kids Morning Out: New Years Eve Numbers Book

11am-Noon New Year's Eve Pajama Party

3pm Birthday on a Budget *Sponsored by Key Bank Foundation*

Friday, Jan 1

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Fall/Winter Hours:

Labor Day through Memorial Day
Monday: Closed to the general public
9-11 am MEMBERS ONLY
Tues-Sat: 10am-5pm,
Sun: Noon-5pm
Open 1st Friday of each month 5-8pm

Summer Hours:

Memorial Day through Labor Day
Mon-Sat: 10am-5pm, Sun: Noon-5pm
Open 1st Friday of each month 5-8pm

American Girl Club: Meet Felicity (R)

Tuesday, Oct 6 & Thursday, Oct 8 at 3pm

Join us for this Club meeting where we'll discuss life as a colonial American.

Bring your favorite doll, create a mid-1700's era craft and hear one of

Felicity's best stories. You'll even



take home a recipe to try! New members encouraged.

To register, contact louisa@kitetails.org or call 828-1234 x227.

Key Bank Foundation Programs

Sponsored by Key Bank Foundation

Smart Shopping

Oct 1 & 22, Nov 12 and Dec 10 at 3pm

Learn about spending money wisely. We'll figure out how to best spend (and share!) our play money by "shopping" at Our Town's Hank's Market and planning a picnic lunch.

This Little Piggy Saves

Oct 8 at 2pm

Oct 29, Nov 19 & Dec 17 at 3pm

Create your own piggy bank to take home to help you learn how to set goals for saving and discover ways you can earn money in your local community.

Birthday on a Budget

Oct 15, Nov 5, Dec 3 & 31 at 3pm

Learn about ways to earn money and use our savings to plan the perfect birthday party for a friend while staying on a budget!

Animal Programs

Animal Friends with David Sparks

Oct 9 & Nov 13 at 11am

Pets & More with Animal Welfare Society

Oct 10, Nov 21, Dec 19 from 10-11am

Animal Fun with Animal Refuge League

Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17 at 11:30am

Diwali

Saturday, Oct 3 from 3-4pm

Celebrate Diwali, India's festival of lights! Hear a Diwali story, see pictures of a Diwali celebration in India and make your own diya, or lamp, to light the way for the festival.

Amazing Artists (R\$)

Tuesdays, Oct 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 4-5pm

Amazing Artists is a series of four workshops designed for kids aged 6-13. Explore elements of visual art, learn about artists and make take-home masterpieces. Per workshop: \$5 members, \$8 non-members (does not include cost of CMTM admission). All four workshops: \$18 for members, \$30 for non-members. Class enrollment limited to 15 children. FMI call 828-1234 x241 or email jamie@kitetails.org.

Oct 6: Lively Lines

Oct 13: It's Not Just Black and White!

Oct 20: Movement Matters

Oct 27: Crazy Color

Please visit www.kitetails.org for full descriptions of each class.

Explore South Africa: Xhosa Children and an African Safari

Saturday, Oct 10 from 2-4pm

Explore the vibrant Xhosa culture through games, songs, stories, food and language. We will also learn about the Big 5 and other native South African animals and make our own animal masks for a museum safari!

Dragon Feast (R\$)

Saturday, Oct 17 at 11:30am

Learn all about the cuisine of China and try some authentic treats! Admission to the dragon feast includes food, a ticket to the 1:00pm play on October 17th and admission to the museum. \$14 for members, \$20 for non-members. FMI call 828-1234 x247 or email reba@kitetails.org.

Chinese Dancing with Karen Morency

Saturday, Oct 17 at 2:30 & 3 pm

Explore how the art of Chinese dance tells the stories of Chinese culture through movement and props.

Pumpkin Carving Workshop (R\$)

Saturday, Oct 24 at 11am & 1pm

Join us for our annual Pumpkin Carving Workshop! Enjoy hot apple cider and treats while you carve your jack-o-lantern. Pumpkins, supplies and ideas are provided! Cost is \$14/pumpkin for members and \$22/pumpkin for non-members (includes the cost of one admission). FMI call 828-1234 x229 or email sarahc@kitetails.org.

Kids in Costume

Saturday, October 31 from 11am-12pm

Wear your costume to CMTM today and join us on Halloween to decorate a bag for Trick or Treating when you get home.

Kids on the Block

November 4 & 18 at 2:30pm

December 2 & 16 at 2:30pm

Meet our new troupe of educational puppets! Each nearly life-sized puppet character has his or her own personality and story. Like real children, some have mental, physical, or emotional disabilities. Presented through a generous donation from Unum, the Sam L. Cohen Foundation and The Hartford Foundation. FMI call 828-1234 x247 or email reba@kitetails.org.

African Drumming and Dancing with Annegret Baier and Erma Colvin

Sunday, Nov 8 at 1:30pm

Experience a fast paced, exciting and interactive demonstration of African drumming and dancing. Participate in body percussion, singing and movement.

Maine State Ballet: The Nutcracker

Saturday, Nov 14 at 10:30am & 12:00pm

The Maine State Ballet brings the magic of The Nutcracker to our Dress-Up Theatre! Clara, the Sugar Plum Fairy, a toy soldier and dancing dolls will share the story, music and a few dance variations from the classic holiday ballet.



Day of the Dead

Sunday, Nov 22 from 1-2pm

Celebrate the Mexican festival El Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead. Make a paper marigold, create papel cortado and hear a story about this holiday.

Gingerbread House Workshop (R\$)

Saturday, Dec 5 at 11am, 1pm & 3pm

Sunday, Dec 6 at 1pm & 3pm

Join us for our annual family gingerbread house making workshop and decorate your own house for the holidays. Supplies and instructions are all provided! We'll read a story, have snacks and enjoy hot cocoa. Cost is \$30/house for members and \$40/house for non-members. Admission not included (admission is not required to participate in workshop). FMI call 828-1234 x229 or email sarahc@kitetails.org.

Sparks' Ark Special Show (\$)

Monday, Dec 28 from 2-3pm

See an extended show with David Sparks and his amazing array of animals! \$2 each for members and \$11 each for non-members (includes the cost of one admission). Reservations encouraged. FMI call 828-1234 x229 or email sarahc@kitetails.org.

New Year's Eve Pajama Party

Thursday, Dec 31 from 11am-12pm

It's time for our annual New Year's Eve Pajama Party! Join us in your PJs to make party hats and festive crafts. The balloon drop is at noon. This is a perfect way for families to celebrate a late night event during the day!

Early Childhood Programming

Preschool Play (ages 3-5)

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Oct 7 Body Maps

Oct 14 Paper Lanterns

Oct 21 Chinese Dragons

Oct 28 Leaf it to me

Nov 4 Ooblehck!

Nov 11 Painting with Pine

Nov 18 Kazoo Fun

Nov 25 Popcorn Tambourine

Dec 2 Accordion Books

Dec 9 Shaving Cream Snowmen

Dec 16 Peppermint Play Dough

Dec 23 Holiday Paper Chains

Dec 30 Fireworks Painting

Little Kids' Morning Out (ages 1-5)

Thursdays (Sept-May) 10:30am

Oct 1 Movin' & Groovin' with Irene Jeffers

Oct 8 Leaf it to me

Oct 15 Chinese Dragons

Oct 22 Paper Lanterns

Oct 29 Body Maps

Nov 5 Movin' & Groovin' with Irene Jeffers

Nov 12 Popcorn Tambourine

Nov 19 Ooblehck!

Nov 26 CMTM CLOSED

Dec 3 Movin' & Groovin' with Irene Jeffers

Dec 10 Painting with Pine

Dec 17 Shaving Cream Snowmen

Dec 24 CMTM CLOSED

Dec 31 New Year's Eve Numbers Book

Members' Monday

Mondays (Sept-May) 9-11am

A special time for Museum Members. Programs begin at 10am.

Oct 5 Feather Painting

Oct 12 Dinosaur Decorations

Oct 19 Pumpkin Magnets

Oct 26 Spooky Fingerprints

Nov 2 Tissue Candy Corn

Nov 9 Fruit Loop Bracelets

Nov 16 Night Tree Ornaments

Nov 23 Turkey Time

Nov 30 Pudding Paint

Dec 7 Peppermint Play Dough

Dec 14 Salt Dough Ornaments

Dec 21 Reindeer Fun

Dec 28 OPEN to the public 10am-5pm