



# Backstage Pass

Alaska Junior Theater Newsletter

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## TERRANCE SIMIEN & THE ZYDECO EXPERIENCE



With hits such as, “Mardi Gras In The Country”, “Zydeco Extravaganza”, and “Oh my Lucille”, the musical styles of Grammy Award winning international sensation **Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience Band** are a soulful feast of soothing sounds, reggae groove and folksy Americana. The band has been together for 35 years, given 7,500 performances, and performed in 45 countries. Terrance Simien was also featured in the Disney film “The Princess & the Frog”.

### PUBLIC PERFORMANCE

Great for ages 5 and up  
Friday, March 24, 2017  
7:30 PM

### SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

Recommended for grades: K-12  
March 23 & 24, 2017  
10:15 AM & 12 Noon



### Music Workshop & Potluck Dinner:

**Wednesday, March 22, 5:30 PM** at Begich Middle School (7440 Creekside Center Dr.). After the workshop at 7:00 PM we will have a Potluck Dinner so you can mingle with the band! Please bring a dish that serves 10-15 people. All ages and levels are welcome and the cost is \$15 per person. Call 272-7546 to RSVP and reserve your place!

Don't miss the last show of AJT's 2016/2017 Season...

# CASCADA *de* FLORES



Cascada de Flores specializes in achingly beautiful songs from Latin America's golden age, including bolero to fill your heart to bursting, rancheras to break it, and guarachas to make you want to dance. Your ears will be filled with the alluring voice of Arwen, the delicate playing of guitar and vocals by Jorge, accompanied by the strings of the bass and violin. Cascada de Flores offers an evening of song, zapateado (foot stomping) and nostalgia, spiced with a bit of creative Mexican humor.

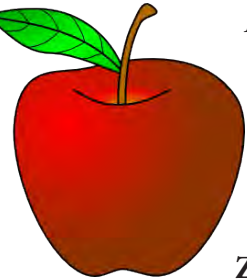
**School Shows:**  
**April 17-21, 2017**  
**10:15 AM & Noon**  
**Discovery Theatre**

**Public Show:**  
**Saturday, April 22, 2017**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Discovery Theatre**



## TIPS FOR TEACHERS

By: D'Ana Castro, AJT Education Associate



Don't forget that our Annual Benefit is also coming up. Call the AJT office to get your tickets and ask for the \$55 Teacher Price. It will be a night with another live performance by **Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience Band**.

**Last upcoming payment deadline is...**

**Cascada de Flores**

**Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Teachers are financially responsible for any seats they have reserved after the payment deadline. If you need an extension on your payment, please contact our office.

Keep up with the latest AJT info, outreach and events on Facebook.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me anytime between 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (272-7546) or email me (education@akjt.org) with ANY question big or small. We are always happy to help and love the chance at getting to know our teachers better!



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# Annual Benefit Dinner

Saturday, March 25, 2017

5:30 PM

Anchorage Downtown Marriott

A champagne reception, dinner, silent & live auction and a live performance by Terrance Simien & the Zydeco Experience Band. The musical styles of Grammy Award winning international sensation Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience Band are a soulful feast of soothing sounds, reggae groove and folksy Americana.

Regular Tickets \$80.00

Teacher Price - \$55.00

Call 272-7546      [www.akjt.org](http://www.akjt.org)



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR  
ALASKA JUNIOR THEATER

Friday, May 12  
6:00PM  
Dena'ina Center

## "5K GRAZE TO RAISE"

Annual Charity Walk

*for Food and Fun - All in One!*

**REGISTER TODAY**

*and help AJT  
raise funds  
to provide  
scholarships for  
low-income students!*



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# Annual Benefit Silent & Live Auction

## SNEAK PEAK!



Here is just a small sample of items to be showcased at AJT's Benefit Silent & Live Auctions. Get your bidding arm warmed up – there's more to be had.

### Art by Vonnie

Acrylic Guitar Painting on Canvas



### Odyssey Sleepworks Inc. Sake Set



### Denali Zipline Tours

Enjoy a three hour tour traversing through the Boreal Forest.

### Alaska Junior Theater Assortment of Nutcrackers



### Capital Office

Adjustable desk with chair.



### Ozarks

Blue Flower bag with matching water tumbler

### Dollhouse Pottery Handmade bowls and plates



### Summit Spice & Tea Company Bloody Mary Set

### Alaska Junior Theater Christmas Stamp Basket



### Wells Fargo Huge Stuffed Pony

### Alaska Junior Theater Percy Jackson Series signed by Rick Riordan and T-Shirts

