



# Backstage

Alaska Junior Theater Newsletter

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2017-2018 "Season of Journeys" - Celebrating 36 Years!

## OPENING HALLOWEEN DAY A SHOW & TRICK-OR-TREATING



Escape the cold and dark by joining Alaska Junior Theater for an evening of Trick-or-Treating on all lobby floors at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts following the performance of

### *Journey to Oz.*



**Come in costume for  
A HALLOWEEN  
TRICK OR TREAT  
PARTY  
after the show!**

ALASKA JUNIOR THEATER

*presents*

## JOURNEY TO OZ

HALLOWEEN

PERFORMANCE & PARTY

Tuesday Night

October 31, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Atwood Concert Hall

263-ARTS or [akjt.org](http://akjt.org)



L. Frank Baum's tales of Dorothy and her adventures in Oz are his most beloved. In this fantastic new adaptation, follow the yellow brick road to Oz with **Dorothy**, **Toto**, the **Tin Man**, the **Cowardly Lion** and the **Scarecrow**, as you become a part of an immersive production with singing, dancing and acting alongside professional actors. When the cyclone comes, the entire theater enters the eye of the storm featuring images and theatricality using the sights and sounds from Baum's books and the world he lived in over a century ago.

The audience will sing; create sound effects; participate in call and response; and play Munchkins, Winkies, Crows and Flying Monkeys as we enjoy all the stories of Oz.

### WANT YOUR COMPANY TO BE A PART OF THE HALLOWEEN PARTY?

Alaska Junior Theater's Trick-or-Treat Halloween party puts your organization in front of hundreds of children and their parents to pass out candy and your marketing materials within your booth space. It is a great way to distinguish yourself from your competitors because our audience are your clients and customers. Call the AJT office at 272-7546 for more information.



By: David Nolen, AJT Education Associate

# Tips For Teachers

Welcome to the new season everyone, my name is David Nolen. I can't wait to do the work & the projects that the Alaska Junior Theater Education Desk is called to do. Do it well. Make it easy for the right people to find us. And, when they get here, treat them like family. Lather, Rinse, Repeat.

Registration deadline was September 11th. **This DOES NOT mean you cannot register after that date.** It is simply the date when I will gather the registrations I have received and start to designate specific dates and times for those classes.

Many of our shows are selling very fast, so if you are interested in seeing an AJT show this season and have not signed up yet, I strongly urge you do so as soon as possible.

When you do register for a show, remember, you must have a principal's signature, and I encourage you to pay a deposit. Those who pay a deposit will get priority seating and a free ticket.

Be very specific about the dates and times you can and cannot attend when you are filling out your registration form. It will help so much when I build the seating schedule!

## SOME HELPFUL TIPS AND THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN REGISTERING:

- Try to register with other teachers in your school to help ensure a ride to the theater (if you are within ASD limits and not a walking school). **Busing is not a guarantee!** You must fulfill the seat requirements found on our Website. Make a note of your numbers and those of the teachers scheduled to go with you. **If the total number is over or under the busing limit, be prepared to have parents drive or coordinate a ride to the theater.**
- The days and times you request are not guaranteed, so never assume they are when you are scheduling, even if the show is not sold out.
- **READ ALL CONFIRMATIONS CAREFULLY!**
- If you send a registration form and do not receive an email confirmation, that means I did not receive the form.
- All shows will be scheduled at least five weeks before the show date. If you have not received your scheduled date and time by then, promptly contact me.
- Read the instructions and steps about registration on our website, where you will find a full rundown of the process, from registration to how to get to the theater. Knowing the process helps clear up most confusion.
- You can keep up with the latest AJT information, outreach and events on FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND INSTAGRAM. Search for Alaska Junior Theater to LIKE and Follow our page.

Never hesitate to call and chat with me (272-7546) or email me (education@akjt.org) with ANY question big or small. I'm always happy to help and love getting the chance to know my teachers better!



- David Nolen  
AJT Education Associate



## Double Every Dollar Make Your Gift Count!



Donate between now and November 15, and Wells Fargo Bank will match your money.

Kids attending Alaska's Title I schools - schools where the majority of the students come from low-income homes - have very few opportunities to experience the arts. High quality, professional shows like those that Alaska Junior Theater presents are meant for all kids to see. That's why we keep our ticket price at only \$8, which includes a seat in the theater and on the bus. More than 40,000 seats are filled by kids every season - and at least 1,800 of them are scholarship awarded - thanks to donors like Wells Fargo - and YOU!



*"We are a Title I school, and it is nearly impossible to bring out kids to performances due to lack of funds. It is wonderful that we were provided with a bus!" - Kindergarten teacher, North Star Elementary.*

## Season subscribers save 20% on single ticket prices!

Become a season subscriber and enjoy the convenience of the best seats in the house, delivered to your doorstep or your computer.

Share the joy of theatre with your family by choosing our **Family Fun Series** of all five shows or **Choose-Your-Own Series** of any three or more shows and save 20% off single ticket prices.

**Advantages of being a Season Subscriber? How about:**

- Convenience! Not only do you get preferred seating, you can also get your tickets by email.
- Plan your calendar a season in advance, and never miss a show!
- Exclusive invitations to special events for subscribers only!

For more information, call 272-7546 or visit akjt.org.



**BEST ARTS DEAL IN TOWN!**  
\$104 gets you **ALL** five (5) shows for adults and \$68 for kids.  
Get your tickets today!

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**Pick 3 or more shows in our exciting 2017 - 2018 Season!**

[www.akjt.org](http://www.akjt.org)



**Public Performance**  
Great for ages 5 and up  
Tuesday, October 31, 2017  
7:00 PM

**Anatomy of the Piano**

**Public Performance**

Great for ages 5 and up  
Saturday,  
February 10, 2018  
2:00 PM



**Public Performance**  
Great for ages 5 and up  
Saturday, December 2, 2017  
2:00 PM

**STEP AFRiKA!**

**Public Performance**  
Great for ages 6 and up  
Friday,  
March 23, 2018  
7:30 PM

**Annual Benefit Dinner**  
Saturday  
March 24  
5:30 PM

Anchorage Marriott



**PETER AND THE WOLF**

**Public Performance**  
Great for ages 5 and up  
Saturday, April 21, 2018  
2:00 PM



Additional support by the Alaska State Council for the Arts, the Atwood Foundation, the Municipality of Anchorage, National Endowment of the Arts, the Rasmuson Foundation and WESTAF.

**Thank you to our Amazing 2016-2017 Volunteers!**

Enjoy some pictures from our first ever Volunteer Appreciation Party that was Aug. 1, 2017!

What is the best way to see an AJT performance?

**Through the eyes of the children!**

Join us by ushering for one or more of our performances and experience the thrill of children experiencing live theatre for the first time!



**Ways to Volunteer at Alaska Junior Theater**

1. Office Support
2. Benefit/Auction
3. Poster Distribution
4. Show Day Usher

Interested in Volunteering? Call 272-7546 or email [Lainie@akjt.org](mailto:Lainie@akjt.org).

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