



# Backstage Pass

Alaska Junior Theater Newsletter

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❄️ Happy Holidays from AJT! ❄️



Lightwire Theater's electroluminescent puppetry is back by popular demand. This captivating and magical tale of adventure and friendship centers around a young bird named Max who brings new meaning to "coming home for the holidays."

Performed in complete darkness, Nutcracker soldiers with candy-canes, naughty rats and an electric Christmas tree are surrounded by glow worms, dancing flowers and other creatures that light up the stage.

*A Very Electric Christmas* is a wonderful opportunity to bring families together and start a new holiday tradition. Audiences will enjoy the timeless Christmas classics from Nat King Cole, Tchaikovsky, Mariah Carey and, of course, a few surprises a long the way.

**SCHOOL PERFORMANCES**  
Recommended for grades: K-12  
November 28-December 1, 2017  
10:00 AM & 11:45 AM

**PUBLIC PERFORMANCE**  
Great for ages 5 and up!  
Saturday, December 2, 2017  
2:00 PM

## FOR SALE

Beautiful handcrafted pine bookshelves signed by the artists of *Journey to Oz*.



Call the AJT office at 272-7546 for more information and prices!



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## Tips For Teachers

Hello teachers. I hope everyone has had a great school year thus far, and is getting ready for a much needed holiday break. I want to thank you all for being amazing patrons this year.

It's not too late to register for the amazing performances ahead! Seats are available for all three upcoming shows, *Anatomy of the Piano*, *Step Afrika* and *Peter and the Wolf*. Contact us, or find a Teacher Registration Form on our website at [akjt.org](http://akjt.org) to bring your students to these fun-filled shows. Do **NOT** delay because some shows are likely to be waitlisted and we don't want you to miss these amazing performances!

### 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, contact me at the office.
- Read the instructions for registration on our website. It gives you the process from registration to getting to the theater.

You can keep up with the latest AJT information, on FACEBOOK. Search for Alaska Junior Theater and LIKE our page.

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

## Baby Grand Piano for Sale!



Price: \$2,000.00

Grand Piano with walnut finish manufactured by W.W. Kimball Co. (NY) for Whitney Co. (Chicago) and piano bench.

Proceeds go toward scholarship admissions for low-income students!

Dimensions- Piano: 5'2" Bench: 14"x30"x30

Call the AJT office at 272-7546 for more details!



# Annual Benefit Dinner

## STEP AFRiKA!

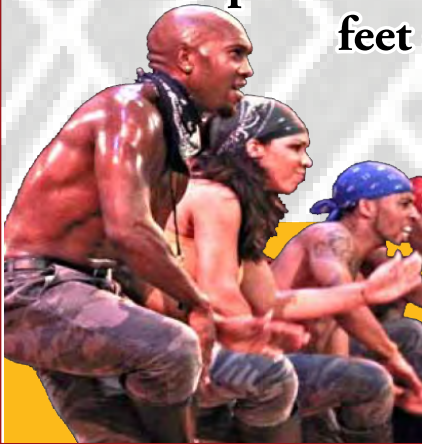
### Saturday, March 24, 2018

### 5:30 PM at Anchorage Marriott Downtown

A champagne reception, dinner, silent & live auction and a live performance by Step Afrika!

“A perfect rhythmic storm...high-energy movements with feet and hands adding flair through total body articulation.”

–The Daily News, Egypt



Regular Tickets \$85.00

Teacher Price - \$60.00

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

## IMAGINE THE MAGIC...

*...when you hear the very first note of the song. You create the magic when you donate to Alaska Junior Theater through Pick Click Give.*



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## AJT Wine Tasting

Sunday, January 21st at 5:00 PM

Savor the night at Sullivan's Steakhouse while supporting AJT's excellent education programs!

Call the AJT office at 272-7546 for tickets!





**Don't scramble or wait until the last moment!**



# **GIVE THE BEST GIFT THIS YEAR: TICKETS TO AJT SHOWS!**



## **Anatomy of the Piano**

**February 10, 2018 at 2:00 PM**

Open the world of piano to your kids with Will Pickvance. The show features whirlwind piano playing, toe-tapping songs and fun stories as well as hand-drawn projections. Milk and cookie reception to follow the show!

## **Step Afrika!**

**March 23, 2018 at 7:30 PM**

**Step Afrika!** blends percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities. The blend of technique, agility and pure energy makes each performance unique and leaves the audience with their hearts pounding.



## **Peter and the Wolf**

**April 21, 2018 at 2:00 PM**

Find out what happens to Peter and his friends in this captivating tale and charming introduction to the magical sounds and musical instruments featured in Prokofiev's exciting musical score. Milk and cookie reception to follow the show!



### **AJT's presentation of *Journey to Oz***

Over 6,600 students, teachers, and chaperones attended our school performances! This would not have been possible without the help of our volunteers. Join us by ushering for one or more of our performances and experience the thrill of the children as they see live theatre for the first time!

**Interested in becoming a volunteer for AJT? Call 272-7546.**

## **Thank you to everyone who helped make our Trick-Or-Treat Party a Huge Success!**

**Thank you to our Halloween Sponsors: John O'Hara with Remax**

And our participating organizations: Alaska Center for Resource Families, Alaska Dance Theater, Anchorage Fairs & Festivals, Anchorage Night Out, Anchorage Public Libraries, Anchorage Youth Court, Bosco's, Buzzbizz Creative, Classic Toys, Delta Sigma Theta Alaska Alumni Chapter, Great Alaska Council Boy Scouts of America, Over the Rainbow Toys, The Salvation Army, UMV Alaska, Underground Dance Company, Upper One Studios, and Waldorf School.

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