



# Backstage Pass

Alaska Junior Theater Newsletter

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## Hardest Working Actors in the Biz

What a busy week with the **Pushcart Players**. While in town, they performed 11 stage shows, lead 2 workshops, made soup with kids at the Muldoon Library and joined families for milk and cookies after their final performance. In all, over 6,000 Alaskans were able to watch and/or meet the performers during the week long run.

Teachers, students and parents had nothing but wonderful things to say about the Players and their production of *Stone Soup and Other Stories*. The vignettes of international folktales brought ideas from around the globe to the aptly named Discovery Theatre stage and wrapped those ideas in delightful song and dance. A kindergarten teacher from Government Hill wrote in her show review that “The Pushcart Players are unsurpassed in their presentations and their performances. They are engaging and I love how they cultivated audience participation during this show.”

Alaska Junior Theater would like to give a big thanks to everyone who came out to see *Stone Soup and Other Stories*, as well as everyone who helped make the show a success including our wonderful volunteers and Stone Soup Group of Anchorage for sponsoring the “Milk and Cookie Reception” after the show.

Over the years, the **Pushcart Players** have proven themselves time and time again to be among the very best companies to come perform with Alaska Junior Theater (and just between us, be on the lookout for them to come back to Alaska in the very new future for a fun and furry adventure).



On the Discovery Theatre stage answering questions after the show.



Leading a workshop for students at Ptarmigan Elementary’s after school program.



Busy making soup kits with kids and parents at the Muldoon Library.



AJT is excited to bring **Lightwire Theater** back to the Atwood Concert Hall Stage with a great new production.

Marvin the Mouse wants to be popular. Constantly bullied by the “cool” rats, Marvin retreats into his science books and a world of fantasy. He embarks on a space adventure to the moon on his homemade rocket where he meets many misfit creatures, learns of infinite peril and learns to be a Hero.

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**PUBLIC PERFORMANCE**

March 22, 2019

7:30 PM

Great for ages 6 and up!

Join us for the **2019 Annual Benefit Dinner** including a champagne reception, silent and live auctions and a performance by Lightwire Theater. For information about table sponsorships or to purchase individual tickets, call our office at 272-7546.



# Hello Teachers!

I hope everyone has had a great school year so far, and that you have a fantastic Spring 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 both upcoming Spring shows, *Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey* and *Emily Brown and the Thing*. Contact me, or find a Teacher Registration Form on our website at [akjt.org](http://akjt.org) to bring your students to these fun-filled shows.

## 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 three 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.

If you have not signed up for *Emily Brown and the Thing* make sure you do! This is the show I am most excited about this season and it is not one your class should miss out on. Also the book *Emily Brown and the Thing* written by Cressida Cowell is simply wonderful and one I know your students would enjoy. If it is not available in your school library I know you can purchase it on Amazon (make sure you sign up to support AJT through "Amazon Smile" before you buy it!).

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 (and A/A's) better!

Kind Regards,  
Elizabeth Serrano  
Education Associate



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# Something for Everyone Preview Shows at [www.akjt.org](http://www.akjt.org)

GET TICKETS  
**CenterTix**  
or 263-ARTS

## EMILY BROWN and the THING

Friday, April 26th  
7:30 PM  
Discovery Theatre



**SOMETHING MONSTROUS IS KEEPING  
EMILY BROWN AWAKE...**

Tall Stories Theatre Company returns to bring a favorite children's character to life: *Emily Brown and the Thing*. Emily Brown leaps from the pages of her beloved children's series to help a new friend -- the Thing.

She and her old grey rabbit, Stanley, hear the Thing crying outside their window. No matter what he tries, the Thing just can't sleep. So, Emily and Stanley set off on a magical and musical adventure to find out what is keeping the Thing awake.

Tall Stories brings great stories to life for audiences of all ages. The company was founded in 1997 and has become internationally recognized for an exciting blend of storytelling theatre, original music and lots of laughs. Tall Stories and Alaska Junior Theater worked together in the past, bringing up *The Gruffalo's Child* in 2015 and *The Gruffalo* in 2013.

Teachers, there is still room in our school shows so if you want to bring your class just give us a call at 272-7546.

**More Live Performances**  
**More Workshops**  
**More Students**

**Pick. Click. Give.**

When you **Pick** to **Click** and **Give** part of your PFD to Alaska Junior Theater you help ensure more arts education and experience for students.

### Join us in your favorite PJ's for the AJT Pajama Party!

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Friday, April 26th  
Discovery Theatre Lobby



Stuffed Toys,  
Stories,  
Games,  
Prizes,  
Milk and Cookies.

**Then stay for the Show!**



ALASKA JUNIOR THEATER

# Annual Benefit Dinner

STARRING

# MOON MOUSE

A SPACE ODYSSEY



Lightwire  
THEATER



Join Alaska Junior Theater at our 2019 Annual Benefit Dinner including a champagne reception, silent and live auctions and a special performance by Lightwire Theater.

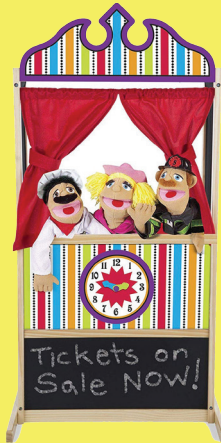
This dazzling event generates funds that subsidize tickets for students, pay for bus transportation, and cover the cost of full scholarships for low-income children.

For information about table sponsorships or to purchase individual tickets, call our office at 272-7546.

**This years live and silent auctions will feature wonderful items and packages including:**



**Mexico Flight and Lodging for Two!**



**Denali Zipline Adventure for Two!**



**You Can Also Bid to Win:**  
2 Round Trip Alaska Airline's Tickets  
Great Local Art  
Hand Made Quilts  
Symphony Tickets and Dinner  
Deluxe Puppet Show Theater  
Kid's Basket  
Grande Denali Lodge Stay  
And Much Much More!

