



Backstage Pass

Alaska Junior Theater Newsletter

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“Get Up and Move”



with Alaska Junior Theater’s 2019-2020 Season

Alaska Junior Theater is excited to share this engaging lineup of live stage productions with students and families. As you will see in the pages to come, the season gets off to a high-energy start with the return of **Soul Street Dance Company**. But first, some important news for teachers!

There is Still Time to Sign Up Your Class!

Welcome to the new season everyone! Registration deadline was October 1st. But, that **DOES NOT** mean you can’t still register your class. It is simply the date we started to designate specific dates and times for classes. When you do register for a show, remember, you must have a principal’s signature. Those who pay a deposit will get priority seating and a free ticket. Please be very specific about the dates and times you can and cannot attend when you are filling out your registration form.

We have five fantastic shows in our 2019-2020 “Get Up and Move” Season! We also still have room in all of our shows for your class, so if you are considering adding another show or registering for the first time, just let us know! We are excited to be opening our season with **Soul Street Dance Company’s *Breakin’ Backwards***. This is not a show you’re going to want to miss! For the second show of the season, **Grandmaster Storyteller David Gonzalez** is re-imagining *Sleeping Beauty*. Your classes will fall in love with the classic story all over again.

Some helpful tips and things to remember:

- 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.
- The days and times you request are not guaranteed.
- Read confirmations carefully.
- If you send in a registration form and do not receive an email confirmation within 48 hours, that may mean we did not receive the form. Please call us.
- 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 us.
- Never hesitate to call 272-7546, or email education@akjt.org with ANY question -- big or small!





Something for Everyone Preview Shows at akjt.org

GET TICKETS
CenterTix
or 263-ARTS

Alaska Junior Theater is proud to invite you to “Get Up and Move” with our 2019-2020 Season. Living up to our “Something for Everyone” slogan, this year we have a diverse and exciting lineup of productions celebrating movement and art. With so much to choose from, I invite you to take advantage of Season Subscriber Benefits. You will get first pick of the best seats in the house delivered right to your doorstep. Share the joy of theatre with your family by choosing the Family Fun Series of all four shows or Choose-Your-Own-Series of any three shows and save 20% off single ticket prices. AJT performances are held to strict standards of artistic excellence, strong educational components and compelling community outreach activities to bring you the best professional artists from around the world. Tickets for all shows are on sale now.

SOUL STREET IS BREAKIN’ BACKWARDS



Public Show
November 2, 2019
7:30 PM
Atwood Concert Hall

School Shows
October 30 - November 1, 2019
10:00 AM & 11:45 AM
Atwood Concert Hall

Fusing hip-hop styles of breakin’, poppin’ and lockin’ with modern dance and a spark of theatrical flair, **Soul Street Dance Company’s** (Houston, Texas) comic delivery and sheer physicality are a hit with audiences of all ages. Their technical and artistic skills, stage presence and wit blow away the competition and allow them to push the performance envelope to amazing new heights — just like their impressive Hip-Hop Acrobatics.

With *Breakin’ Backwards*, **Soul Street’s** dancers showcase impressive moves and choreography by incorporating different styles of street dance with traditional and classical styles of popular dance throughout the decades.

Sleeping Beauty *In the words of* David Gonzalez

David Gonzalez, Grandmaster Storyteller of *Aesop Bops*, returns with this visually stunning multimedia retelling of *Sleeping Beauty*. David uses his street-style humor, the limitless landscape of imagination, live music and audience participation to bring new life to this childhood favorite.



Public Show
December 7, 2019
2:00 PM
Atwood Concert Hall

School Shows
December 4 - 6, 2019
10:00 AM & 11:45 AM
Atwood Concert Hall



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DOG LOVES BOOKS



School Shows Only
February 3 - 7, 2020
10:00 AM & 11:45 AM
Discovery Theatre

Louise Yates' New York Times bestseller comes to life in ArtsPower's musical about the irresistible Dog who loves everything about books. In fact, he loves books SO much that he decides to open his own bookstore and act out fun stories for his customers. Everything from dancing dinosaurs to funny fairy tales. His customers can't help but get into the act too! How could Dog's bookstore not be a success?

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Tam-Tams



Percussionist and storyteller **Kattam** invites you to move with the rhythm of Africa, the Middle East and India through song and dance! Experience African rap, desert dance to trance sufi rhythm and hints of Bollywood. Accompanied by his monkey and his two friends, **Kattam** never fails to delight and involve his audience!

Public Show March 20, 2020 7:30 PM Atwood Concert Hall	School Shows March 17 - 19, 2020 10:00 AM & 11:45 AM Atwood Concert Hall	AJT Benefit Dinner March 21, 2020 Call for Tickets 272-7546
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The Velveteen Rabbit

Public Show May 2, 2020 2:00 PM Discovery Theatre	School Shows April 27 - May 1, 2020 10:00 AM & 11:45 AM Discovery Theatre
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A young boy's love and a little nursery magic help transform *The Velveteen Rabbit* from a favorite plaything into a real rabbit. The Boy and Velveteen Rabbit embark on exciting imaginary adventures and learn the true meaning of friendship in this musical re-telling of Margery Williams Bianco best-known story performed by the always-engaging **Pushcart Players**.





How You Can Help

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No other organization does what AJT does. We make it possible for students and families to experience quality live stage productions from around the world. And, we make sure they're accessible for everyone.

High quality, professional shows like AJT presents are meant for all kids to see. That's why we keep our school show 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 awarded scholarships - **thanks to donors like YOU!**

There are three main ways you can help.

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