

Backstage Pass

Alaska Junior Theater Newsletter

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After Two Years, We're Back to **Live** Theater!

It's almost PFD time! Did you know that you can make a donation to Alaska Junior Theater through Pick. Click. Give. when applying for your 2023 PFD?

While applying for your PFD online, you can choose to make a donation to Alaska Junior Theater for admission scholarships for low-income students.

File for your PFD and add a pledge at pfd.alaska.gov!



Two Shows Down...

Alaska Junior Theater's 2022-2023 Let's Do It Live! Season got off to a great start in November with our first show, ***Have You Filled a Bucket Today? The Musical!***, with Virginia Rep. The cast was amazing to work with and they made a huge impact on the children in our community after these long two years without theatre. They hosted a library event, performed for thousands of students in the Atwood Concert Hall, and they ended their Alaskan adventure by seeing their first moose in the "wild"!

In December, we had grandmaster storyteller David Gonzalez back with another incredible show, ***Cuentos: Tales from the Latinx World***. The show was a huge hit with the students and teachers that came to see it. David hosted a library event a day before the shows, and he also hosted a storytelling workshop at Tyson Elementary School.

After both shows, David & Daniel Kelly, the incredibly talented piano player accompanying him, introduced themselves to students and teachers leaving the Performing Arts Center and waved goodbye. Lots of pictures were taken and fun was had in droves!



David Gonzalez meets the public at the Mountain View Library.

Both ***Have You Filled a Bucket Today? The Musical!*** and ***Cuentos: Tales from the Latinx World*** got our Season off to a great start and set the bar high for the rest of the season.

Other Ways to Help



Donations & Fundraisers

Donate directly to AJT. Sign up for Amazon Smile and Fred Meyer's Community Rewards. Attend AJT Fundraisers.



Attend Shows

The Velveteen Rabbit (School Shows)
with Pushcart Players

Collision of Rhythm (Benefit Performance)

The Ugly Duckling (School Shows)
with Lightwire Theater



Volunteer

Show usher. Office work. Hang AJT posters. Special event planning. Join the AJT Board.

Like, follow and share Alaska Junior Theater on social media.



Let's Do It Live!

Preview our shows at akjt.org

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.com

Season Tickets for the 2022-2023 Season are on sale now!
Call us at **907-272-7546** to order yours today!

The Velveteen Rabbit

Public Show
Feb 4, 2023
2:00 PM
Discovery Theatre

School Shows
Jan 30 - Feb 3, 2023
10:00 AM & 11:45 AM
Discovery Theatre

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's best-known story, performed by the always-engaging Pushcart Players.



Save up to 20% off Single Ticket prices when you come to BOTH shows!

Tickets start at just \$9.50!

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subscribe today!

February 4, 2023
@ 2:00 PM

The Velveteen Rabbit
with Pushcart Players



April 22, 2023
@ 2:00 PM

The Ugly Duckling
with Lightwire Theater

Public Show
April 22, 2023
2:00 PM
Discovery Theatre

School Shows
April 17 - 21, 2023
10 AM & 11:45 AM
Discovery Theatre

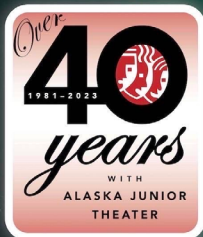
Innovative electroluminescent puppetry brings these classic tales into a new and brilliant light! No words are used in this dazzling, fast-paced production all ages will enjoy. See our duckling come to life through masterful puppetry, cutting edge technology, moving sculpture and dance. *The Ugly Duckling* is a fairy tale with the moral lesson for people to accept themselves for who they truly are and raises questions about bullying and discrimination. Poignant choreography and creative use of music ranging from classical to jazz and pop create an unforgettable theatrical experience.





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Alaska Junior Theater presents

Rhythm of the Night

AJT's Annual Benefit Performance

Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 5:30PM

Get your tickets
today by calling
907-272-7546!

With a Special Performance by

COLLISION OF RHYTHM

A high-energy performance
with a wide range of
instruments - with the unique
elements of tap dancing and
bounce juggling.



ONE NIGHT ONLY!

Festivities will include a live
auction, a champagne reception,
heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, an
online silent auction and a live
performance of Collision of Rhythm
in the Atwood Concert Hall.

Call AJT at 272-7546

Tickets are **\$65 per person.**

(Includes reception, show ticket & tax deductible donation to Alaska Junior Theater).

COLLISION OF RHYTHM



AJT Benefit Performance

March 25, 2023

5:30 PM

Atwood Concert Hall

School Shows

March 22 - 24, 2023

10:00 AM & 11:45 AM

Atwood Concert Hall

Collision of Rhythm delivers a high-energy performance with a wide range of instruments including drums and percussion, piano, marimba, saxophone, and beatboxing — with the unique elements of tap dancing and bounce juggling. The duo is comprised of musical virtuoso and award-winning educator, Aaron Williams, and accomplished performer and keynote speaker, Bronkar Lee. Together, they bring a mind-blowing and wildly captivating rhythmic experience with an empowering message of joy and connection through music.

Come Volunteer with Alaska Junior Theater!

Alaska Junior Theater is always in need of volunteers for everything from office work to bus greeters.

If you're interested in joining our creative and enthusiastic volunteer team, please call **907-272-7546** or email lainie@akjt.org!



...Three Shows to Go! Great seats are still available!

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I hope you've all been having a great school year so far. I want to sincerely thank you for being such wonderful and amazing patrons this year. To those I have not met yet - hello! My name is Miles Clark and I have taken over as the Education Associate as of August of this year. I'm a huge animal lover and have spent most of my career working in the animal care industry, but I'm so excited to get back to my roots in charity organization and theatre. I've learned so much over these past few months and I'm so grateful to be here. I am SO excited for the rest of our 2022-2023 Season and I hope to be able to get to know you all a bit better throughout the new year as well!



As we get back into the swing of things, please take a moment to note the payment deadlines for our upcoming shows. Remember - payment deadlines are also the deadline to lower your seat count. After these dates, teachers will be financially responsible for the number of seats they have reserved.

It's not too late to register! Great seats are still available for all of our upcoming shows, including the Public Shows and Benefit Performance. Please contact me (education@akjt.org) or find a Teacher Registration Form on our website (akjt.org) to bring your students to these exciting and fun-filled shows.

UPCOMING PAYMENT DEADLINES

The Velveteen Rabbit - January 11, 2023

Collision of Rhythm - February 22, 2023

The Ugly Duckling - March 29, 2023

Please be sure to read all confirmations very carefully. All shows will be scheduled at least four weeks prior to the show date. If you have not received your scheduled date and time by then, contact me right away.

The Velveteen Rabbit comes to life next January in the Discovery Theatre and we couldn't be more excited to have the ever-engaging Pushcart Players with us in Alaska. It's a wonderful show with catchy songs and a great message for all ages. If you haven't signed up for *Collision of Rhythm*, make sure you do! It's the show I'm most excited about this season and it's not a show you or your classes want to miss out on. Make sure you check out our special **ONE NIGHT ONLY** Rhythm of the Night Benefit Performance as well. We also have *The Ugly Duckling* with Lightwire Theater coming in April - I can't wait to see the electroluminescent puppetry in action! Call our office at 907-272-7546 to reserve your tickets. We're looking forward to seeing you in the theater again soon!

Miles Clark
Education Associate

Alaska Junior Theater



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