



Backstage Pass

Alaska Junior Theater Newsletter

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360 ALLSTARS RETURN TO ANCHORAGE TO CELEBRATE THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY!

Kicking off our 2024-2025 "Bold, Bright & Breathtaking" Season is an incredible performance by **360 ALLSTARS**, an extraordinary urban circus that connects the street to the elite. Spinning circles around the competition, **360 ALLSTARS** showcases a dream team of sensational champs in a supercharged physical performance celebrating street culture! The international hit is back in Anchorage to commemorate its 10th anniversary with world record-holding athletes and artists showing off their mad skills in freestyle basketball, BMX biking, breakdancing, acrobatics and more. Experience the thrill of extreme sports backed by a pulse-pumping, live-looped soundtrack and featuring feats that will spike your adrenaline and have you rooting for overtime.



Public Performance: November 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM

School Performances: November 5 - 8, 2024 at **10:30 AM & 12:15 PM** new time!

Get tickets: [CENTERTIX.COM](https://www.centertix.com) or 263-ARTS (2787)

BRAND NEW SHOW COMES TO ANCHORAGE FOR FIRST TIME EVER! MEET THE FOURTH WALL: HYBRID ARTS ENSEMBLE



Few musical ensembles earn top marks for their "deft choreography," (The Wall Street Journal) but **The Fourth Wall** is no ordinary ensemble. Part chamber music group, part theatre company, part modern dance troupe, part circus act, **The Fourth Wall: Hybrid Arts Ensemble** blends music, theatre, dance and acrobatics into a new hybrid art form. This trio of musicians creates new interdisciplinary works and reinterprets classic repertoire to make music that leaps off the stage.

AJT is excited to bring **THREE** unique shows with **The Fourth Wall: Hybrid Arts Ensemble** to Anchorage!

Public Show: "*Without a Net*" on March 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM. new time!

Step right up! **The Fourth Wall** has joined the circus and are bringing their High Flying Shenanigans to YOU! Marvelous Music meets Adventurous Aerial Acrobatics in this Cavalcade of Creativity! Experience the Twirling Topsy-Turvy Trombonist, the Fabulous Flipping Flutist, the Death-Defying Drummer! This celebrated troupe promises a Splendid Spectacle Never Before Equaled! Get your Vaudeville here!

AJT Annual Benefit Performance: "*Fruit Flies like a Banana*" on Saturday, March 22, 2025.

3 Performers. 20+ Pieces. 60 Minutes

In their award-winning variety show, **Fruit Flies Like a Banana**, this trio of musicians creates new interdisciplinary works and reinterprets classic repertoire - all performed in an order chosen by the audience - to make music the leaps off the stage. In this performance, part of the audience will be on the stage as they step into the music in the best seats in the house. Part chamber music group, part devised theatre company, part modern dance troupe, part circus act, **The Fourth Wall** blends music, theatre, dance, and acrobatics into a new hybrid art form. You will enjoy live, silent & online auctions, champagne reception, heavy hors d'oeuvres & dessert. Ticket price includes reception, show ticket and a tax deductible donation to Alaska Junior Theater.

School Shows: "*Sound Wave Circus*" from March 18 - 20, 2025 at **10:30 AM & 12:15 PM**.

Created exclusively for Alaska Junior Theater. Sound waves fly through the air like a circus artist dazzling our senses. How does it work? What's the science behind our wonder? Using a combination of music, dance, aerial acrobatics, circus skills, and scientific tools, **The Fourth Wall** takes students on an interactive journey through the wonders of sound in an innovative performance that taps into STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) curriculum.



THE FOURTH WALL in "Without a Net"



Get Your Season Tickets!

Starting at **just \$68** for **ALL FIVE SHOWS!**

Bold, Bright & Breathtaking

Season Tickets for our 2024 - 2025 Season are **on sale now**.
Call **263-ARTS** or go to **CENTERTIX.COM** to order yours today!



Are you ready to experience world-class performances without breaking the bank? Alaska Junior Theater's 2024-2025 "Bold, Bright & Breathtaking" Season is here, and it's the best entertainment deal in town!

5 INCREDIBLE SHOWS. STARTING AT JUST \$68.

Yes, you read that right! You can unlock an entire season of magical, heart-pounding and breathtaking performances, **starting at just \$68 for ALL FIVE incredible performances**. Compare that to others in town selling one performance for \$61! From dazzling electroluminescent puppetry to high-flying acrobatics, classic fables to unforgettable musical acts—our lineup is filled with bold stories, bright moments and breathtaking experiences that will leave you in awe!

AFFORDABLE TICKETS, PRICELESS MEMORIES!

This is the perfect opportunity to share the joy of live theatre with your friends and family—without the high price tag! You'll be creating memories that last forever.

WHY SEASON TICKETS?

- **Five Amazing Shows, One Great Price:** Enjoy the most affordable ticket prices available – season tickets start at just \$68 for all five shows!
- **Best Seats:** Season ticket holders get priority access to the best seats in the house, ensuring a fantastic view for every performance.
- **Choose Your Own Season:** Can't make all five? Choose 3 or more events to create your personalized subscription of your favorite shows.

Don't miss out on a season filled with fun, adventure and captivating performances that the whole family will love. Whether it's your first time or you're a returning fan, season tickets are the best way to ensure you're a part of every magical moment.

Get Your Tickets Today: CENTERTIX.COM or call 263-ARTS (2787).





Give Back to AJT

Alaska Junior Theater's 2025 Annual Benefit Performance



THE
FOURTH
WALL

Hybrid Arts Ensemble
in
**FRUIT FLIES
LIKE A BANANA**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Saturday, March 22, 2025

AJT ANNUAL BENEFIT FESTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

- Live, silent & online auctions
- Champagne reception
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres & dessert

PLUS a LIVE performance of **The Fourth Wall: Hybrid Arts Ensemble** in the Atwood Concert Hall!

Ticket price includes reception, show ticket and a tax deductible donation to Alaska Junior Theater.

WAYS TO HELP AJT



Donations & Fundraisers

Donate directly to AJT. Sign up for Fred Meyer's Community Rewards. Attend AJT Fundraisers. Donate to, or come buy from, AJT's Annual Benefit Garage Sale.



Attend Shows

360 ALLSTARS

Peter & the Wolf with Pushcart Players

Aesop Bops! with David Gonzalez

The Fourth Wall: Hybrid Arts Ensemble

Tortoise and Hare with Lightwire Theater



Volunteer

Help at school shows. Office work. Hang AJT posters. Special event planning. Join the AJT Board.

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





One Great Saturday!

Join Alaska Junior Theater for **Saturday Matinée Public Performances** for fun activities before and after the show!



Storytime with mama in the Discovery Theatre lobby!



Storytelling in the Discovery Theatre lobby.



A young guest meets *The Velveteen Rabbit*!

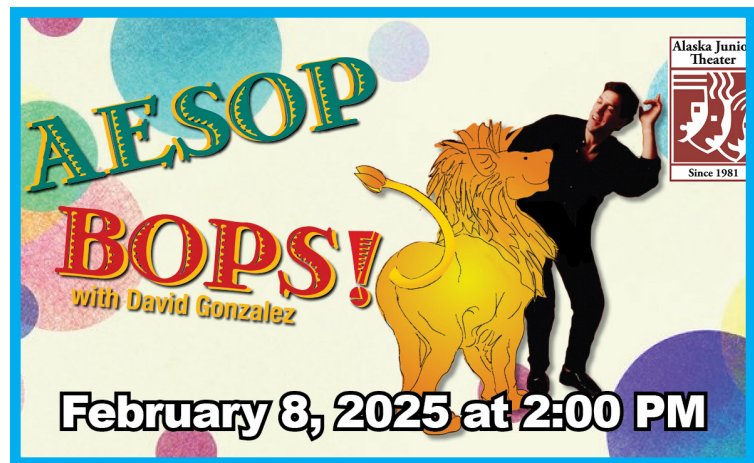


Two young guests engage with our Story Tracks.

For our 2:00 PM Matinéés, arrive an hour early to enjoy complimentary storytelling, free books and delightful story tracks in the lobby of the Discovery Theatre. Then after the show, indulge in a milk and cookie reception with the cast of the performance and participate in our cake walk, where kids can win fabulous prizes! Check out our amazing 2:00 PM performances below.



December 14, 2024 at 2:00 PM



February 8, 2025 at 2:00 PM



**April 6, 2025
at 2:00 PM**



MEET THE ADMIN

Hello! My name is **Ilse Witterland** and I was born in Indonesia on the island Java, in the city of Djakarta. I have a B.S. from Portland State University and I am an artist. I enjoy sculpting and photography. I'm Alaska Junior Theater's new Admin Assistant and I am learning so much about the intricacies of live theatre. I enjoy AJT because of the diversity in my job and it matches with the diversity of my skills and talents. I'm so excited for our school shows and can't wait to meet all of you this season!



Welcome Back, Teachers!

I hope you've all been having a great school year so far. My name is **Andrew Bill** and I have taken over as the Education Associate as of August of this year. I used to work for the University of Alaska but I am excited to now be a part of Alaska Junior Theater. I've learned so much over these past few months and I'm looking forward to seeing exactly what makes AJT such an important part of our Alaska community.

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 for all five shows! 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

Peter & the Wolf - November 12, 2024

Aesop Bops! - January 14, 2025

The Fourth Wall: Hybrid Arts Ensemble - Sound Wave Circus - February 18, 2025

The Adventures of Tortoise and Hare: The Next Gen - March 31, 2025

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. ***There's still time to sign up for all FIVE shows!***

- **360 ALLSTARS** takes the stage to begin our season in November, bringing the urban circus back to Anchorage. I'm looking forward to seeing the BMX flatlanders, basketball freestyling and breakdancing in action.
- If you haven't signed up for ***Peter & the Wolf***, make sure you do! You won't want to miss out on this engaging retelling of Prokofiev's masterpiece.
- We have Master Storyteller David Gonzalez again in February with ***Aesop Bops!***, a funky Bronx, New York, twist on the classic fables.
- In March, we have THREE amazing shows with **The Fourth Wall: Hybrid Arts Ensemble**. Make sure you check out our special **ONE NIGHT ONLY** Benefit Performance featuring **The Fourth Wall** as well.
- Then we finish the season off in April with ***The Adventures of Tortoise and Hare*** with Lightwire Theater - I can't wait to see the electroluminescent puppetry in action!

I am thrilled for the upcoming performances we have this season, and I hope to meet you at one of our performances.

Andrew Bill, Education Associate



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