



Backstage Pass

Alaska Junior Theater Newsletter

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Anchorage Audiences Couldn't Get Enough of **KATTAM AND HIS TAM TAMS!**

"This was, quite honestly, the best field trip that I have ever attended! PLEASE BRING HIM BACK SOON!!!!!" - **First Grade Teacher, Tudor Elementary**

"I loved the energy Kattam had and how he included the audience into the performance. Many of my students were dancing and singing during the performance and continued to sing the songs on the bus ride back to school." - **Fourth Grade Teacher, St. John's Orthodox Christian School**

Kattam – who is part Québécois and part Moroccan – first trained in classical music, immersing himself in piano, singing and percussion before expanding his passion into the global rhythms that now define his magnetic performances. During his three-day residency in Anchorage this November, he brought that rich cultural blend into local schools, captivating students with his infectious energy, dazzling musicianship, and joyful storytelling.

His public show was nothing short of electric. More than 3,500 people poured into the Atwood Concert Hall, and from the first beat of his tam tams, the audience was hooked. Families danced, children cheered, and the entire hall buzzed with excitement as Kattam transported everyone on a vibrant musical journey. By the end of the night, Anchorage audiences were absolutely enthralled—many calling it one of the most unforgettable performances of the season.



THIS SATURDAY - Join Us for *Holiday Tales: A Season of Miracles* with the Beloved Pushcart Players



"*Holiday Tales: A Season of Miracles*" is a sparkling collection of holiday stories from different cultures by beloved Alaskan favorite theater group **Pushcart Players**. Tales within this touching musical include O. Henry's "*The Gift of the Magi*," an original tale set in Nigeria entitled, "*The Kwanzaa Kite*," a fanciful tale from The Wise Folk of Chelm – "*The Chanukah Miracle*" and E.T.A Hoffmann's "*The Nutcracker*."

Join us **THIS SATURDAY, December 13th, at 2:00 PM** for this incredibly heartwarming performance that'll remind you of the joy and love of the Season of Miracles.

ONE GREAT SATURDAY! - December 13th, 2025 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Arrive one hour early to the performance to enjoy princess storytelling, Story Tracks to experience your favorite books in a new way, fun with Alaska Children's Museum, take home a free book and SO much more! Stay after the performance to meet the cast during our Milk & Cookie Reception and participate in a Cake Walk where kids (and adults!) can win amazing prizes!



Familiar Faces

BLACK VIOLIN RETURNS TO ANCHORAGE FOR 2025 - 2026 FULL CIRCLE TOUR!

ONE NIGHT
ONLY!

Public Performance: January 16, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Anchorage, get ready because **Black Violin** is coming back in January 2026 for ONE NIGHT ONLY for their **Full Circle Tour**! GRAMMY-nominated duo Wil Baptiste (viola) and Kev Marcus (violin) fuse classical mastery with hip-hop's power, creating performances that move hearts and defy expectations.

As NPR said, "Their music will keep classical music alive for the next generation." The **Full Circle Tour** celebrates growth, creativity and the beauty of returning to your roots, transformed and reimagined. From high school orchestra classmates to global trailblazers, Wil and Kev have inspired millions with their message of resilience and unity. And now, for those who want to take the experience even deeper, the **Black Violin VIP Experience** offers an exclusive, up-close look into their world.

In 2019, the group launched the **Black Violin Foundation Inc.**, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering youth by providing access to quality music programs in their community. BVF believes that music and access to music programs should not be determined by race, gender, or socio-economic status. Black Violin Foundation's inaugural program the Musical Innovation Grant for Continuing Education will provide scholarships to young music students to attend a program of their liking that fosters musical creativity and innovation.

Whether you've been following **Black Violin** for years or you're hearing them for the first time, this is your moment to be part of something extraordinary.

Get tickets: [Centertix.com](https://www.centertix.com) or 263-ARTS. Visit [AKJT.org](https://www.akjt.org) for more information.

BLACK VIOLIN FULL CIRCLE TOUR 2026

BE A BV VIP!

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- One Premium Reserved ticket in the first six (6) rows
- Invitation to a private pre-show experience that includes:
- Access to view a portion of soundcheck
- Q&A session
- Photo opportunity with Will and Kev
- Commemorative VIP laminate
- VIP access to the merchandise booth and 20% discount on any available item
- Early entry to the venue

MEET BLACK VIOLIN!

Get Tickets NOW:
Centertix.com or call 263-ARTS

Black Violin presented by Alaska Junior Theater



Get Your Season Tickets!

Starting at **just \$48** for **ALL FOUR SHOWS!**

This Season... it Sounds Like Fun!

Season Tickets for our 2025 - 2026 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 2025-2026 "SOUNDS Like Fun!" Season is here, and it's the best entertainment deal in town!

4 INCREDIBLE SHOWS. STARTING AT JUST \$48.

Yes, you read that right! You can unlock an entire season of magical, heart-pounding and breathtaking performances, **starting at just \$48 for ALL FOUR incredible performances**. Compare that to others in town selling one performance for \$61! From heartwarming holiday stories to the biggest concert in town, to a capella like you've never experienced before to science made fun!

AFFORDABLE TICKETS, PRICELESS MEMORIES!

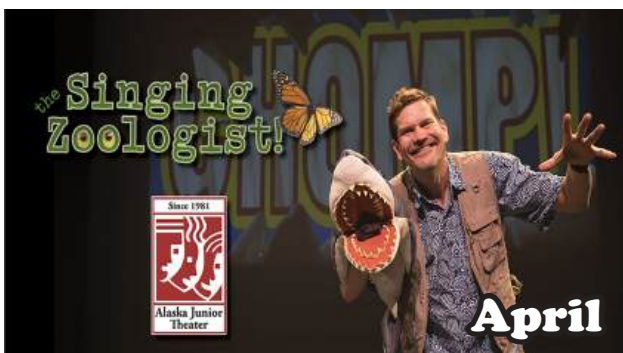
This is the perfect opportunity to share the joy of live theatre with your friends and family — without the high price tag! You'll be creating memories that last forever.

WHY SEASON TICKETS?

- **Five Amazing Shows, One Great Price:** Enjoy the most affordable ticket prices available – season tickets start at just \$48 for all four 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

Saturday Night Fever



**Alaska Junior Theater's
2026 Annual Benefit &
Public Performance
with Ball in the House**

**Get Down, Get Funky, Get
Vocal - Join Us For The
ULTIMATE A Capella
Disco Party!**

AJT ANNUAL BENEFIT FESTIVITIES TO INCLUDE:

- Live, silent & online auctions
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres & dessert
- No host bar

PLUS a LIVE performance of Ball in the House in the Atwood Concert Hall!

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

Get ready to be whisked back to the **glittering days of disco** with a high-energy, all-vocal extravaganza that will have you dancing in your seat! This dazzling tribute to the iconic era delivers every beat, bassline and harmony completely a cappella—**pure vocal talent** bringing the funk, the groove and all the sparkle.

From **timeless classics** to **irresistible chart-toppers**, this show celebrates the music that made mirror balls spin and dance floors come alive. So dust off those platform shoes, embrace your inner disco diva or dance king and get ready for a night of nonstop rhythm, nostalgia and electrifying vocal magic like you've never heard before!

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

Kattam and His Tam Tams
Season of Miracles with Pushcart Players
Black Violin
Ball in the House
The Singing Zoologist: Lucas Miller



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.



Happy Holidays, Teachers!

Hello teachers! My name is **Caroline Belovsky** and I have been the Education Associate since August. I love EDM, dogs and traveling to music festivals in my free time. You'll find me at the PAC with my service dog, Hatcher. I've learned so much over these past few months and it's been an honor seeing exactly what makes AJT such an important part of our Alaska community.

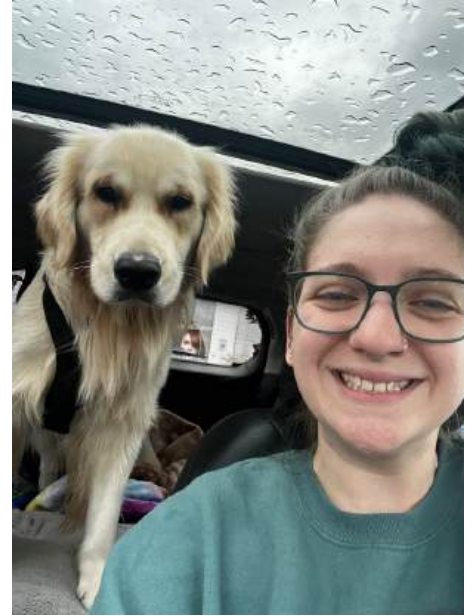
Please take a moment to note the payment deadlines for our upcoming shows. Remember - payment deadlines are also the deadline to lower your seat count. **After these dates, teachers will be financially responsible for the number of seats they have reserved.**

It's not too late to register for our remaining 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

Ball in the House - February 17th, 2026

The Singing Zoologist - March 25th, 2026



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 of our upcoming shows, even if the payment deadline has passed!***

- **Pushcart Players** return to Anchorage for their heartwarming festive performance of **Holiday Tales: A Season of Miracles** this week. Join us for ONE GREAT SATURDAY on Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 1PM to 4PM for exciting activities before and after the performance, including pageant princesses reading stories, Milk & Cookie Reception and a Cake Walk.
- Then, **BLACK VIOLIN** makes their explosive return to Anchorage in January for their Full Circle Tour, using their music to break stereotypes of what a classical musician can be.
- Join us for AJT's Public and Benefit Performance, **"Saturday Night Fever"** with **Ball in the House** in March.
- Finally, we'll end the season on a high note with **The Singing Zoologist** - where science meets fun.

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

Caroline Belovsky, Education Associate



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