

## Buckets N Boards: Comedy Percussion Show

Wed., January 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Recommended grades: All Ages

Approximate length: 60 minutes

Buckets N Boards: Comedy Percussion Show, is a hilarious, high-energy and interactive show that has captivated audiences of all ages worldwide! Gareth Sever and Matt Livingston bring a joyous charm and lightning quick wit to this full stage production. The show was born from their shared passion for music and rhythm and the intricate beats and stunning synchronicity are awesome to behold! Their comedy is front and center and the improvisational interaction with the crowd is the driving force of the show!

From their imaginative songs, beautiful harmonies, amazing tap dancing, body percussion, beatboxing and bucket drumming, they have created their own fresh and unique brand of clean comedy. Buckets N Boards has crafted an original theatrical experience for kids of all ages to enjoy!



## Ben Franklin and His Kite

Tues., February 14, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Recommended grades: K - 5th grades

Presented by: Virginia Repertory Theatre

Approximate length: 50 minutes

In June 1752, Ben Franklin “shocked” the world with his discovery that lightning held electricity! Take this “enlightening” journey with Virginia Repertory Theatre into the experiment that changed the course of history 250 years ago. This entertaining and educational play brings the history of Franklin’s experiments with electricity to life.



## The Orchestra Comes Alive

Thurs., March 2, 2023 10:00 a.m.

Recommended grades: 1st-5th grades

Approximate length: 60 minutes

Come see students from the Decatur Youth Symphony and the Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra perform together and demonstrate how musicians can join their friends to play fun and exciting music as part of a living breathing symphony orchestra. The audience will learn what the members of the group experience while they perform and get a chance to meet many members of the ensemble. Students will also have an opportunity to participate in the performance and experience music from a variety of genres that an orchestra can play including classical, jazz, contemporary, and folk. They will leave excited about the possibility of playing an instrument themselves and have a greater understanding of what it’s like to play music in a large ensemble.



## The Wonderful World of Simple Machines

Tues., May 9, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Recommended grades: 1st - 5th grades

Presented by: Virginia Repertory Theatre

Approximate length: 55 minutes

This lively, hands-on introduction to the scientific principles and properties of simple machines will provide your student an unforgettable close encounter with levers, inclined planes, screws, wedges, pulleys, and the wheel and axle. The antics of the actors and audience participation (with help from a special guest) will bring the concepts of simple machines alive for your students in a way no other encounter will. This acclaimed show is sure to educate as well as entertain.

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Show	Date	For Grades	Cost per Student	No. of Students	No. of Adults
Buckets N Boards	Wed., January 25, 2023	All ages	\$5.00		
Ben Franklin and His Kite	Tues., February 14, 2023	K-5th	\$5.00		
The Orchestra Comes Alive	Thurs., March 2, 2023	1st-5th	FREE		
The Wonderful World of Simple Machines	Tues., May 9, 2023	1st-5th	\$5.00		

All performances are at 10 a.m. at Kirkland Fine Arts Center.

Reservations may be made beginning Tuesday, October 4, at 8 a.m. Call the Arts Council at 217-423-3189.

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## Important information to know...

**First call, first served** - Tuesday, October 4, at 8 a.m. is the first date reservations will be taken. To be sure you get the shows you want, call early to the Arts Council at 217-423-3189! Some shows do sell out.

**Time, location, and length of programs** - Check the time and length of the performance. All shows are at 10 a.m. in the Kirkland Fine Arts Center on the campus of Millikin University.

**Study guides** - Study guides are prepared for each show and sent about three weeks before the performance.

**Five dollar prices** - All shows are \$5 except for the Millikin Decatur Symphony Orchestra performance on March 2, which is free. We want all children to attend! Scholarship funds are available to cover children that can't or don't pay. All you have to do is call the Arts Council at 217-423-3189. \*Also, please give us a call if there has been a change in the number of students attending.

Teachers and chaperones are free for all shows, with a maximum of one adult for every five children. If the show is sold out, exceptions can be made and the \$5 fee will apply. Additional chaperones for children with handicaps are exempt from further cost.

**Transportation scholarships** - Through a grant from Homefield Energy, a limited amount of scholarship funds are available to assist with bus transportation costs. You may request a transportation scholarship when you call in to reserve space for your students. You will be notified at a later date as to whether your transportation scholarship has been approved.

**Billing procedures** - Invoices are sent approximately 3 weeks before a performance. Payment is requested no later than 10 days after the date of the show.

**Grade recommendations** - Grade recommendations are recommendations only. Use your judgement to decide which performances will best suit your students.



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