



Virtual Performers Showcase

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the 2023 Virtual Performers Showcase! The WLA Youth Services Section Board thanks you for joining us for a spectacular display of talent from artists dedicated to educating and entertaining children of all ages. Our hope is that you will be both delighted and inspired, and also moved to invite these performers to your community. And that in some small way, we helped you make your planning a bit easier and your library's programming that much more amazing.

Today's event wouldn't have been possible without the encouragement and inspiration from the Bridges Library System. Additional gratitude for the leadership of our WLA Director Laura Sauser, DPI Public Library Consultant Jeni Schomber, WLA Board Liaison Linda Jerome, YSS Chair-Elect Cathy Pecinski, and the rest of the YSS Board.



Alison Loewen
2023 YSS Chair

This is just one event of many that YSS offers in support of library staff who serve children and families. Keep an eye out for our fabulous webinar series, engaging socials, and additional opportunities to get involved. Don't forget to follow the Youth Services Shout Out Blog for valuable information and programming ideas contributed by youth services staff like you!

I hope that you enjoy today's performances,

Alison Loewen
YSS Chair

PERFORMERS SHOWCASE APP



We have chosen Results at Hand and the Zoom platform for our showcase technology needs. Registered attendees will be able to download the Results at Hand app or access the app from their smartphone, tablet, or PC web browser.

After the conclusion of the Showcase, links to the recordings will be embedded in the Showcase agenda found on the app. The app will be available for 60 days after the event.



SHOWCASE SCHEDULE

9:00 – 9:10 AM	Welcome/Opening Comments	
9:10 – 9:30 AM	Mr. Pickles	The Mammoth Hunter
9:30 – 9:35 AM	Break	
9:35-9:55 AM	Getting Excited About Science	Cartooning is Fun with Paul Merklein
9:55 – 10:00 AM	Break	
10:00 – 10:20 AM	Dan Gogh's Magic and Art!	David Stokes – Frog Chorus
10:20 – 10:25 AM	Break	
10:25 – 10:45 AM	Music & Laughter for Kids/David Landau	Mischief & Magic
10:45 –10:50 AM	Break	
10:50 – 11:10 AM	Snake Discovery	Stuart Stotts – Singer & Storyteller
11:10 – 11:15 AM	Break	
11:15 – 11:35 AM	Historic Voices	The Juggler with the Yellow Shoes
11:35 – 11:40 AM	Break	
11:40 – Noon	Ajanta – Indian Dances & Cultural Stories	Wendy and DB
Noon – 12:30 PM	Break	
12:30 – 12:50 PM	Mark Hayward – Comedy Yo-Yo Guy	Fox & Branch
12:50 – 12:55 PM	Break	
12:55 – 1:15 PM	Randy Peterson	Kelvin Saline
1:15 – 1:20 PM	Break	
1:20 – 1:40 PM	Mad Science of Milwaukee	Dazzling Dave – National Yo-Yo Master
1:40 – 1:45 PM	Break	
1:45 – 2:05 PM	Duke Otherwise	Spoon Man
2:05 – 2:10 PM	Break	
2:10 – 2:30 PM	Rondini	Smarty Pants
2:30 – 2:35 PM	Break	
2:35 – 2:55 PM	Micah Sommersmith	Songs for All Seasons/David HB Drake
2:55 – 3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 – 3:20 PM	Open	Miller and Mike
3:20 – 3:25 PM	Break	
3:25 – 3:45 PM	Wrap-Up/Prize Drawings/Adjourn	

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AJANTA - INDIAN DANCES & CULTURAL STORIES

Hi, I am Ajanta, a bestselling author of Maya/Neel books and co-founder of Bollywood & Culture Groove. Our work revolves around our mission to help "Raise Multicultural Kids" and we do this by creating extremely fun and engaging cultural education workshops around Indian culture.

Our workshop includes:

- Stories from our Maya/Neel books (BollyGroove.com/books).
- Sharing vivid visuals and engaging facts about whichever festival or topic we pick.
- Incredibly fun movements that enact the information they learn.

By the end of the workshop, attendees will have tried a fun dance routine that enacts the celebration and will walk away with an understanding of the joy and meaning of the festival or topic. The content is completely non-religious.

Sample of a virtual workshop: <https://youtu.be/N3OFtXLP0xQ?si=KNw3CU1OYJjwSeqZ>

Sample of an in-person workshop: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSTOSyfF2uI>



Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): 0-5, School Age, Teens, Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 15 minutes

Performance length: 30-90 minutes

Performance needs on location: Mic if it's a large space. Music speakers. Projector is nice to have but not mandatory.

Space needs (live shows): None

Travel range: Nationwide. I can travel anywhere in the country and even Canada.

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: Zoom is preferred for the best sound quality.

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$300 to \$5,000

Fees include: Ranges from a short virtual workshop or whole-day of in-person workshops.

Excluded from fees: Travel and hotel costs.

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CARTOONING IS FUN!

Learn how to draw cartoons! Cartoonist Paul Merklein shows you how cartooning is fast, fun and easy!

Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): School Age, Teens, Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 15 minutes

Performance length: 40-60 minutes

Performance needs on location: One table and one chair.

Space needs (live shows): Large room for audience to sit on floor or at tables.

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: Zoom or Google Meet



PERFORMANCE FEES

\$350 minimum

Fees include: Everything

Excluded from fees: Hotel

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COMEDY YO-YO GUY

Mark's performance consists of an amusing combination of comedy and object manipulation. He uses props such as yo-yos, tops and juggling equipment, as well as nontraditional performing props like a mousetrap (and even a wombat trap!), in a fun and witty style for a show that can be enjoyed by anyone. His show has been a favorite at special events around the country.

Performance Category: Magic, Juggling, Illusion

Target Age Group(s): School Age, Teens, Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 30-45 minutes

Performance length: 40-60 minutes

Performance needs on location: I am fully self-contained but will use a table for yo-yo sales if you have one.

Space needs (live shows): A clear space that is ideally 16'w x 16'h x 10'd but I can easily work with less space, I just may have to modify or leave out some tricks or routines.

Travel range: I will go anywhere with an audience and a budget. Travel within about 100 miles of Madison WI is included in the price, but farther than that and I may have to add mileage to the fee.

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

Single: \$575: one show in a day (plus mileage if >100mi from Madison WI)

Double: \$475 each: two shows in a day (at two locations within driving distance of each other, yo-yo sales allowed, no mileage fee)

Triple: \$375 each: three shows in a day (at three locations within driving distance of each other, yo-yo sales allowed) OR more than one show at the same location with the same setup, no mileage fee.

Each year I have a few discounted slots for libraries with smaller budgets, so let's talk.

Fees include: One 45to 60-minute show, or a shorter show followed by a yo-yo workshop (space allowing)

Excluded from fees: Mileage for shows further than 100 miles from Madison WI

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DAN GOGH'S MAGIC AND ART

Artist-Magician Dan Gogh uses comedy, magic, and art to unlock the mystery of creativity. Dan will be your guide to wacky colors, magical drawings, and art tools that have a mind of their own. Prepare to be amazed, inspired, and laugh all the way as you join us on this one-of-a-kind journey!

Performance Category: Magic, Juggling, Illusion

Target Age Group(s): 0-5, School Age, Teens, Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 60 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: One table and access to electricity.

Space needs (live shows): 6' x 10'

Travel range: Statewide.

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: A Zoom account and someone to host.



PERFORMANCE FEES

\$650.00

Fees include: The show and bookmarks after the show.

Excluded from fees: Travel to all areas.

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DANIELLE LEE, HOOP ELATION

This instructional program will begin with a performance by Danielle. Then it's time to get hooping! Participants will learn beginner friendly hula hoop moves through the 10-Trick Game. Danielle will lead hoop based creative movement exploration exercises, partner/group activities, and games.

Performance Category: Health & Wellness, Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): School Age, Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 30 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: Danielle comes fully equipped with a completely mobile sound system. All you need to provide is enough space for everyone to hula hoop. Danielle will bring up to 90 hula hoops to share.

Space needs (live shows): Each participant needs a 10 by 10 foot space (100 square feet). Hoops tend to fly around, so choose a site where electronics, low hanging lights, valuables, and art is protected. Being outdoors or in a gym is highly recommended. Being in the shade is recommended for hot summer days.

Travel range: Usually about 2 hours from Madison is the max, but can be convinced to travel to another area for multiple shows and a mileage reimbursement.

Offer virtual or live: Live

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

In 2024, \$330 for one program or \$280 for two programs in a day (programs can be split between facilities in nearby towns or locations).

Fees include: Mileage

Excluded from fees: N/A

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DAVID STOKES - FROG CHORUS

Using live animals (where possible), sign language, humor and short songs, we will share Animal Adventures. Live frogs, turtles, snakes, mice and a couple of surprises will engage the audience.

Performance Category: Science, Nature, Animals, Environment

Target Age Group(s): 0-5, School Age



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 45 minutes

Performance length: 45-60 minutes

Performance needs on location: Open floor space, chairs in a horseshoe shape. One table.

Space needs (live shows): Open floor space, one table

Travel range: Statewide, Wisconsin; maybe regional Midwest

Offer virtual or live: Live

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$350

Fees include: Performance only

Excluded from fees: Mileage at \$.60/mile round trip from Hales Corners, WI

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DAZZLING DAVE - NATIONAL YO-YO MASTER

Dazzling Dave Schulte is a professional yo-yo performer and highly acclaimed champion who has circled the globe storming audiences everywhere with his freakish tornado of whirling tricks and tips, all designed to entertain, educate, and illuminate the beauty of the growing sport of professional yo-yo. Great fun, sprinkled with basic physics, his show is geared toward school-age children but it is fantastic fun for the whole family..

Performance Category: Magic, Juggling, Illusion, Science, Nature, Animals, Environment Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): School Age, Teens, Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 10-15 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: Open area for a "stage" with overhead space. The area does not have to be an actual stage, but enough safety space to throw a yo-yo and not hit the ceiling. (8' minimum, but more is better!) Can be outside if the weather permits, and there is comfortable seating options for the guests. My sound system does operate on batteries, but if electricity is available that is a plus. A small table, if possible.

Space needs (live shows): 10' x 10' stage area, and enough space for all the guests.

Travel range: I travel all over the Midwest using the IRS travel mileage rate. When I travel to Wisconsin, I try to link together several shows over the trip to be more efficient.

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: I have a virtual show recorded in 2020 that I can provide a link for a certain amount of days. Pricing depends on specific details.

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$330-\$550 depending on specifics

Single:

Double:

Triple:

Fees include: Entertainment/Educational performance

Excluded from fees: Travel fee or any yo-yos purchased

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DUKE OTHERWISE

With his guitar, tap shoes, and unique baritone, Duke Otherwise performs a highly-interactive show featuring his witty original songs and his outstanding musicianship. Duke's programs inspire creativity and thinking outside of the box, while bringing joy to children's faces. His exuberant performances engage all ages and are sure to get his audiences clapping, dancing, laughing and making spontaneous suggestions!

Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): 0-5, School Age, Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 30 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: Power. Two 6' rectangular tables, if possible.

Space needs (live shows): Can perform in very small spaces, if needed.

Travel range: National

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

Single: \$475

Double: \$425 for two (same day)

Triple: \$400 for three (same day)

Fees include: Travel within 60 miles of Madison, WI. (Travel fees waived for 2 or more bookings in one day.)

Excluded from fees: Travel beyond 60 miles of Madison, WI. (Travel fees waived for 2 or more bookings in one day.)

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FOX & BRANCH

For over two decades, Dave Fox and Will Branch have energized audiences in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., and Ireland. Their dynamic mix of old-time music, original songs, and family folk music has appealed to children and adults, giving everyone a chance to actively participate.

Fox and Branch recordings have won five Parent's Choice recommended awards. The duo has appeared at festivals such as the Winnipeg Folk Festival, The Philadelphia Folk Festival and The Westport Folk and Bluegrass Festival (Westport, Ireland). They have been featured at venues like The National Theater in Washington D.C., Symphony Space in New York City, Club Passim in Boston and The Overture Center in Madison, WI.



Whether it's at a theater, a school performance, a community event, or a library show, Fox and Branch entertain, educate, and actively engage people. Their aim is to create a communal atmosphere of fun and high spirits shared by all those present.

Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 30 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: Access to an electrical outlet.

Space needs (live shows): 12' x 12'

Travel range: Regional/Nationwide

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: No special considerations. We are flexible and have used many different platforms.

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$400 base fee for a single performance. Higher fees based on travel time/distance, multiple performances, etc.

Fees include: Mileage, all other costs

Excluded from fees: Fee is all-inclusive

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GETTING EXCITED ABOUT SCIENCE

Science show with lots of audience participation, humor, music and great experiments. Shows can be customized to meet reading themes, room sizes (small to stage), outdoors, levels of audience (K - adult) and topical events. Shows have been presented in 14 states. Member of The Science Alliance, National Teacher's Association and Society of American Magicians. Hands-on workshops available.

Performance Category: Science, Nature, Animals, Environment
Target Age Group(s): 0-- 5, School Age, Teens, Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 30 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: Flexible. Prefer access to electric

Space needs (live shows): Flexible

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: 30 min check in by host library to make sure the show links are good.

PERFORMANCE FEES

Single: \$400

Double: \$700/same day

Triple: \$850/same day

Block booking discounts available for multiple days of shows.

Fees include: Everything including travel if south of Stevens Point

Excluded from fees: Small travel fee if north of Stevens Point

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HISTORIC VOICES

Laura Keyes portrays various women from history, most notably Wisconsin native Laura Ingalls Wilder, and First Lady Mary Lincoln. Both of these presentations are well suited for family audiences, and each presentation is accompanied by Q&A by the performer afterwards, as well as a Suggested Reading List to keep the audience learning, even after the program.

Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): School Age, Teens, Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 30 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: Secure location to change into costume, water bottle, and a table for props.

Space needs (live shows): Negotiable

Travel range: I will travel anywhere in the state.

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: If your library does not have a Zoom/GoToMeeting account, I can host it on mine for an additional \$25.

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$250 virtual (live or pre-recorded). \$400 in-person

Fees include: Performance

Excluded from fees: Travel (I calculate using IRS rates)

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THE JUGGLER WITH THE YELLOW SHOES

Dan Kirk, The Juggler With The Yellow Shoes, brings big laughs, excitement, silliness, and fun in a program filled with juggling, silly tricks, BOOKS, audience participation and the use of volunteers.

Your patrons will really love this guy!

Performance Category: Magic, Juggling, Illusion

Target Age Group(s): 0-5, School Age, Teens, Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 45 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: A hard, flat, smooth level surface. (A carpeted floor is okay.)

Electricity to power my sound system.

Space needs (live shows): 8 foot X 10 foot minimum

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: Live or custom prerecorded virtual shows are possible.



PERFORMANCE FEES

\$400-\$800 depending on how many shows and travel

Fees include: Quoted fees will include all expenses.

Excluded from fees: Prices vary depending on travel and quantity of shows.

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MAD SCIENCE OF MILWAUKEE

Our stage shows and interactive fun stations will captivate all your guests on any occasion. Our children's events are hassle-free, adaptable, and action-packed! We'll have everyone 'ooohing' and 'ahhing' as they watch our over-the-top science demonstrations.

Mad Science of Milwaukee also offers Workshops (preschool and school age), birthday parties, camps, and more!

Performance Category: Health & Wellness; Magic, Juggling, Illusion; Science, Nature, Animals, Environment

Target Age Group(s): 0-5, School Age, Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 20-30 minutes

Performance length: 30-60 minutes

Performance needs on location: Table for science equipment, access to water and electricity (we bring water pitchers and extension cords). Room enough for kids to sit on floor in front of table. Kids who want to have fun!

Space needs (live shows): Enough space for table and audience

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Live

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

Starting at \$399

Fees include: Interactive, amazing science show!

Excluded from fees: Travel, additional programs, additional scientists.

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MAGIC MORGAN & LILIANA

Magic Morgan & Liliana combines the art of illusion and comedy to give their audiences a program of wholesome family entertainment

Performance Category: Magic, Juggling, Illusion

Target Age Group(s): 0-5, School Age, Teens, Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 20-30 minutes

Performance length: 45 - 60 minutes

Performance needs on location: N/A

Space needs (live shows): N/A

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$450

Fees include: Travel

Excluded from fees: Over 120 mileage will add fee

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MAGIC VILLAGE SHOW

Should this much fun be banned? "Magic Village" is a 45 minute stage show that includes baffling demonstrations of magic, comedy, escapes, the ventriloquist dummy who got "Fired From His Job", and tons of audience interaction.

Performance Category: Magic, Juggling, Illusion; Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 60 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: Access to electricity

Space needs (live shows): Very flexible: the end or corner of a room, performance area outside, stage - any space you have.

Travel range: Anywhere in Wisconsin

Offer virtual or live: Live

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

Single: \$500

Double: \$700 for two shows (same day, same location)

Triple: \$900 for three shows (same day, same location)

Discounts available for block booking multiple shows in multiple locations.

Fees include: Performance and mileage.

Excluded from fees: Lodging if overnight is deemed necessary.

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THE MAMMOTH HUNTERS

The Mammoth Hunters gives the audience a look at the lives of Ice Age hunter gatherers right here in Wisconsin. I use a museum quality display including giant Ice Age predator skulls, functional reproductions of actual artifacts, and a complete Stone Age hunter gatherer survival kit to take the audience on a hunt for a woolly mammoth across Ice Age Wisconsin. I discuss the archeology behind what we know, and demonstrate a variety of tools, and skills including spears, friction fire, and even a few ancient musical instruments.

Performance Category: Science, Nature, Animals, Environment

Target Age Group(s): School Age, Teens, Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 45 minutes

Performance length: 60 minutes (45 minutes plus 15 minutes Q & A time)

Performance needs on location: Two to three tables for the display, and an area of floor space for the demonstrations. The program includes a hands-on look at the display (with a few items being eyes only), so a library staff member to help with directing the line at the end of the program can be helpful. Weather permitting, program can be done inside, or outside.

Space needs (live shows): Minimum 8 foot by 12 foot of floor space, plus tabletops

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Live

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$250 for a program, or \$400 for multiple programs in a day at a single location. Up to three libraries can group together for a multi-location day at \$200 per library.

Fees include: Presentation, hands-on Q&A, photos for anyone who wants a picture.

Excluded from fees: Mileage (standard IRS rate at the time of booking)

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MICAH SOMMERSMITH

Micah Sommersmith provides an entertaining performance for elementary and pre-school aged children, with familiar sing-alongs, engaging original songs, and folk tales from around the world, all chosen with the year's Summer Reading Program theme in mind. With audience participation opportunities throughout, this program will get kids dancing, laughing, and singing along!

Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): 0-5, School Age



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 15 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: Space for accordionist with music stand and (if needed) mic and PA (provided by performer).

Space needs (live shows): Space for performer and children to dance

Travel range: <2 hours travel time from Fox Valley, WI

Offer virtual or live: Live

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$150 performance fee plus mileage fee from Fox Valley, WI

Fees include: 45-minute performance

Excluded from fees: N/A

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MILLER AND MIKE

Miller and Mike have been providing quality library programs since 2006. The Miller and Mike Comedy Juggling extravaganza is a high energy, crowd pleasing, patron drawing show that showcases circus skills, audience interactions and lots of good clean comedy. We are flexible, easy to work with and eager to please.

Performance Category: Magic, Juggling, Illusion

Target Age Group(s): Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 5-10 minutes

Performance length: 40-50 minutes

Performance needs on location: An open area where patrons can gather and enjoy the show. Otherwise, Miller and Mike provide everything needed to make the performance a success.

Space needs (live shows): We are flexible.

Travel range: Statewide.

Offer virtual or live: Live

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$300 - \$900

Fees include: Travel

Excluded from fees: N/A

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MILWAUKEE STEVE - THE MUSICAL JUGGLER

Milwaukee Steve combined 40 years of experience in Early Childhood Education with his love of music and talent for juggling to create an engaging performance that is full of wonder and laughs. Prepare to be amazed at the puppets, spinning plates, magical juggling scarves and singing ukulele!

Performance Category: Magic, Juggling, Illusion; Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): 0-5, School Age, Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 15 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: Table for juggling props

Space needs (live shows): 10' by 10' performance space

Travel range: I will travel within 150 miles of Milwaukee.

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: I will adapt the show to the audience.

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$225/ +\$50 travel fee for shows 25+ miles outside Milwaukee or Iowa Counties

Fees include: Fees include everything

Excluded from fees: N/A

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MISCHIEF & MAGIC

We are a crew of artists that specialize in offering full-service entertainment for events. Balloon Animals, Face Painting, Henna Tattoos, Magic Shows, Workshops, Mascots, and more!

Our comedy magic show and event services are a favorite among libraries. We can also coordinate multiple shows in your area on the same day.

Performance Category: Magic, Juggling, Illusion

Target Age Group(s): School Age



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 10 minutes

Performance length: 45-60 minutes

Performance needs on location: We are very flexible and provide everything that we need. All of our equipment is battery powered and we will bring everything we will need. The best thing is to ensure the audience is comfortable.

Space needs (live shows): I only need space for a 4-6 foot table.

Travel range: We will travel anywhere. For longer travels, we try to setup what we call a "tour" where we visit several libraries in an area on the same day to help share the travel costs between locations.

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: We have done our magic show as well as Santa performances virtually. It is not our preferred method of delivery but it can be done.

PERFORMANCE FEES

Fees vary from \$125+

Fees include: Hourly rates for artists = \$125/hour; Magic Shows = \$300; Travel costs vary

Excluded from fees: Everything is included in our fees, travel is the only variable cost but is determined at time of contract signing.

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MR. PICKLES

"Extremely professional, quality, age appropriate, gift for keeping children engaged. Fantastic. Excited, they love dancing & singing to his songs. As educators, we love that he has incorporated many different classroom themes & made learning fun. Terrific job, remarkable experience. 33 years in childcare, I've worked with many performers, but no one who can entertain all the different ages of children at one time like Mr. Pickles. I feel truly blessed to have found you, your humor, love for music, books and the children have been the best possible fit for our center."

Performance Category: Health & Wellness; Magic, Juggling, Illusion; Science, Nature, Animals, Environment; Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): 0-- 5, School Age Teens, Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 45 minutes

Performance length: 75 minutes

Performance needs on location: Electricity and a table

Space needs (live shows): 15-foot stage front to set props

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Live

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$350; can be flexible

Fees include: Set up

Excluded from fees: Travel time, which would have to be added to the total depending on how far.

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MUSIC AND LAUGHTER FOR KIDS

This is an upbeat musical program that will keep kids engaged and constantly thinking. The kids sing some, move some, act some, dance some, shout just a little bit, and laugh a bunch. The adults just sit back and enjoy the show.

Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): 0-- 5, School Age

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 30 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: An outlet and a bunch of kids.

Space needs (live shows): I need a place to stand and a dance floor in front of me.

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

Single: \$350

Double:

Triple:

Fees include: One 45-minute performance

Excluded from fees: Travel

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MUSIC AT THE BLISSFUL

I'm Evan from Music at the Blissful, an award-winning, nationally touring musician based in the Jamaica Plain area of Boston. Our events are characterized by crowd participation, a focus on movement, and a whole lot of fun for everyone involved. I believe you'll notice that I bring a wealth of goodness, kindness, joy, and happiness to children and their families.

In this year's Boston Parents Paper Awards, I was honored to be a top finalist for the best early childhood music classes and kids' birthday party entertainment. Music at the Blissful encompasses music, children's concerts, videos, baby music classes, toddler music classes, and classes for young children. Our offerings not only entertain young minds but also contribute to children's mental, physical, emotional, cognitive, and language development. Additionally, they foster a sense of community and kindness, both within families and between families.

The mission of Music at the Blissful is to create music and experiences that enable children and families to grow, learn, and become the best versions of themselves. I bring communities together to promote a deeper sense of belonging and to uplift everyone's mood, education, and connection.

The new album, "What's Next," is set to be released in February 2024, and the new book based on the song "The Truck Song" will be available in spring 2023.

Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): 0-- 5

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 20 minutes

Performance length: 45 - 50 minutes

Performance needs on location: I only need electricity. I can be outside, inside, upside down or right side up. Since I am a touring musician, I have a limited time of availability that I can be in Wisconsin. Presently, I am booking July 1st thru July 13th as potential available dates for shows.

Space needs (live shows): I will play anywhere you need.

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: N/A

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"Music at the Blissful is a fun and entertaining music performance that children of all ages will adore! Evan does an amazing job engaging audience members in the songs and dances, getting them singing along or up on their feet moving and grooving; even the adults get into it and have a great time. We've hosted Music at the Blissful twice so far and look forward to working with Evan many more times in the future." -Librarian Meredith of Dedham, MA

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$430 for a single performance; \$375 per library when block booking for the same day; \$900 for a full day of baby classes toddler classes and concerts for your library

Fees include: Performance

Excluded from fees: N/A

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RANDY PETERSON

A musical performance that is interactive from beginning to end. A sing-along, clap along concert that will inspire children to sing, dance, laugh, and most of all...read!

Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): 0-- 5, School Age, Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 30 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: One regular electric outlet. I am quite flexible with spaces to perform. I am also okay with outdoors.

Space needs (live shows): A 5X10' space at minimum is nice, but I am very flexible.

Travel range: Statewide. I do also occasionally travel beyond.

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$325 for a 45-minute show; \$500 for two shows at one location. For multiple shows in one day at different libraries I would charge \$300 for each library. (The only exception is if the libraries are very far apart.)

Fees include: Mileage, all travel costs

Excluded from fees: My fee totally covers the cost of having me perform.

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RONDINI

Professional, award winning entertainment including magic and family fun shows, weird science comedy shows and bombastic bubble shows.

Self-contained and performing since 1977.

Performance Category: Magic, Juggling, Illusion

Target Age Group(s): School Age

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 45 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: 3 chairs, power source, two tables

Space needs (live shows): 20x20 less space if needed

Travel range: This universe only.

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$450 plus travel. Group booking rates available.

Fees include: All

Excluded from fees: N/A

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SMARTY PANTS - THE BIG BALLOON SHOW

The Big Balloon Show is a theatrical style stage show featuring magic, all ages comedy and Smarty's award-winning giant balloon props. Smarty Pants offers four different themed editions of the Big Balloon Show (a new one every summer!) - all shows are geared towards getting kids excited about visiting the library and becoming regular, enthusiastic readers! A library favorite since 2006!

Performance Category: Magic, Juggling, Illusion

Target Age Group(s): School Age

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 60 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: I bring all equipment needed and can work with whatever space is available.

Space needs (live shows): I can work with whatever space is available.

Travel range: I generally travel to most of Wisconsin, depending on current schedule & availability.

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: I am very experienced presenting shows via ZOOM and no special considerations are required for me to present the Big Balloon Show in this format.

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$599 for the show. Travel fee may apply depending on location.

Fees include: Big Balloon Show runs 45 minutes and suitable for all ages.

Excluded from fees: Travel fee may apply depending on location,

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SNAKE DISCOVERY - SNAKE, RATTLE, AND ROLL

Slither into the world of reptiles to meet the species that call Minnesota and Wisconsin home! You'll get to watch a salamander eat, debunk turtle myths, touch snakes, and more during this engaging 45-minute program!

Time is reserved after the presentation to touch and hold the reptiles for a truly hands-on experience.

Performance Category: Science, Nature, Animals, Environment

Target Age Group(s): 0-5; School Age; Teens; Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 20-30 minutes

Performance length: 45 or 75 minutes

Performance needs on location: We need a 6-8' table to put our pictures/props on. A hands-free (lapel) mic and sound system would be helpful as well, but we bring a traveling mic if no sound system is available. For animal safety, outdoor programs can be conducted only if the temperature is between 60-85°F. For outdoor programs, please arrange an indoor backup location in case the weather does not cooperate.

Space needs (live shows): Space for the performer to present (a few feet around the table) and room for a large audience! For animal safety, outdoor programs can be conducted only if the temperature is between 60-85°F. If the presentation will take place at an event (fair, festival, etc.), please locate us away from any loud music.

Travel range: Minnesota and Wisconsin. We can coordinate long-distance trips if multiple programs are booked by libraries/parks/etc. to be on the same day, or the day before/after! We are happy split the travel fees amongst all groups involved if we coordinate at least 3-4 programs to make a trip out of it!

Offer virtual or live: Live

Special virtual considerations: N/A

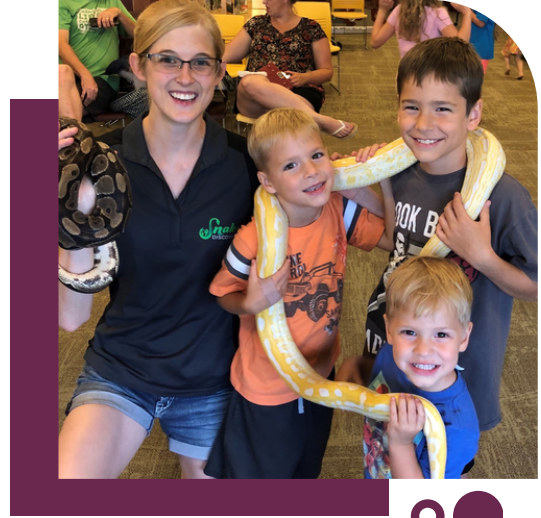
PERFORMANCE FEES

\$250 (30-minute) or \$325 (45-minute)

Fees include: 30-minute program plus 10-15 minutes of "handling time" or 45-minute program plus 20-30 minutes of "handling time"

Excluded from fees: Mileage and overnight fees (if applicable)

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SONGS FOR ALL SEASONS

David HB Drake has performed folk music throughout Wisconsin for over 40 years playing guitar, banjo, concertina, dulcimer and Native flute. His music programs range overall ages, presenting PowerPoint sing-along programs of Wisconsin, Folk Music, Children's Books and Great Lakes history, special programs for Christmas, Valentines, St. Patrick's, 4th of July, and Thanksgiving days, and general seasonal programs. All of his programs, including Summer Reading Programs from past years, can be previewed on YouTube by searching "David HB Drake" and clicking on "Playlists."

Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): School Age, Teens, Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 20 minutes

Performance length: 60 minutes

Performance needs on location: One electrical outlet. Movie screen for PowerPoint programs (I also carry one)

Space needs (live shows): 5 feet deep x 8 feet wide

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: Not really, although many of my programs can simply be experienced anytime online via YouTube- it's just that it's recorded as opposed to "live". I have a TV studio in my home where I do livestream programs, which makes it possible to perform virtually anywhere in the world.

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$250 + additional transportation costs over 100 miles from Milwaukee

Fees include: Everything

Excluded from fees: N/A

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SPOON MAN

A musical interactive family comedian who plays the spoons communication the importance of reading. BYOS (Bring Your Own Spoons Workshop) for tweens, teens and adults. Come join the growing list of the SPOONED!

Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 30 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: 6-foot or 8-foot table

Space needs (live shows): 12 x 12

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$300 per program with multiple shows on the same day

Fees include: Mileage

Excluded from fees: Accommodations may be needed depending on my routing

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STUART STOTTS - SINGER & STORYTELLER

Stuart Stotts is a singer, storyteller, and author who has performed in many Wisconsin libraries for over 30 years. Stuart's programs feature lots of interaction, plenty of humor and movement, and always a plug for reading and libraries. Stuart is also the author of many books, including "Books in a Box: Lutie Stearns and the Traveling Libraries of Wisconsin."

Performance Category: Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): 0-5, School Age, Families (all ages)

PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 15 minutes

Performance length: 45 minutes

Performance needs on location: I have a sound system when needed, although it's not suitable for large outdoor shows. Otherwise, I need a table and power if needed.

Space needs (live shows): 25 square feet

Travel range: Statewide

Offer virtual or live: Live

Special virtual considerations: N/A

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$350. Discounts for multiple bookings.

Fees include: Performance

Excluded from fees: Travel

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TRAVELING LANTERN THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS: THE QUEST FOR THE KAKAPO!

The Quest for the Kakapo! Another exciting Caterpillar Hunter expedition. Crikey! Join the Caterpillar Hunter on another exciting adventure as he travels around the world to rescue a rare, endangered parrot known as the Kakapo, from New Zealand. His globe-trotting quest teaches him (and the audience) about the many efforts underway to preserve precious habitats and protect the endangered species that live in them.

Performance Category: Science, Nature, Animals, Environment, Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): Families (all ages)



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 30 minutes

Performance length: 50 minutes with Q & A

Performance needs on location: Access to electricity (we bring the cord) and two chairs. Long table if possible. If working outdoors, call us for possible additional needs.

Space needs (live shows): Approx. 12 x 12 feet minimum, but we have some flexibility. Call us if your space is particularly small.

Travel range: We go everywhere!

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: We have 8 shows available virtually, but the upcoming summer show (Kakapo) is not going to be one of them. Please visit our website for more information: www.travelinglantern.com

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$495 per show

Fees include: Everything

Excluded from fees: N/A

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WENDY AND DB

Grammy-nominated and award-winning children's musicians Wendy and DB Duo share their love of blues and the stories that involves nature, animals, space, science with their high energy, educational and original children's music. Come explore with this interactive and creative team as we make new music and find new ways to learn while having fun!

Puppets, creative surprises and engaging activities are always in store for you at a Wendy and DB concert. Fun for the whole family!

Performance Category: Science, Nature, Animals, Environment; Cultural (Storytelling, Dance, Music, Puppetry, etc.)

Target Age Group(s): 0-5, School Age



PERFORMANCE DETAILS FOR BOOKING

Set up time: 30-45 minutes

Performance length: 35-45 minutes

Performance needs on location: Electricity, shade, 6 foot table and 4 chairs - cover if outside in case of rain.

Space needs (live shows): Minimal

Travel range: Price will be calculated at 65.5 cents per mile and travel time over 60 minutes will be factored into the travel cost and travel will be in addition to the base cost of the concert.

Offer virtual or live: Both

Special virtual considerations: Zoom or other services are acceptable and we have all we need to present virtually.

PERFORMANCE FEES

\$550 - \$700

Fees include: Sound, performance, props, equipment, and travel up to 75 mi

Excluded from fees: All travel over 75 miles

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024 3 - 4 PM

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Exploring early math and its implications for emergent literacy in young child programming

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Library Legislative Day

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Best Western Premier Park Hotel, Madison

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