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We are delighted to share our fourth annual imPACT Education Series with you. Our educational series offers high quality programming in Dance, Music and Theatre that will actively engage your students' curiosity and interests, inspire and educate while providing them with a sense of well-being and belonging. Each performance is accompanied by Teacher's Study Guide resources that links to the Ontario Curriculum and across a range of subject areas. Ask about our students' workshop series, talk back session with artists, open sound checks and our eyeGO to the Arts special student tickets.

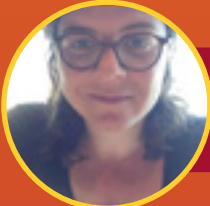
We invite you to make the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre your classroom this year. We look forward to hosting you.

Your seat awaits you!



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“ Thank you for having us.
It was the best day of my life,
really enjoyed the show, it was
so creative, awesome!”

- Grade 4/5 Student,
Ferndale Public School





Mermaid Theatre

The Rainbow Fish

Thu 22 Nov @ 10am + 12:30pm | Partridge Hall | Grades PreK-2

The Rainbow Fish will enchant even the youngest child with his silver scales and heart of gold in a new adaptation of Marcus Pfizer's award-winning books about the beautiful fish who learned to share his most prized possession. Mermaid's striking puppetry production includes two delightful companion stories,

Rainbow Fish Discovers the Deep Sea and Opposites.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

- LANGUAGE ARTS, MUSIC, SCIENCE, THEATRE, ART
- EARLY LITERACY AND DRAMATIC PLAY
- RE-ENACTMENT OF A STORY FROM LITERATURE
- FIRST EXPERIENCE IN DRAMA AND MUSIC

Lightwire Theatre

A Very Electric Christmas

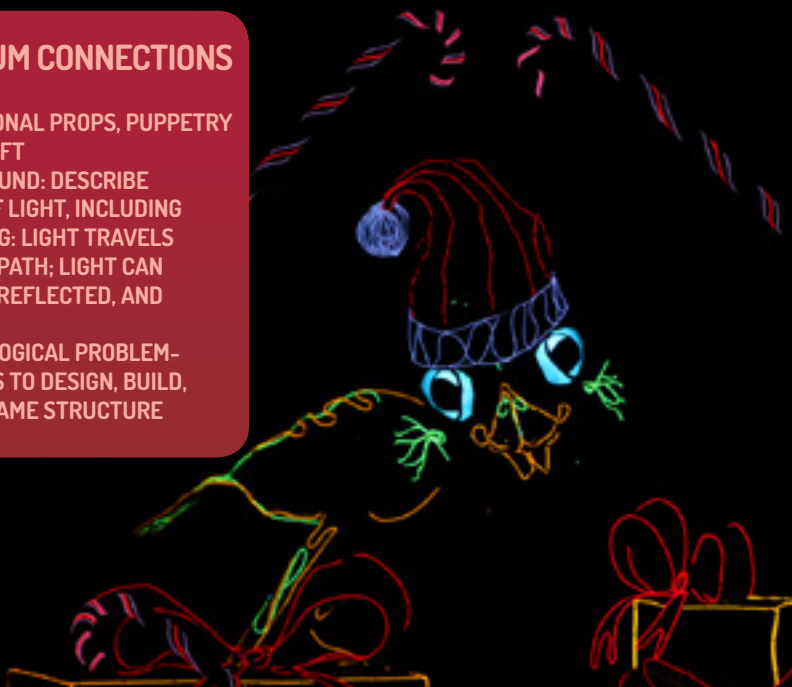
Fri 7 Dec @ 12:30pm | Partridge Hall | Grades 1-6

When a young bird gets separated from his parents while flying south for the winter, his holiday adventure begins! The adventure begins when he attempts to be reunited with his parents and make it home to in time to celebrate Christmas.

The winners of America's Got Talent and producers of *Dino-Light* and *Moon Mouse* return with another eye-popping electroluminescent spectacle.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

- UNCONVENTIONAL PROPS, PUPPETRY AND STAGECRAFT
- LIGHT AND SOUND: DESCRIBE PROPERTIES OF LIGHT, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING: LIGHT TRAVELS IN A STRAIGHT PATH; LIGHT CAN BE ABSORBED, REFLECTED, AND REFRACTED
- USE TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS TO DESIGN, BUILD, AND TEST A FRAME STRUCTURE



Canada's Ballet Jörgen The Nutcracker

A CANADIAN TRADITION

Wed 19 Dec @ 12:15pm | Partridge Hall | Grades 4-8

Holiday magic, year after year! *The Nutcracker, A Canadian Tradition* brings the magic of Canada to life. Audiences are taken on Klara's journey as she arrives in Canada and experiences winter landscapes filled with snowflakes, lumberjacks, Mounties, and creatures of the woods. Created by acclaimed choreographer and Artistic Director Bengt Jörgen to Tchaikovsky's well-loved score, this delightful classic is a favourite that brings magic to the holidays.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

- DANCE AS A MEAN OF STORYTELLING
IMAGINATION, RHYTHM AND MOVEMENT
- CANADIAN ART AND HISTORY
- CLASSICAL MUSIC
- MULTICULTURALISM
- CANADIAN GEOGRAPHY



Niagara Symphony Orchestra

GAME ON!

The Hockey Sweater by Abigail Richardson-Schulte
& Casey at the Bat by Steve Reineke

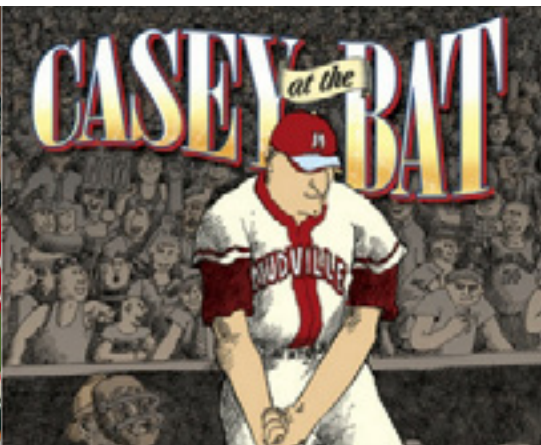
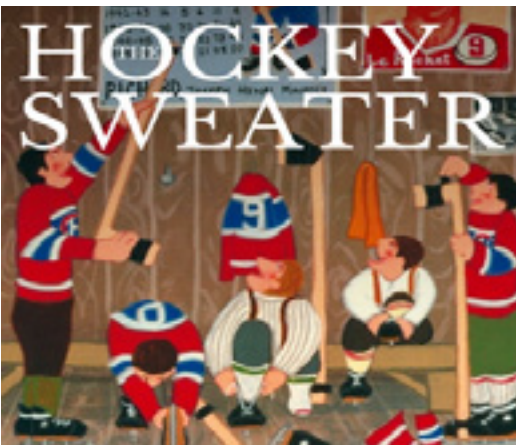
Mon 4 Feb @ 10:30am | Partridge Hall | Grades PreK-6

Companionship, rivalry, tradition – and most of all, fun! Iconic Canadian classic *The Hockey Sweater* by Roch Carrier has been on everyone's "read it again, Daddy" list since its publication in 1979. Canadian composer Abigail Richardson-Schulte has set this compelling story to music, combining the power of the spoken word with evocative orchestral performance. In *Casey at the Bat*, a classic poem set to contemporary music explores the universal themes of high expectations

and the fall of a mighty titan – every child has been there. Canadian kids love to play; they will respond instantly to these tales of fellowship, hard choices, and overcoming adversity, told with all the majesty of a full symphony orchestra.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

- POETRY AND STORY-TELLING
- ANTI-BULLYING;
- COMMUNICATIONS
- HISTORICAL CONTEXT
- MEDIA AND MYTH-MAKING
- PERSEVERANCE.



Things My Fore-Sisters Saw

BY LESLIE MCCURDY

Fri 8 Feb @ 10am + 12:15pm | Cairns Recital Hall | Grades 5-8

In this one-woman play, you will meet four women of African Descent who affected change in Canada: Marie-Joseph Angelique, a slave who was said to have burned down "half" of Montreal from whom we have the first slave narrative in North America; Rose Fortune, the first "policewoman" in North America who helped "freedom seekers" settle in Annapolis Royal Nova Scotia; Mary-Ann Shadd, the first North American woman to publish and edit a newspaper, amongst other things; and

Viola Desmond who refused to give up a seat to segregation well before the celebrated Rosa Parks and who was recently named as the new face of the Canadian \$10 bill. Experience how each of these women affected change in the Canada of their time and ours.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

- CONTRIBUTION OF BLACK WOMEN TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CANADA
- CELEBRATING LEADING FIGURES IN CANADIAN BLACK HISTORY
- CREATING A PLAY FROM HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS
- USING VOICE AND BODY LANGUAGE TO PORTRAY DIFFERENT CHARACTERS





Theatreworks USA

Pete the Cat

Tue 19 Feb @ 10am | Partridge Hall | Grades PreK-3

When Pete the Cat gets caught rocking out after bedtime, he's sent to live with the Biddle family to learn his manners - and boy are they square! But for the groovy blue cat, life is an adventure no matter where you wind up, so the minute Pete walks in the door, he gets the whole family rocking. The whole family, that is, except for young Jimmy Biddle, the most organized second grader on planet earth. As the end of class approaches, Jimmy has a lot of tests, and the last thing he needs is some groovy cat in his life, turning everything upside

down. But when Jimmy draws a blank in art class during the last week of school, it turns out Pete is the perfect friend to help him out. Together, they set out on a mission to help Jimmy conquer second grade art, and along the way, they both learn a little something new about inspiration.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

- COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE ARTS, LITERATURE-BASED, MUSIC, RELATIONSHIPS & FAMILY.
- FIRST EXPERIENCE IN DRAMA AND MUSIC
- ELEMENTS OF CHARACTER IN DRAMA
- EARLY LITERACY, RE-ENACTMENT OF A STORY FROM LITERATURE



Essential Collective Theatre

The Team

BY MICHAEL KRAS

Fri 22 Mar @ 12:15pm | Robertson Theatre | Grades 7-8

Bobbie just returned to school after dealing with the suicide of her brother; a former basketball superstar whose life was turned upside down when he was outed as gay. To process her grief, she joins the senior girls' basketball team as they prepare for a live-or-die championship battle. The crushing weight of expectation, grief, fear, and

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

- DRAMA TO INCREASE SOCIAL AWARENESS (HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION)
- DRAMA TO COMMUNICATE A POSITIVE MESSAGE (EQUITY & INCLUSIVE EDUCATION)
- DRAMA TO PROMOTE SELF-AWARENESS & PERSONAL GROWTH

identity looms as each player navigates their uncertain futures.

Shaun Boothe

THE UNAUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHY SERIES

Tue 9 Apr @ 10AM + 12:30PM
Partridge Hall | Grades 4-8

In this inspiring multimedia performance and motivational journey, Shaun Boothe discusses strength, character, media and issues of identity and diversity.

Through biographical rap songs that capture the achievements of influential figures such as Terry Fox, Malala Yousafzai, and Chris Hadfield, Neil Armstrong, Shaun repackages history in a way that connects with students and reinforces the importance of living a meaningful life.

“**The imagery and descriptions illustrated by Mr. Boothe's lyrical ability not only captures the attention of the audience, but stirs the creativity in the minds of students.**”



CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

- MODELS OF LEADERSHIP AND RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY
- HIP-HOP AS A MEAN TO INSPIRE YOUTH TO FIND AND FOLLOW THEIR OWN PATHS TO SUCCESS



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