

SCHOOL & GROUP SALES

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MAY 30 – JUNE 2, 2024 St. Albert, AB





FESTIVAL WELCOME



For more than 40 years, the International Children's Festival of the Arts has transported kids to another world and provided them with countless awe-inspiring and mindgrowing experiences. For decades, the festival has nurtured, inspired and ignited creative expression for hundreds of thousands of young, global citizens, and worked diligently to promote a higher degree of cultural understanding. At the festival, children will tap into the power of imaginative thinking as they sing and dance to world music, interact with roving artists, listen to stories of others' experiences and faraway places and create their own masterpieces with the help of a multitude of hands-on activities.

In 2024, the festival will once again bring opportunities to laugh and learn while creating lasting memories that draw families, friends and communities together.

A HUGE thank you for the support and overwhelming generosity of our partners, sponsors and volunteers. We invite you to share in this inspirational explosion of colour, joy and creative expression like no other because as Rachel Houston said, "When you reduce life to black and white, you'll never see rainbows."

Andrea Gammon, Festival Coordinator

Land Acknowledgment

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis peoples. As treaty People, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, we share the responsibility for stewardship of this beautiful land.

SCHOOL & GROUP TICKETS



Discount Student/Group Pricing for Thursday, May 30 & Friday, May 31

Prices:

- Feature performances \$7.50 \$13.69
- Paid activities from \$6.02 \$7.50

Adult Helpers:

- Tickets are required for **feature performances**
- Free entrance to paid activities

Note:

- Pricing includes GST and service charges
- A group is considered 10 or more people
- A group booking fee of \$10 will be added to each order. Maximum 100 tickets per order.
- Enter presale access code SCHOOLICF24 to receive discounted group pricing



Ages 0 - 4 years

One-day pass for groups of 10 or more

Child \$7.50 each Adult & infants (0 – 12 months) free

Tickets available at CHILDFEST.COM Tickets go on sale WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

NEED HELP?

Contact our School Liaison at 587-920-9851 or childrensfestival@stalbert.ca

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

SITE HOURS FOR SCHOOLS & GROUPS*

Thursday & Friday 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

*Additional details about public hours will be available at **childfest.com**

SCHOOL BUS DROP-OFF & PICK-UP ZONES

New this year! School buses may drop-off and pick-up passengers at the:

St. Anne Promenade

1St. Anne Street

FREE PARK & RIDE

A free shuttle departs every 15 minutes from the St. Albert Centre Bus Exchange (located beside St. Albert Centre Mall) to and from the festival site. Parking is available in designated transit stalls only.

Thursday & Friday

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

FEATURE PERFORMANCE VENUES

The Arden Theatre

5 St. Anne Street

- Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical JV by St. Albert Children's Theatre
- Koo Koo

St. Albert Curling Club Stage

3 Taché Street

- · Grimmz Fairy Tales
- · Dino-Light by Lightwire Theatre

Forsyth Hall (St. Albert Public Library)

5 St. Anne Street

- Tricoter
- The Libravian

St. Albert Community Hall

17 Perron Street

• The Bighetty & Bighetty Puppet Show

LOST KIDS & INFORMATION

Two lost kids and information tents are located on the festival site in the following areas:

- · St. Albert Place Front Plaza
- · Lion's Park

In the event a child becomes lost, they will be escorted to one of the above locations.

During festival week, all lost property will be stored in these two tents. After June 2, belongings can be claimed through St. Albert Place Security. Please contact Community Services at 780-459-1600 for assistance.



FESTIVAL INCLUSION

Feature performances include sensory considerations. Please consider these as general guidelines as we recognize that parents and teachers are the best judges of what is most appropriate for their children and students.

The festival is committed to providing equal access to all participants. Supports such as calming areas, social stories and inclusion kits (equipped with noise and light dampening devices) are available for use during your visit. Please contact us for specific inquiries regarding sensory accommodations.

FESTIVAL MAP

A festival site map will be available in early April at **childfest.com**. Additional information will be provided with your tickets.

AGE GUIDELINES & CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Feature performances and activities are rated by age, based on artist recommendations, and include Alberta Education K-6 curriculum connections. Please consider these categories as general guidelines.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY

The festival's feature performance and activities venues are all wheelchair accessible. Please contact our box office to request and confirm wheelchair seating. Wheelchair attendants will receive a complimentary ticket.

Note:

Wheelchair seating is limited.

QUESTIONS?

Contact The Arden Theatre Box Office at 780-459-1542 or childrensfestival@stalbert.ca

St. Albert Children's Theatre Presents **POLKADOTS**: THE COOL KIDS MUSICAL JV (JR. VERSION)





The Arden Theatre 5 St. Anne Street

*All ages • 60 minutes • \$13.69

MUSICAL THEATRE

This show follows 8-year-old Lily Polkadot who just moved to the "squares only" small town of Rockaway.

As the first Polkadot in an all square school, Lily faces an almost impossible task of gaining acceptance from her peers. From daily bullying to segregated drinking fountains, Lily's quest seems hopeless until she meets Sky, a shy square boy whose curiosity for her unique polkadot skin blooms into an unexpected pal-ship. Inspired by the events of The Little Rock 9, Polkadots serves as a history lesson for children, reminding them that our individual differences make us awesome. not outcasts. Learn more at: sact.ca

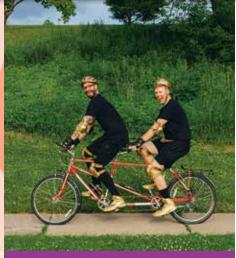
CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

History, civil rights, conflict resolution and bullying.

*AGE/SENSORY CONSIDERATIONS:

Lively singing and dancing, and low venue lights with stage lighting changes. Length may be a factor for younger audiences.

KOOKOO



The Arden Theatre 5 St. Anne Street

*All ages • 40 minutes • \$13.69

MUSIC

Back by popular demand, Koo Koo is a dance party for the senses. For the last 15 years, lifelong friends and collaborators Bryan and Neil have toured the globe delighting fans with their high-energy music, infectious positivity, and interactive live show. Their comedic dance party songs are the backbone of a highly successful YouTube channel. Parents, teachers and kids love partying with Koo Koo! With an emphasis on crowd participation and building a raucous, hyper-active atmosphere, a Koo Koo show is a must see to believe.

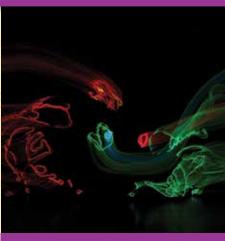
CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Musical appreciation/expression, melody, rhythm, storytelling, communication, dance/movement, creative expression, exploring ideas/emotions and attentive viewing/listening.

*AGE/SENSORY CONSIDERATIONS:

Loud music, audience participation, and low venue and bright/flashing lights. Content appropriate to all ages but noise volume and boisterous participation may be too much for younger children.

Lightwire Theatre Presents DINO-LIGHT



St. Albert Curling Club Stage 3 Taché Street

*Ages 5+ • 55 minutes • \$13.69

PUPPETRY/DANCE

A famous scientist with magic powers brings a friendly dinosaur to life in this award-winning original piece by Lightwire

Theatre. When the dinosaur wanders away from home, he discovers a wonderful world full of creatures that light up the darkness and help him find the true meaning of love. This glow-in-the-dark adventure is visually amazing and has been praised for its cutting-edge blend of puppetry, technology and dance by audiences all over the world. Dino-Light was the recipient of the prestigious Jim Henson Foundation Grant and the first featurelength theatrical production created and performed by Lightwire Theatre.

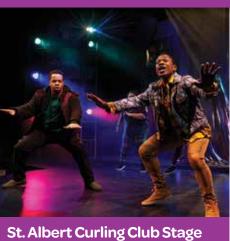
CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Dance/movement, creative expression, science/ technology, puppetry and visual art/storytelling.

*AGE/SENSORY CONSIDERATIONS:

Dark theatre, lighting effects, and some suspenseful action/music may frighten younger audiences.

Experiential Theater Company Presents GRIMMZ FAIRY TALES



3 Taché Street

*Ages 7+ • 45 minutes • \$ 13.69

MUSIC/DANCE/THEATRE

Jay and Will Grimmz, the fable dance-pop sensations, are known not just for their hip-hop sounds, but for the stories their music tells through off-the-chart theatrical performances. The brothers put a modern spin on the Brothers Grimm stories through songs like Snow White and the Seven Shawties, Down with Rapunzel, and Break, Cinderella, Break!

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Musical appreciation/expression, acting, movement, storytelling, creative expression, communication and attentive viewing/listening.

*AGE/SENSORY CONSIDERATIONS:

Musical theatre-style singing and dancing with live music, and low venue lights with stage lighting changes. Content related to technology and social media may be less relatable to younger audiences.

BRÚ THEATRE PRESENTS THE LIBRAVIAN



Forsyth Hall (St. Albert Public Library) 5 St. Anne Street

* Ages 8+ • 40 minutes • \$13.69

THEATRE

The Libravian (pronounced *li-brave-ian*) is all about being brave. Audiences are invited on a journey through literature led by Lynn, a lovable libravian. Lynn chats with audiences and lip syncs to original audiobook soundscapes that immerse viewers in the world of each book, all written by Irish authors around the theme of bravery. This unique performance, with playful costume and intricate sound design, delights young audiences, families and schools with a celebration of literature, physical theatre, and diverse stories

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Courage, bravery, diversity, inclusion, identity, literacy appreciation, storytelling and self-discovery.

*AGE/SENSORY CONSIDERATIONS:

Active listening, audience interaction, and boisterous performances. Relaxed pacing and thoughtful discussion of literature may not sustain the attention of younger audiences.

Foolish Operations Presents TRICOTER



Forsyth Hall (St. Albert Public Library) 5 St. Anne Street

Ages 0-4 • 35 minutes • \$7.50

DANCE/MUSIC/POETRY

Tricoter (which means "knitting" in French) re-creates the spirit of a knitting circle. In this show created for babies and toddlers, a dancer winds and unwinds through and around the audience as a violinist performs wonderful music. As the dancer moves, the yarn gets tangled in a large knot of bright colours, capturing the imagination and curiosity of the show's young audience. The performance is followed by

SENSORY CONSIDERATIONS:

a "stay and play" activity.

Audience participation and performers up close.

THE BIGHETTY & BIGHETTY PUPPET SHOW



*Ages 8+ • 45 minutes • \$ 13.69

17 Perron Street

PUPPETRY

Puppeteers, the Bighetty brothers, share Indigenous humour* and Cree culture with audiences in their home community of Pukatawagan, MB and around the world. Their Cree-speaking puppet personas engage children in learning the language through spontaneous audience interactions and improvisational antics. No two shows are alike! Expect karaoke sing-alongs and lots of laughter.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS:

Indigenous world views, language, creative expression, puppetry, cultures and traditions.

*AGE/SENSORY CONSIDERATIONS:

Loud music, one-on-one audience interactions and performers up close. Content may include slightly off-colour humour: *"Our humour is crass. It's straightforward, which is how Aboriginal humour is... [We've] never really had anyone offended by our humour." – Ken Bighetty

FESTIVAL FUN AFTER HOURS





Join our **grown-ups only** after hours Festival party to eat, drink, be merry and enjoy some incredible Festival performers in a whole new light!

Featuring gut splitting performances from Ingrid Hansen of Snafu Dance and Washboard Hank's nighttime sing-a long grown up style.

June 1 | 8 p.m. | The Thirsty Rooster, 388 St Albert Trail, St. Albert

Tickets \$20 | Availabe for purchase at The Arden Theatre Box Office or at the door.

Drink specials and happy hour pricing.

PAID ACTIVITIES PAID ACTIVITIES

EXPLORING ART- TEXTILE PLANTS!



All ages • 45 minutes • \$6.02

Come experience an interactive art tour in our fun and welcoming public art gallery in the heart of downtown St. Albert. We'll learn all about the art in our main exhibition *In Violet Light* by looking and asking questions. Our fiber art project allows for exploration of creative ideas using a variety of materials. Each participant will get to take their unique textile plant masterpiece home with them!

ANIMALS ON THE WILD SIDE



Photo credit: Dave Conlin

All ages • 45 minutes • \$6.02

Join us at the Musée Héritage Museum to view Animals on the *Wild Side* and create a fun craft to remind you of your visit! This photo exhibition by Dave Conlin features animals that live in Canada's pacific, prairie and polar geological zones including bears, wolves, deer, moose and more.

PRESENTED BY MAX QUILLIAM PRINTMAKING: A GREAT IMPRESSION



All ages • 45 minutes • \$6.02

We see examples of printmaking everywhere. It's used to make signs, books, stickers, clothing, packaging and even money. It's a process that's been used by artists for thousands of years. It's basically been around since the invention of paper! In this workshop, children will work with printmaking artists to design, ink and print an image to create their own original silkscreen print. Come explore this process with us and play with ways to create an image using techniques you may have never considered.

Presented by Maryann Borch CATTAILS: FUN, FOOD AND FASCINATING



All ages • 45 minutes • \$6.02

Come weave a duck from a cattail leaf while we learn about their habitat, gifts, uses and history. You'll learn how to find, collect, protect, store and create works of art from these amazing plants. Your hands will be inspired, your mind will be percolating, and your newfound skill will reflect your care and appreciation of the natural world around you.

PRESENTED BY INGRID HANSEN HOW TO PUPPETEER ANYTHING



Ages 6+ • 30 minutes • \$6.02

Master puppeteer Ingrid Hansen presents this mini performance and hands on puppetry play workshop. Participants will animate their own devised puppet creatures created simply from a tickle trunk of scarves. Together they'll bring to life their unique creations, be it a two-headed singing slug unicorn, an amiable puppy cat or a whatsit thing beast. Throughout this joyful process, there'll be an emphasis on courage, teamwork and trusting your creative instincts!

PRESENTED BY AMANDA PANDA LET'S HULA HOOP



All ages • 30 minutes • \$6.02

Join Amanda Panda from the Hula Hoop Circus for a fun and engaging hula hoop workshop. Amanda uses a growth mindset approach to teach amazing and attainable hoop tricks for all ages, so each child will leave feeling confident and accomplished. With a focus on play, not perfection, attendees will learn techniques to improve their physical literacy, creativity, coordination, spatial awareness and more! PRESENTED BY AMBER BOROTSIK AND JESSE GERVAIS

STORY SEEKERS AND THE DICTIONARY OF DESTINY



Ages 3 to 9 • 40 minutes • \$6.02

In this live-action storytelling adventure involving playful audience participation, kids will meet Story Seekers Jupiter Jump Up and Abernathy Holding-Handle, who are on the hunt for stories. In this "choose your own adventure" type story the participants' suggestions, gathered from some creative prompts, shape the path of the story. It's sure to evolve into an all out-dance number and full tilt show!

PRESENTED BY EARL ELLIS BOOM, SHAKE, ZINGLE,



Ages 6+ • 30 minutes • \$6.02

This workshop will introduce children to the four groups of percussion Instruments: metal, skin, wood and tin (plus the steel drum). Participants will discover the importance of their role in music and the variety of sound and tone through hands-on experience creating their own rhythms. There'll be a focus on tempo, dynamics, sound and, of course, fun!

PAID ACTIVITIES

PRESENTATION: LYNE GOSSELIN ET CIRQUETASTIC

CIRQUETASTIC -MANIPULATION JONGLERIE



Ages 7 - 12 • 30 minutes • \$6.02

Venez prendre du plaisir avec nous! Venez jongler, faire tourner une assiette chinoise et lancer un bâton fleur! Les élèves auront la chance de se dégourdir et d'apprendre quelques habiletés circassiennes de base tout en développant la coordination, l'équilibre et l'estime de soi.

Come and have some fun with us! Learn to juggle, spin plates on a stick and toss flower sticks up in the air! Students will be able to move and develop their hand eye coordination, balance and self-esteem as we initiate them to the circus arts.

Workshop offered in French and French/ English. Contact The Arden Theatre Box Office at 780-459-1542 for detail.

PRÉSENTER PAR L'UNITHÉÂTRE AVEC STEVE JODOIN ET MARIE-JOANNE FOGUE MAKOU

DU CONTE À LA SCÈNE (FROM PAGE TO STAGE)



PRESENTED BY ARTIST LANCE CARDINAL CRAFTING WITH LANCE CARDINAL



Ages 6+ • 30 minutes • \$6.02

Work side-by-side with award-winning artist and television personality Lance Cardinal from the Bigstone Cree Nation. His "Mr. Dressup" style crafting workshop will lead your students through an exciting adventure of Cree language, art and culture!

Students will learn the teachings of the ribbon skirt and then design and create their own miniature ribbon skirt or ribbon shirt pin. This workshop will give them all the supplies, tools and encouragement needed for success! Join in on the creative fun and learn a little bit more about the nehiyaw culture!

Participants under the age of 11 will require some assistance.

Age 6 à 10 ans • 30 minutes • \$6.02

Les enfants auront la chance de découvrir différents contes classiques de Jean de la Fontaine et avec l'aide des artistes professionnels Steve Jodoin et Marie-Joanne Fogue Makou. Les participant(e)s créeront leurs propres versions de ceux-ci pour la scène. Un atelier ludique présenté dans la langue de Molière.

Children will have the chance to discover different tales by Jean de La Fontaine. With the help of professional artists, Steve Jodoin and Marie-Joanne Fogue Makou, participants will create their own interpretation of these tales by crafting characters and short scenes right out of the world of La Fontaine. This fun and energetic workshop is presented en Français!



AGES 0-4

One-Day Pass for groups of 10 or more **\$7.50 each** Adults & Infants (0–12 months) **Free**

A community-inspired munchkin metropolis,

Toddler Town is a festival within a festival for the wee ones. This interactive whimsical town is a one-stop shop that features storytelling, musical performances, crafts, self-guided sensory bins and an active fun zone all generously provided by our community partners.

More information and schedule details are available at **childfest.com**







OUTDOOR STAGE

Bursting with free entertainment all

day, the Outdoor Stage provides the

enjoy the festival celebrations.

perfect spot to gather, take a break and



OPEN ART STUDIO



Take a trip to the Open Art Studio – an interactive and collaborative experience! Using a variety of materials, kids can explore artmaking at their own pace.

MAZE CRAZE



This self-guided kid-sized maze will bamboozle, befuddle and bewilder youngsters as they weave their way through to freedom.

KÂKESIMOKAMIK: THE ST. ALBERT HEALING GARDEN



A visible sign of our community's commitment to walk in right relations with First Nation, Métis and Inuit Peoples, and with all Nations, we encourage you to take a moment to pause and reflect in this place of truth and reconciliation.

STEINHAUER SCULPTURES



No festival visit is complete without experiencing our five large granite sculptures created by Indigenous artist, Stewart Steinhauer. A larger-than-life experience, these creatures give youngsters a place to explore, learn and create valuable memories with their family.

ROVING ARTISTS



Enjoy the wide array of quirky, fun and colourful artists animating the site.

ENVIRO ACTION RELAY RACE



Join City of St. Albert environment staff to "get your green on" in this super fun relay race. Participants will run between stations and play games to learn and show off their knowledge about all things water conservation, waste, air quality and biodiversity. Edutainment at its finest!

THURSDAY, MAY 30 SCHEDULE

FEATURE PERFORMANCES						
THE ARDEN THEATRE	ST. ALBERT CURLING CLUB STAGE	ST. ALBERT COMMUNITY HALL	FORSYTH HALL (ST. ALBERT PUBLIC LIBRARY)			
	Dino-Light 9:30–10:25 a.m.	The Bighetty & Bighetty Puppet Show	Tricoter 9:30 –10:15 a.m.			
Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical		9:45–10:30 a.m.				
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		The Bighetty & Bighetty Puppet Show	Tricoter 10:45–11:30 a.m.			
	Grimmz Fairy Tales	11–11:45 a.m.				
	11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m.					
Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical			The Libravian			
JV	Dino-Light		12-12:40 p.m.			
12–1 p.m.						
	12:30 –1:25 p.m.					
			The Libravian 1:45–2:25 p.m.			
Koo Koo 2–2:40 p.m.	Grimmz Fairy Tales 2–2:45 p.m.	The Bighetty &	1. 10 E.E.O p.111.			
		Bighetty Puppet Show				
		2:15 – 3 p.m.				

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FRIDAY, MAY 31

SCHEDULE

FEATURE PERFORMANCES					
THE ARDEN THEATRE	ST. ALBERT CURLING ST. ALBERT COMMUNITY HALL		FORSYTH HALL (ST. ALBERT PUBLIC LIBRARY)		
	Dino Light	The Bighetty & Bighetty	Tricoter 9:30 -10:15 a.m.		
Koo Koo	9:30 –10:25 a.m.	Puppet Show 9:45 –10:30 a.m.			
10–10:40 a.m.					
			The Libravian		
	Grimmz Fairy Tales 11–11:45 a.m.	The Bighetty & Bighetty Puppet Show	10:45–11:25 a.m.		
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			Tricoter 12:15 – 1 p.m.		
	Dino Light				
	12:30 – 1:25 p.m.				
Polkadots:					
The Cool Kids Musical			The Libravian		
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Grimmz Fairy Tales 2–2:45 p.m.		1:45 – 2:25 p.m.		
		The Bighetty & Bighetty Puppet Show 2:15-3 p.m.			

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Thursday, MAY 30 & FRIDAY, MAY 31

PAID ACTIVITIES						
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EXPLORING ART- TEXTILE PLANTS! (45 minutes)	ANIMALS ON THE WILD SIDE (45 minutes)	CRAFTING WITH LANCE CARDINAL (30 minutes)	HOW TO PUPPETEER ANYTHING (30 minutes)	PRINTMAKING: A GREAT IMPRESSION (45 minutes)		
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		2:15 – 3 p.m.				

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