



**KITT** KIDS IN THE THEATRE  
PROGRAM

# 2024-2025 SCHOOL SHOWS



TUCSON'S CROWN JEWEL

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## A Musical, Cinematic Journey through US and AZ History

Give your students a highly unique—and historical—experience of history! Being the month of October, do so with a bit of spooky flare.

It's hard to imagine, but before TV and the Internet people learned about current events in the world by going to the movie theatre. There they would get a window into the happenings of the day via news reels, which were shown alongside movies and cartoons. Frequently, these were musically accompanied, live, with a theatre organ.

Students can now experience something like this for themselves! Through a combination of suitably spooky comedy film clips, cartoons, historic photos, and newsreel footage, students will get their own window into the early 1900's of the United States—from the rise of cinema to the Great Depression and World War II. They will also glimpse how kids just like them, living in Tucson and coming to the Fox, experienced these aspects of history. Moreover, students will enjoy it all in the historic Fox Theatre and with historically authentic, live music! An acclaimed theatre organist will be on the stage, sharing about the mind-blowing Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Organ that has been restored to the Fox and playing it to accompany the film segments. How better to get a taste for history than in such a historical way!?

*Note: this year's version of the show will be different from the one in '23-'24. It will have a similar structure and local historical content, but the movie/cartoon/newsreel clips will be updated.*



**Location:** Fox Tucson Theatre

**Date:** Friday, Oct. 18, 2024

**Time:** 10:00-11:00 AM

**Ages:** Grades 3-8

### Curriculum Connections:

**Social Science:** United States studies, Arizona studies, industrialization and urbanization, Great Depression, World War II

**Fine Arts:** musical performance, history of musical instruments, American music history, early cinema, film accompaniment, early animation



## Around the Americas, with ¡Uno, Dos, Tres Andrés!

Christina and Andrés can't find their friend Juana, and their only clue is that she's somewhere in the Americas. Join Grammy and Latin Grammy Award-winning 123 Andrés in a concert across the continents, as students become active participants in a vibrant journey brought to life with colorful visuals. Andrés and Christina, both native Spanish speakers, seamlessly incorporate language to empower students to sing in both Spanish and English.

As they dance along, students joyfully learn about geography, culture, and language in this high-energy adventure!



**Location:** Fox Tucson Theatre

**Date:** Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024

**Time:** 10-11 AM

**Ages:** PreK-3rd Grade

### Curriculum Connections:

**Social Studies and History:** geography of the Americas, comparing diverse cultures, Latin music

**World and Native Languages:** communicating in Spanish, communicating in American Sign Language (ASL), learning new languages

**Fine Arts:** music, musical instruments, dance moves.



# The Science of Pirates

Prepare to set sail for STEAM learning!

“The Science of Pirates” is a swashbuckling, interactive show that weaves learning into riotous adventure. With eye-catching puppetry, zany props, clown theater, and boisterous full-audience participation, Pirate Professor Billy Bones pushes the boundaries of science and technology just like the seafarers of old. From simple machines to aerodynamics, he inspires and empowers students to see the STEM concepts that lie just beneath the surface of the high seas!



**Location:** The Fox Tucson Theatre

**Date:** Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024

**Time:** Two Possibilities! 9:30-10:30 & 11:45-12:45

**Ages:** K-5th Grade

### Curriculum Connections:

**Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM):** simple machines, aerodynamics, atmospheric pressure and wind/currents, the math behind navigation, technology.

**Fine Arts:** theatre, puppetry, clowning, character acting

**21st Century Skills:** curiosity, problem-solving, empowerment



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## Stolen Moments The First 100 Years of Jazz

Immerse students in the electrifying world of jazz! Both captivating and informative, the show's combination of a live jazz quintet, spoken world, and video projection takes students on a journey through jazz's rich history, where they'll meet the legendary masters who shaped its sound.

Yet "Stolen Moments" goes beyond the music. It reveals the fascinating interplay between jazz and 20th century American culture. Students discover how jazz became a powerful force for unity, bridging cultural divides and sparking creative revolutions. It's a story of breaking down barriers, celebrating diversity, and pushing artistic boundaries. The show also examines jazz's lasting influence on other musical genres, both in the US and internationally.

"Stolen Moments" gives students a vibrant window into American history and an appreciation of the power of music to unify, inspire, and change the world.



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**Location:** Fox Tucson Theatre

**Date:** Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025

**Time:** 10:00-11:00 AM

**Ages:** 4th grade and older

### Curriculum Connections:

**Social Studies and History:** 20th century American history, examining the expression of different cultural groups, cultural/racial/economic dynamics, cross-cultural collaboration

**Fine Arts:** responding and connecting to music, musical improvisation, exploring musical concepts and features, exploring jazz, music history, the societal impact of music

**21st Century Skills:** creativity, openness, cross-cultural exchange, curiosity, self-expression

**DON'T LET  
THE PIGEON  
DRIVE THE BUS!**  
**THE MUSICAL!**



# Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus The Musical!

Whatever you do, don't let the Pigeon star in his own musical production!

It's not easy being the Pigeon—you never get to do ANYTHING! But when the Bus Driver has a crisis that threatens to make her passengers (gasp!) late, maybe that wily bird CAN do something. Featuring an innovative mix of songs, feathers, and a script written by Mo Willems (creator of the #1 New York Times best-selling, Caldecott Honor award-winning "Pigeon" picture books), this musical is sure to get everyone's wings flapping.



**Location:** Fox Tucson Theatre

**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025

**Time:** Two Possibilities! 9:30-10:30 & 11:45-12:45

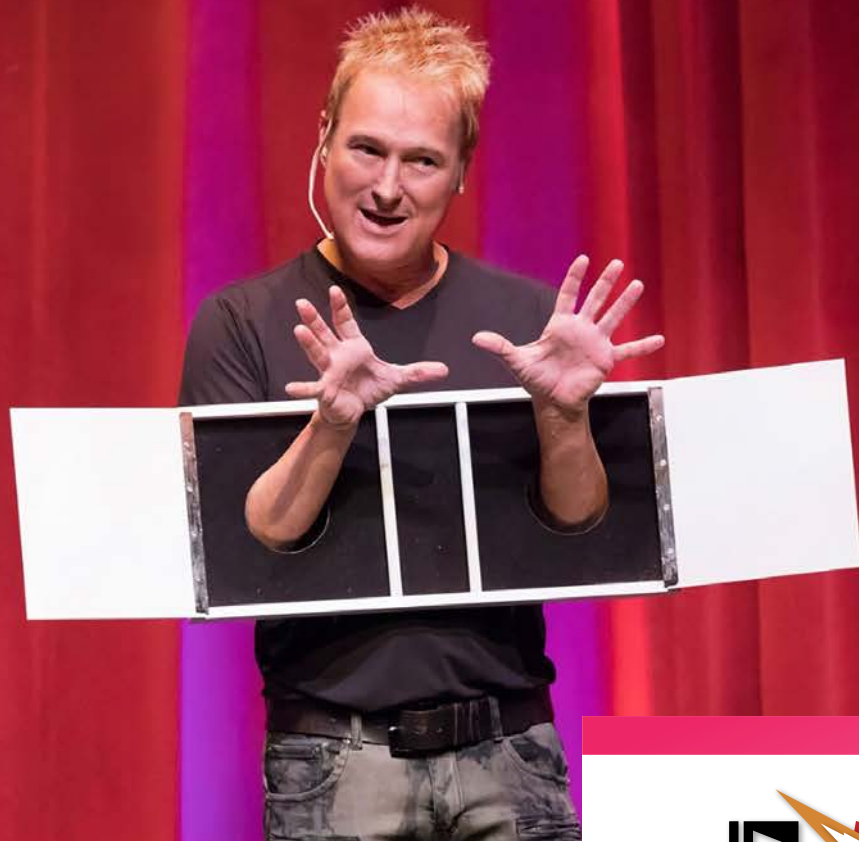
**Ages:** PreK-2

### **Curriculum Connections:**

**Reading:** love of reading, adapting a book from page to stage

**Fine Arts:** theatre, music, dance, musicals

**21st Century Skills:** creativity, dealing with frustration, teamwork, friendship, achieving one's goals



## The Magic of Kevin Spencer

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Spark student wonder with “The Magic of Kevin Spencer!” This fun-filled show for students of all abilities combines storytelling, stage magic, and audience participation. Award-winning magician Kevin Spencer was hailed as “The Kid Whisperer” by Inside Autism magazine, and his sensory-inclusive performance is designed to create an experience that is welcoming to all audiences, including students with autism or other forms of neurodiversity that create sensory sensitivities.

Attendees will have access to a Social Story Video leading up to the show, making this a highly accessible opportunity for students to experience the joy and magic of live, performing arts!



**Location:** Fox Tucson Theatre

**Date:** Friday, Feb. 14, 2024

**Time:** Two Possibilities!

9:30-10:30 AM and 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

**Ages:** 3rd grade and up



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## Syncopated Ladies, Live!

“Chloé Arnold’s Syncopated Ladies: Live” is a mixed media concert featuring a diverse, all-female cast celebrating sisterhood, the power of joy, and tap dance! It is an electrifying, one-of-a-kind dance and storytelling experience. Get to know the ladies as they share their inspiring journeys to reach for their dreams through the art of tap dance. With fierce footwork and spectacular pop concert production, the ladies leave students motivated to pursue their dreams with courage, determination, and love—no matter the obstacles.

Founded by Emmy-nominated choreographer, Chloé Arnold, “Syncopated Ladies” is the most viewed female tap dance band in history. Known for their viral self-produced content, they were recognized by Beyoncé—who shared their work, launched them onto a global platform, and said “They killed it!”



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**Location:** Fox Tucson Theatre

**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025

**Time:** 10:00-11:00 AM

**Ages:** 3rd grade and up

### Curriculum Connections:

**Social Studies and History:** history of performing arts and dance; women in performing arts

**Fine Arts:** dance, popular music, media arts, the power of the arts in people’s lives

**21st Century Skills:** growth mindset, empowerment, understanding bullying, kindness





# A Few More Details

Shows generally come with a **study guide**, along with a range of other supplemental **educational resources** and **opportunities**. Utilizing any of these with your students before and/or after the show will deepen their learning and expand the impact of the experience!

Ticket prices: **\$8.00 per seat**, whether student or teacher/chaperone.

Concerned about being able to afford one of these field trips? We make attendance possible for Title I schools through the tickets we provide to Act One: **[www.act1az.org](http://www.act1az.org)**

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