



EDMONDS CENTER  
FOR THE ARTS

# EDUCATOR PREVIEW

 2023-2024 SEASON

# Educate. Engage. Inspire.

*A Note to our Esteemed Educators and Administrators,*

As Edmonds Center for the Arts' Director of Education & Community Engagement, I wish to express profound gratitude to our dedicated educators and administrators. I also want to extend a warm welcome to those new in joining our vibrant community here at ECA.

To our educators and administrators who have devoted years of service to the promotion of arts education, your commitment and tireless dedication have not gone unnoticed. You have created an environment in which the arts have not only been appreciated but have also thrived, ultimately impacting countless young minds. The influence of your efforts extends far beyond the confines of the classroom, enhancing the quality of life for our students and the broader community. We deeply value you and thank you for being the foundation of our communities.

To the fresh faces joining our tight knit vibrant arts education community:. Welcome! Your passion and innovative ideas are eagerly anticipated, and we are confident that you will enrich our collective experience with your unique perspective, experiences, and love for enriching the lives of our youth through unforgettable experiences both in the classroom and at Edmonds Center for the Arts. We are excited to work alongside you and support you thought your art journey with us.

The past four years have presented unforeseen challenges. Yet, in these trying times, you have exhibited unyielding resilience and an unwavering commitment to your vocation. I want to acknowledge the courage and dedication each one of you has shown. We are not just recovering, we are moving forward with strength, propelled by our shared belief in the transformative power of the arts.

We are excited to welcome you all to Edmonds Center for the Arts and eager for you to take part in our beautiful 2023/2024 season, both through our student matinee programming and through the many student and educator workshops we have to offer this academic school year.

As we embark on another exciting school year at Edmonds Center for the Arts, we renew our promise to support, value, and celebrate every student and teacher in our school system.

Thank you for believing in us, the power of the arts, and in the immense potential that lies within each student. Here's to a year of learning, growing, and limitless creativity!

Warm Regards,

Diana Ortega

# EDMONDS CENTER FOR THE ARTS 2023/2024 EDUCATION MATINEES

**David Gonzalez: Cuentos - Tales from the Latino World**

October 17, 2023

**Sugar Skull: A Dia de Los Muertos Musical Adventure**

November 13, 2023

**The Magic of Kevin Spencer**

February 14, 2024

**Scrap Arts: Children of Metropolis**

April 23, 2024

**Dinosaurs Dynamite**

May 20, 2024

**# 1**



Recommended for Grades 3-5

## **CURRICULUM CONNECTION:**

**World Languages:** 2.1, 2.2

**Music:** Cr. 1-3 (K-5)

## **David Gonzalez: Cuentos - Tales From The Latino World**

**October 17, 2023 | 10AM & 12PM**

*Cuentos* paints a vivid picture of the people and rich cultures of the Spanish-speaking world with colorful tales from the Caribbean, South America, and the Bronx! These tales are filled with memorable characters, fantastic plots, and positive messages for children. Spanish-language words are sprinkled throughout the stories and songs in such a way that young audiences can repeat and retain their sound and meaning.

*Sponsored by Diana & Steve White*

# ECA EDUCATION MATINEES 2023/2024

# 2



Recommended for Grades K-5

## **CURRICULUM CONNECTION:**

**World Languages:** 2.1, 2.2

**Theater:** Cr. 1.1 (K-6), Cr. 1.2 (K-6), Re. 7.1 (K-6)

## **Sugar Skull: A Dia de Los Muertos Musical Adventure**

**November 13, 2023 | 10AM & 12PM**

*A Sugar Skull: A Dia de Los Muertos Musical Adventure* is a touring bilingual/bicultural musical for young audiences and families that uses traditional regional music and dance from Mexico to tell a magical story about the true meaning of Día de Los Muertos. Featuring an 8 person multi-talented cast of musicians, actors, and dancers, *Sugar Skull* follows a spirited candy skeleton and twelve year old Vita Flores on this engaging musical journey.

*Sponsored by Kay Corbett and Lisa Corbett*

# 3



Sensory inclusive performance and programs for all ages & abilities.

## **CURRICULUM CONNECTION:**

**Theater:** Cr. 1.1 (K-6), Cr. 1.2 (K-6) Re. 7.1 (K-6)

**English:** SL. 1-6 (K-12)

## **The Magic of Kevin Spencer**

**Sensory Inclusive Matinee |**  
Feb. 14, 2023 at 11AM

**Afterschool Magic Camp |**  
Feb. 12-15, 2023 from 4-6PM

**2 Empowering Workshops for Students with Diverse Abilities | TBA**

ECA welcomes back our friend Kevin Spencer for a weeklong residency! *The Magic of Kevin Spencer* is an award-winning, fun-filled show that combines storytelling, stage magic, and audience participation. Kevin's sensory inclusive performances and workshops are designed for all audiences, including children with autism or other diverse abilities that create sensory sensitivities.

*Sponsored by David Schaefer & Pat Moriarty*



# ECA EDUCATION MATINEES 2023/2024

# 4



Recommended for Grades K-5

## **CURRICULUM CONNECTION:**

**Science:** EALR 2 Inquiry,  
EALR 4: Physical Science

**Music:** Cr. 1-4.1 (K-12)

**English:** SL. 1-6 (K-12)

## **Scrap Arts Music: Children of Metropolis**

**April 23, 2024 | 10AM & 12PM**

Scrap Arts Music's newest production, *Children of Metropolis* is a fast-paced, all-acoustic, live percussion show with sci-fi-inspired film and video projections. Five musicians perform with gymnastic agility and percussive drive, demonstrating mesmerizing musical skill while performing all-original music on instruments hand-crafted from scrap materials salvaged from in and around Vancouver and Victoria, Canada on the Salish Sea.

*Sponsored by Chris & Nancy Fleck*

# 5



Recommended for Grades K-5

## **CURRICULUM CONNECTION:**

EALR 2 Inquiry

EALR 4: Physical Science

## **Dinosaurs Dynamite**

**May 20, 2024 | 10AM & 12PM**

Adventure hits the road with *Dinosaurs Dynamite*! Fun original live music, unique educational content, black light puppetry, and a life-sized, interactive Mighty T-Rex make for a fun-filled, high-energy STEM based student matinee.

*Sponsored by Louis & Diana Craig,  
Linda & Alan Freyd, Jack & Vivian Loos,  
and Mike & Katherine Meeks*

# WE SPEAK



## Youth Poetry Slam Competition



*Calling all Poets, Rappers  
& Wordsmiths!*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

### **WE SPEAK FESTIVAL & YOUTH POETRY SLAM COMPETITION MARCH 1, 2024**

ECA's annual **WE SPEAK Festival** is a celebration of spoken word poetry and storytelling. Developed in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, **WE SPEAK** provides a platform for artists to respond to issues that impact their daily lives.

As part of the Festival, ECA invites young people (aged 13-21) living in the Puget Sound region to submit video samples of spoken word performance responding to the annual theme. Selected finalists have the opportunity to perform their work LIVE from the ECA stage alongside acclaimed artists during the **WE SPEAK Festival**.  
*Stay tuned for information!*

#### **INTERESTED IN HAVING SPOKEN WORD WORKSHOPS AT YOUR SCHOOL?**

Programming launches in late September, and is free for participating public schools. **Contact Nick@EC4ARTS.ORG** for more info!

## **RESERVATIONS AND PRICING**

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### **EDUCATION MATINEE TICKETS**

Education Matinees tickets are priced at **\$9 per student**. ECA appreciates the essential role of teachers and chaperones in student groups and, to this end, offers one free ticket for every 10 student tickets purchased. Additional adult tickets can be acquired at the student rate of \$9 each.

### **ARTS FOR EVERYONE PROGRAM**

Schools or homeschooling families indicating a need, with an overall student participation of 30% or higher in Free and Reduced-Price Meal programs, are given priority access to **\$2 Matinee tickets** through our Arts for Everyone Program.

To apply for funding through the Arts for Everyone program or to request support for school bus transportation, visit our website and fill out our **Matinee Ticket Information Form**.

This form enables you to provide details about your school group, express interest in specific performances, state the number of students attending, and request eligibility for bus and matinee classroom scholarships.

Following your submission, a representative from the ECA Education team will contact you with confirmation of ticket allocation and scholarship status.

### **PAYMENT**

Payment for Education Matinees can be made via cash, check, credit card, or school/district purchase order (PO), with full payment due one month prior to the performance. Reservations made within one month of the performance require immediate full payment. POs are invoiced at the time of reservation and a physical copy is required before the performance.

Kindly note that any cancellations or adjustments need to be made at least 2 weeks prior to the show to qualify for a refund or performance exchange. All changes must be confirmed by ECA.



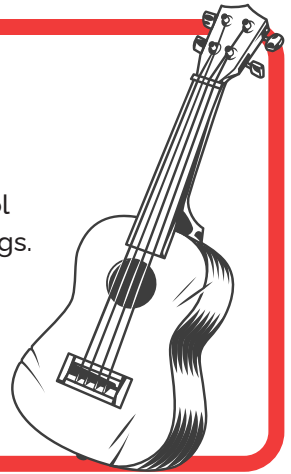
**Apply for funding & Buy Matinee Tickets** by filling out the Matinee Ticket Information Form at **[EC4Arts.org/education-and-outreach/arts-access-programs](https://EC4Arts.org/education-and-outreach/arts-access-programs)**

Questions? Please reach out to Nick Williamson at [Nick@EC4Arts.org](mailto:Nick@EC4Arts.org).

## NEW UKULELE PROGRAM AT ECA!

We are excited to offer **Ukulele Classes** from October 2023 - May 2024, both as an afterschool program twice a week, and on Saturday mornings. Financial Aid is available.

Contact **Nick@EC4ARTS.ORG** for more info!



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