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**2017-2018 SEASON**

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explore the wonder of their world



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# WELCOME



Dear friends,

It's an honor to welcome you to our 2017-2018 season at Children's Theatre of Charlotte. For 70 years, it has been this theatre's privilege to be the voice of children in our community.

This season, audiences can explore their world and so much more. From the magic of *Mary Poppins*, to the inspirational true story of young Cassius Clay, each show invites you to discover another viewpoint. Each story welcomes you into another place and time where joy and struggle find common ground.

In addition to our productions, Children's Theatre of Charlotte continues to offer award-winning Education programs. Our classes and camps provide students with outstanding instruction by professional teaching artists, enhancing students' talents and building on valuable life skills. Theatre 360 continues to expand audiences' theatrical experiences beyond the show with backstage activities, cast meet-and-greets and more!

This season also marks our second year of providing sensory-friendly performances to audiences with an autism spectrum disorder. Continuing in our mission to provide access, our ASL sign-interpreted performances allow those who are deaf or hard of hearing to enjoy our shows. And scholarship tickets afford families and organizations that work with disadvantaged youth a chance to experience theatre.

Please don't miss out on our special events throughout the year, including Santa's Bag, an annual tradition now in its 45th year of providing a fun holiday shopping experience to children in our community. We hope you'll also join us for Celebrate!, our annual gala in February with live music, auctions and more! Thank you for choosing to spend your valuable family time with us. We can't wait to see you at the theatre.

Adam Burke  
Artistic Director  
& Interim Managing Director

Linda Reynolds  
Director of Advancement  
& Interim Managing Director

**P.S.** By subscribing to our season, you not only get the best price (up to 20% off!) you also get many benefits like:

- free ticket exchanges when your schedule changes
  - discounts on additional tickets for your friends and family
  - early registration for classes and camps
  - the best seats, which you can keep all year long!\*
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# 2017-2018 SEASON



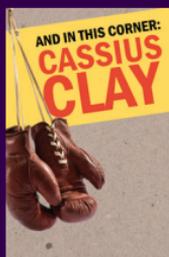
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 Aug. 24 to Sept. 2, 2017  
 For newborns to 3-year-olds



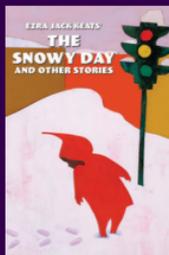
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 For ages 8 and older



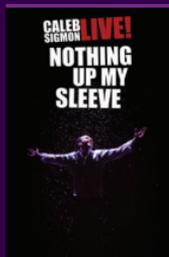
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**And in This Corner: Cassius Clay**  
 Feb. 2 to Feb. 18, 2018  
 For ages 8 and older



**The Snowy Day and Other Stories**  
 Oct. 27 to Nov. 12, 2017  
 For ages 4 and older



**Caleb Sigmon Live! Nothing Up My Sleeve**  
 March 2 to 4, 2018  
 For ages 5 and older



*Back by popular demand!*  
**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical**  
 Nov. 24 to Dec. 23, 2017  
 For ages 4 and older



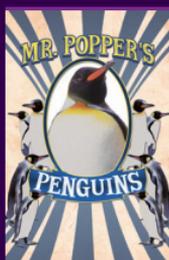
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**Balloonacy**  
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 For ages 3 and older



**Madagascar - A Musical Adventure**  
 April 13 to May 6, 2018  
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## Group Tickets

Groups of 10 or more can save on tickets while also enjoying special group benefits, which may include discounts on tickets, easy payment plans and personalized planning assistance.

Call 704-973-2828 for details!

## School Field Trips

Teachers! Bringing your students to live theatre enhances and supports classroom curriculum.

See page 14 for details on how your class can attend one of our weekday morning matinées!

Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

# MARY POPPINS

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

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A musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film

Original Music and Lyrics by

Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by Julian Fellowes

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

## Oct. 6 to 29, 2017

McColl Family Theatre

Recommended for ages 6 and older

Approximate length: 2.5 hours (two acts with intermission)

*Winds in the east, mist coming in. Like somethin' is brewin' and 'bout to begin.*

One of the most popular Disney stories of all time is capturing hearts in a whole new way: as a "Practically Perfect" musical! Based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, *Mary Poppins* delighted audiences on Broadway. Now, the mysterious nanny flies into Children's Theatre of Charlotte, where she'll use a "spoonful of sugar" and a little magic to help the troubled Banks family come together again. Mary Poppins turns England upside down with the help of Burt, Mrs. Corry, park statues and other friends. Join us and the Banks family for a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious time!

### Performance schedule

#### Week One

Friday, Oct. 6	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7	11 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7	3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 8	1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 8	5:30 p.m.

#### Week Two

Thursday, Oct. 12	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14	11 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14	3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 15	1:30 p.m.

#### Week Three

Friday, Oct. 20	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 21	11 a.m. 
Saturday, Oct. 21	3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 22	1:30 p.m.

#### Week Four

Friday, Oct. 27	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28	11 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 29	3 p.m. 
Sunday, Oct. 29	1:30 p.m.



# THE SNOWY DAY AND OTHER STORIES

Ezra Jack Keats, author  
Jerome Hairston, playwright

**Oct. 27 to Nov. 12, 2017**

Wells Fargo Playhouse  
Recommended for ages 4 and older  
Approximate length: 75 minutes

Based on the 1963 Caldecott Medal-winning book by acclaimed author and illustrator Ezra Jack Keats, *The Snowy Day and Other Stories* will whisk your family into the classic storybook. This charming, intimate show follows a young boy as he joyfully experiences the first snowfall of the year. Join Peter and his dog, Willie, for a day of exploration and imagination. Fifty-five years since it was originally published, *The Snowy Day* remains a deeply loved and profoundly influential story.

## Performance schedule

### Week One

Friday, Oct. 27	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28	11 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28	3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 29	2 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 29	4 p.m.

### Week Two

Friday, Nov. 3	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 4	11 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 4	3 p.m. 
Sunday, Nov. 5	2 p.m.

### Week Three

Friday, Nov. 10	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 11	11 a.m. 
Saturday, Nov. 11	3 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 12	2 p.m.

## MAINSTAGE

# THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER: THE MUSICAL

by Jahnna Beecham and Malcolm Hillgartner  
Adapted from the play by Barbara Robinson

**Nov. 24 to Dec. 23, 2017**

McColl Family Theatre

Recommended for ages 4 and older

Approximate length: 70 minutes



Back by popular demand is Children's Theatre of Charlotte's most-popular show of all time!

The Herdmans are ready to wreak havoc! What happens when the "worst kids in the history of the world" find out about free food at Sunday school? Worse yet, what happens when they decide to audition for the annual Christmas pageant? This could be the worst pageant ever... if it even happens! This hilarious and heartfelt musical comedy, adapted from Barbara Robinson's classic story, will have your family laughing and crying as we celebrate the holidays.

A student cast, many of whom come from Children's Theatre of Charlotte's School of Theatre Training, performs with professional adult actors.

### Performance schedule

#### Week One

Friday, Nov. 24	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 25	11 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 25	3 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 26	2 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 26	4 p.m.

#### Week Two

Friday, Dec. 1	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2	11 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2	3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 3	2 p.m.

#### Week Three

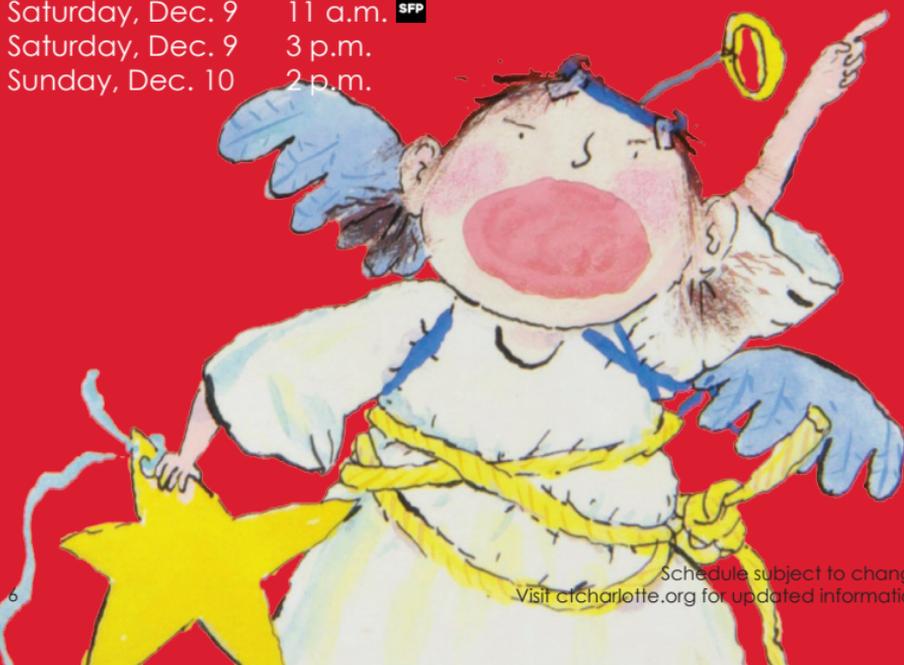
Friday, Dec. 8	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9	11 a.m. <b>SFP</b>
Saturday, Dec. 9	3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 10	2 p.m.

#### Week Four

Friday, Dec. 15	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16	11 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16	3 p.m. <b>69</b>
Sunday, Dec. 17	2 p.m.

#### Week Five

Wednesday, Dec. 20	11 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21	11 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 22	11 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 23	11 a.m.



Schedule subject to change.  
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# AND IN THIS CORNER: CASSIUS CLAY

by Idris Goodwin

**Feb. 2 to Feb. 18, 2018**

McColl Family Theatre

Recommended for ages 8 and older

Approximate length: 80 minutes

At the sound of the bell, young Cassius Clay Jr. takes his first step into the ring and starts becoming the man the world will one day know as Muhammad Ali. This vibrant historical drama takes the audience through the iconic boxer's early life in Jim Crow-era Louisville, Kentucky. *And in This Corner: Cassius Clay* goes an extra, exhilarating round by exploring how remarkable communities inspire people to greatness.

## Performance schedule

### Week One

Friday, Feb. 2	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3	11 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3	3 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 4	2 p.m.

### Week Two

Friday, Feb. 9	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10	11 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10	3 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 11	2 p.m.

### Week Three

Friday, Feb. 16	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 17	11 a.m. 
Saturday, Feb. 17	3 p.m. 
Sunday, Feb. 18	2 p.m.



# THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

From the story by C.S. Lewis  
 Dramatized by le Clanché du Rand

**March 9 to April 15, 2018**

Wells Fargo Playhouse  
 Recommended for ages 6 and older  
 Approximate length: 55 minutes

Travel through the magical wardrobe to Narnia in this clever two-person adaptation of C. S. Lewis' acclaimed tale. Lucy and Peter recount their adventures, portraying each character they met in the faraway land of Narnia. Join the two siblings on their journey as they battle the evil White Witch, meet the mystical Aslan and attempt to save Narnia in this intimate and unique theatrical experience!

## Performance schedule

### Week One

Friday, March 9	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 10	11 a.m.
Saturday, March 10	3 p.m.
Sunday, March 11	2 p.m.
Sunday, March 11	4 p.m.

### Week Two

Friday, March 16	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 17	11 a.m. 
Saturday, March 17	3 p.m.
Sunday, March 18	2 p.m.

### Week Three

Friday, March 23	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 24	11 a.m.
Saturday, March 24	3 p.m. 
Sunday, March 25	2 p.m.

### Week Four

Friday, March 30	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 31	11 a.m.
Saturday, March 31	3 p.m.

### Week Five

Saturday, April 7	11 a.m.
Saturday, April 7	3 p.m.
Sunday, April 8	2 p.m.

### Week Six

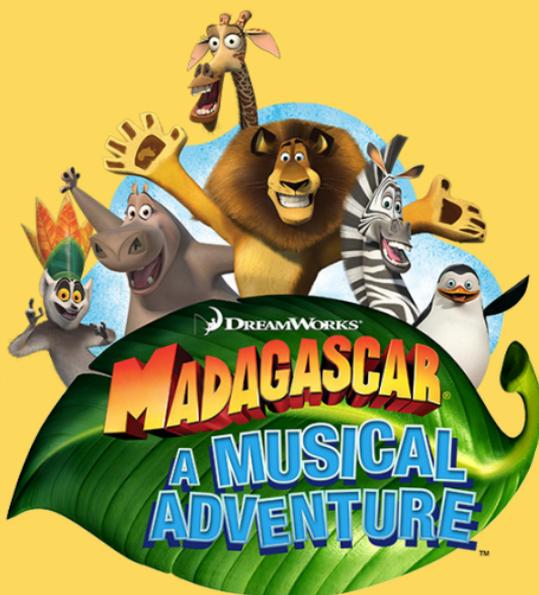
Saturday, April 14	11 a.m.
Saturday, April 14	3 p.m.
Sunday, April 15	2 p.m.



# MADAGASCAR: A MUSICAL ADVENTURE

Based on the DreamWorks  
Animation Motion Picture  
Book by Kevin Del Aguila  
Original Music and Lyrics by  
George Noriega & Joel  
Someillan

*Madagascar – A Musical Adventure* is  
presented through special arrangement  
with Music Theatre International (MTI).  
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supplied by MTI. [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)



**April 13 to May 6, 2018**

McColl Family Theatre  
Recommended for ages  
4 and older  
Approximate length:  
75 minutes

Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto the stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime. Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, *Madagascar – A Musical Adventure* follows all of your favorite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York City's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar. Filled with outlandish characters, adventure galore and an upbeat score, audiences won't be able to help getting out of their seats to "Move It, Move It!"

## Performance schedule

### Week One

Friday, April 13	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 14	11 a.m.
Saturday, April 14	3 p.m.
Sunday, April 15	2 p.m.
Sunday, April 15	4 p.m.

### Week Two

Friday, April 20	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21	11 a.m. 
Saturday, April 21	3 p.m.
Sunday, April 22	2 p.m.
Sunday, April 22	4 p.m.

### Week Three

Friday, April 27	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 28	11 a.m.
Saturday, April 28	3 p.m.
Sunday, April 29	2 p.m.

### Week Four

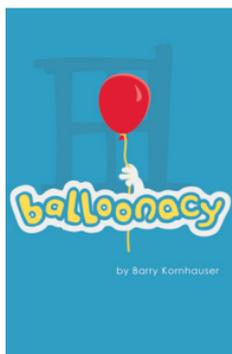
Friday, May 4	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 5	11 a.m.
Saturday, May 5	3 p.m. 
Sunday, May 6	2 p.m.
Sunday, May 6	4 p.m.

Schedule subject to change.  
Visit [tcharlotte.org](http://tcharlotte.org) for updated information.

# WONDERFEST

This fun-filled theatre festival brings our touring shows home for three weekends. The productions are smaller in scale but just as enjoyable!

Enjoy our WonderFest shows, sneak a peek at new shows during readings of plays we're developing and dive into your own theatre-making activities!



## BALLOONACY

by Barry Kornhauser

**Jan. 13 to Jan. 28, 2018**

Wells Fargo Playhouse

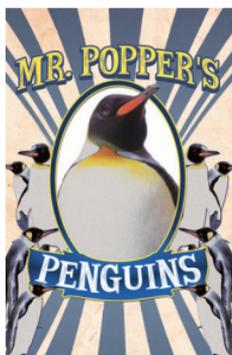
Recommended for ages 3 and older

Approximate length: 40 minutes

A mischievous balloon finds its way into the home of a solitary old man, and suddenly his curmudgeonly life is interrupted. Sweet, inventive and packed with physical comedy, this play explores the power of friendship and shows how, with a little imagination and acceptance, companionship can be found in the most unlikely of places.

### Performance schedule

Saturday, Jan. 13	11 a.m.
Sunday, Jan. 14	2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20	3 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 21	11 a.m. 
Saturday, Jan. 27	3 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 28	11 a.m.



## MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS

Book by Robert Kaulzlaric

Music & Lyrics by George Howe

Based on the novel by Richard & Florence Atwater

**Jan. 12 to Jan. 28, 2018**

Wells Fargo Playhouse

Recommended for ages 4 and older

Approximate length: 60 minutes

Mr. Popper spend his time daydreaming of adventures in far-off lands while Mrs. Popper scrimps and saves to put beans on the table. When a spirited penguin arrives on their doorstep, a new horizon (and flock!) opens before them! Come along for an unforgettable adventure in this 1930s-inspired musical based on the classic book.

### Performance schedule

Friday, Jan. 12	7:30 p.m. 
Saturday, Jan. 13	3 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20	11 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 21	2 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27	11 a.m.
Sunday, Jan. 28	2 p.m. and 4 p.m.



## THE IMAGINATORS

By Dwayne Hartford

**Jan. 13 to Jan. 27, 2018**

Wells Fargo Playhouse

Recommended for ages 7 and older

Approximate length: 60 minutes

Tim is a playful 9-year-old, while his sister Anne is a serious 10-year-old. When their family moves to a new town, Anne refused to play with Tim fearing the kids in her new school will make fun of her. When Anne and Tim meet the inventive girl next door, Nina Frances Elizabeth Vanderhelden, they have little choice but to join her on an imaginative adventure they'll never forget.

### Performance schedule

Saturday, Jan. 13	1 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 14	11 a.m. 
Friday, Jan. 19	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 21	4 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 27	1 p.m.

# GUEST ARTISTS

## Come experience PlayPlay! Theatre!

- Created for children 3 and younger
- Simple plots, live music and small audiences
- Seating on the floor, pillows and other comfy spots with room to wiggle
- Pre-show activities
- Actors encourage children to actively participate
- Post-show experience allows the audience to enter and explore the performance area and engage with the actors

## Is my child too young?

Not at all. Even newborns are welcome at PlayPlay! Theatre productions. Please note everyone attending the performance, even the youngest in your family, will need a ticket.



## PLAYPLAY! THEATRE PRESENTS PSSH

Written and directed by PlayPlay! Theatre

**Aug. 24 to Sept. 2, 2017**

Wells Fargo Playhouse

Recommended for newborns to 3-year-olds

*Pssh* is the simple story of a boat, a cloud, the sun and water. Sights, sounds and songs engage the audience throughout the performance. Imagination and play are the basis of the performance. Little people and their loved ones

experience the story together through their senses.

### Performance schedule

Thursday, Aug. 24	10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 25	10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 26	10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 31	10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 1	10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 2	10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.



## PLAYPLAY! THEATRE PRESENTS POCKET

Written and directed by PlayPlay! Theatre

**May 24 to June 2, 2018**

Wells Fargo Playhouse

Recommended for newborns to 3-year-olds

Imagination comes alive as PlayPlay! Theatre explores the many surprises we find hidden within our pockets. Discover the connections between thoughts, sounds and words as we play together.

### Performance schedule

Thursday, May 24	10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Friday, May 25	10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Saturday, May 26	10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 31	10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Friday, June 1	10 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Saturday, June 2	10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

## GUEST ARTISTS

**CALEB  
SIGMON** **LIVE!**

# NOTHING UP MY SLEEVE

**March 2 to March 4, 2018**

McColl Family Theatre  
Recommended for ages 5 and  
older

Caleb Sigmon's one-man illusion show, *Nothing Up My Sleeve*, is filled with adrenaline-rushing music and a soulful, thrilling storyline. Journey along with Caleb as he combines hilarious and moving stories from his

life with spectacular magic.

During the show, Caleb makes a daring escape, plays with the weather, predicts the future and then travels back in time, taking the entire audience with him. *Nothing Up My Sleeve* is a 60-minute show filled with heart and adventure.

This is not your typical magic show. The audience not only experiences the magic, but gets to be a part of it! Join us 30 minutes before the show for an opportunity to examine and investigate special props from the show.

### Performance schedule

#### Week One

Friday, March 2	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 3	11 a.m.
Saturday, March 3	3 p.m.
Sunday, March 4	2 p.m.
Sunday, March 4	4 p.m.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

You're invited to join us for several special events throughout the year!



### SANTA'S BAG

Wednesday, Nov. 29 through Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017

Santa's Bag celebrates its 45th year of bringing a fun shopping experience to Charlotte's children. Santa's Bag offers children 12 and younger the opportunity to purchase inexpensive, pre-wrapped gifts for their family and friends. Gifts cost between 50 cents and \$5. Helpful elves escort children through the experience.

Plus, don't miss the ENCORE! Boutique, a unique place for tweens, teens and adults to shop while children are shopping in Santa's Bag. You'll find the perfect gift for everyone on your list! You're not required to bring children to Santa's Bag to shop at the ENCORE! Boutique.

**Admission is free** and the event is open to the public. Learn more at [ctcharlotte.org/santas-bag](http://ctcharlotte.org/santas-bag)



### CELEBRATE!

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018

ENCORE!, our volunteer organization, welcomes guests to our annual party where you'll enjoy an open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music and an exciting live auction and raffle. All funds raised support Children's Theatre of Charlotte's general operating budget, funding professional productions, theatre education and community outreach programs.

Tickets and sponsorships go on sale in the fall. Interested in participating? Learn more about ENCORE! on page 16 or contact our Development Office at 704-973-2804.

Learn more about CELEBRATE! at [ctcharlotte.org/celebrate!](http://ctcharlotte.org/celebrate!)



### IMAGINON EVENTS

Throughout the year

ImaginOn: The Joe & Joan Martin Center offers family programming throughout the year. From Super Saturdays and Terrific Tuesday to author visits and mini-cons, there's something for every visitor.

Learn more about ImaginOn events by visiting [www.ImaginOn.org](http://www.ImaginOn.org).

# BRING YOUR CLASS TO A SHOW!

Each year, **more than 60,000 students** experience live theatre by attending our school performances with their schools. We invite teachers to join us for these exclusive weekday matinées, where they enjoy the same professional-quality productions as our public audiences.

## What constitutes a school group?

- ✔ School performances are for student groups of 20 or more
- ✔ Everyone, including teachers and chaperones, must have a paid ticket and be included in the order
- ✔ No children 3 years of age or younger are permitted to attend school performances

## Are educational materials available for each production?

**Yes!** Children's Theatre of Charlotte happily provides study guides for each production, and you may download them from our website. All Children's Theatre of Charlotte productions meet the following North Carolina Curriculum Standard: NCES-TheatreArts. (K-5): Analyze literary texts and performances.

Individual performances meet other curriculum standards which are outlined in our study guides.



## Ready to schedule a school field trip?

Visit [ctcharlotte.org](http://ctcharlotte.org) to reserve your group online or contact our School Performance Coordinator:

📞 704-973-2829

✉ [schools@ctcharlotte.org](mailto:schools@ctcharlotte.org)

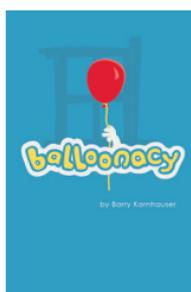


**Teachers!**

These performance sell out quickly!  
Reserve your school performance today.

# BOOK A SHOW TO COME TO YOU!

More than 1 million children have enjoyed our touring shows in schools, community centers — towns big and small — across the Southeast. Our touring companies are completely "turnkey" from beginning to end, and we're able to perform in a variety of spaces. We also send you a comprehensive curriculum guide with pre-show and post-show activities for your audience.

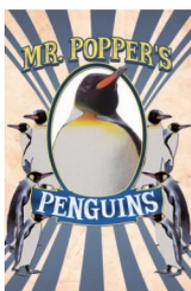


## **Ballooney**

**Ages 3 to 5**

Preschool tour pricing starts at \$495.

Available Jan. 2018 through March 2018



## **Mr. Popper's Penguins**

**Kindergarten to fifth grade**

Pricing starts at \$995.

Available September 2017 through May 2018



## **The Imaginators**

**Third to eighth grade**

Pricing starts at \$995.

Available September 2017 through May 2018

**Book early!**  
Touring dates fill quickly. Don't miss out on your chance to bring our shows to your community.

Discounts are available when booking additional performances. Our prices are based on several factors, including the number of performances you book and the distance traveled. We can do two performances per day, and they can be different shows.

## Ready to schedule a touring performance?

Visit [ctcharlotte.org](http://ctcharlotte.org) to submit a booking inquiry online or contact our Tour Performance Coordinator:

📞 704-973-2808

✉️ [touring@ctcharlotte.org](mailto:touring@ctcharlotte.org)



# VOLUNTEER



Volunteers are an integral part of the work we do. Whether you're interested in ushering during shows or looking for something more substantial, opportunities abound!

## VOLUNTEER USHERS

- Do you enjoy working with children and the public?
- Would you like to contribute to an extraordinary cultural environment?
- Are you enthusiastic about the arts and award-winning live theatre?
- Would you like to earn **FREE** tickets to our productions?
- Are you interested in earning community service hours?

If you answered yes, our Volunteer Usher Program might be perfect for you!

Whether seating a classroom of kindergartners about to enjoy their first live theatre performance or helping a family of six find seats during opening-night excitement, ushers ensure Children's Theatre of Charlotte guests enjoy the best experience possible during their time with us.

Join today at [ctcharlotte.org/volunteer](http://ctcharlotte.org/volunteer)

## ENCORE! VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

More than 250 people make up ENCORE!, one of the most active volunteer organizations in the local arts community, playing a vital role in the theatre's success. In addition to ushering at performances, ENCORE! coordinates Santa's Bag, one of our largest annual fundraising and charity events. It also plans and hosts Children's Theatre of Charlotte's annual gala, Celebrate!, and its annual Women's Doubles Tennis Tournament

**ENCORE! members enjoy special benefits** like priority access for tickets and classes, along with:

- Meet and work with other volunteers with common interests.
- Receive vouchers good for four tickets to any performance in the 2017-2018 season.
- Opportunity to register for Education classes and Summer Camps prior to the general public.
- Private shopping hours for Santa's Bag.
- Invitations to social events including Santa's Bag, Women's Doubles Tennis Tournament and Celebrate!
- Opportunity to work with one of the most successful and fun arts organizations in our community!

Learn more about ENCORE! at [ctcharlotte.org/encore](http://ctcharlotte.org/encore) or call our Development office at 704-973-2804.

# ACCESSIBILITY PROGRAMS

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY PERFORMANCES

We offer a sensory-friendly performance for each of our Mainstage productions. We modify these performances for children and adults who have an autism spectrum disorder or other sensitivity issues.

Before attending the performances, families can walk through [virtual tours](#) and become familiar with ImaginOn's public spaces, including the interior of the McColl Family Theatre and the Wells Fargo Playhouse. Parents can [download resource guides](#) to help them prepare their family for the show.

At the performance, we dim the theatre lighting and soften sound levels. Guests will also have extra room in the theatre to move around as needed during the performance. We also happily provide [quiet spaces](#), [fidgets and headphones](#).

Show	Date and Time
Mary Poppins	Saturday, Oct. 21 at 11 a.m.
The Snowy Day and Other Stories	Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical	Saturday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m.
And in This Corner: Cassius Clay	Saturday, Feb. 17 at 11 a.m.
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	Saturday, March 17 at 11 a.m.
Madagascar: A Musical Adventure	Saturday, April 21 at 11 a.m.

## ASL SIGN-INTERPRETED PERFORMANCES

We offer a sign language-interpreted performance for each of our Mainstage and WonderFest productions. A professional ASL sign-language interpreter, who has read the script and had early access, interprets the show.

Show	Date and Time
Mary Poppins	Saturday, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m.
The Snowy Day and Other Stories	Saturday, Nov. 4 at 3 p.m.
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical	Saturday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m.
Balloonacy	Sunday, Jan. 21 at 11 a.m.
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Friday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m.
The Imaginators	Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m.
And in This Corner: Cassius Clay	Saturday, Feb. 17 at 3 p.m.
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	Saturday, March 24 at 3 p.m.
Madagascar: A Musical Adventure	Saturday, May 5 at 3 p.m.

Questions? Please call our Box Office at 704-973-2828. We're available Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

# EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## THEATRE 360

### Extend the theatre experience!

Theatre 360 provides a way to interact with Children's Theatre of Charlotte productions by extending the theatre experience for families and providing access to all! Best of all, many programs are **free**.

**Education Nights** are one of our most popular events. Families join the teaching artists and the Education staff for a night full of backstage tours, workshops and a great show! Buy your tickets for Education Night performances and enjoy the **FREE** programs offered before and after the show.

Check out our full schedule of Theatre 360 events online at [ctcharlotte.org/theatre-360](http://ctcharlotte.org/theatre-360)

## CAMPS

**MINI-CAMPS** are full-day theatre experiences for students from kindergarten through sixth grade. Tuition \$70 per day

**SUMMER CAMPS** offer students one- and two-week programs, grouped by age and interest, from toddler to teenager, led by professional teaching artists. Tuition varies by camp

**Early Childhood** for ages 3 to 5

**Primary** for rising kindergartners to second-graders

**Musical Performance and Acting** for rising third- to seventh-graders

**Teen Summer Studios** for rising eighth- to 12th-graders

## CREATIVE DRAMA

Classes for ages 2 to fifth grade

Fall: Oct. 3 to Dec. 16

Winter: Jan. 16 to March 24

Creative Drama is a five- or 10-week class offering students an exciting introduction to performing. Students learn to express themselves, build confidence and more while learning theatre concepts. Tuition is \$200 per session unless otherwise noted.

**Side By Side** (ages 2 and 3): Parents share in this five-week classroom experience. Tuition \$85 per session

Fall 1: Oct. 7 to Nov. 4

Fall 2: Nov. 11 to Dec. 16

Winter 1: Jan. 20 to Feb. 17

Winter 2: Feb. 24 to March 24

**My Spotlight** (ages 3 and 4): Students explore theatre concepts and develop life skills through stage skills in this 10-week class.

**Acting Adventures** (ages 5 and 6): Children's literature provides the basis for story dramatization in this 10-week class.

**Shooting Stars** (Grades 1 to 2): Explore story through movement, characterization and improvisation in this 10-week class.

**Young Performers** (Grades 3 to 5): Bridging story dramatization and scripted performance, students learn the elements of rehearsing a play in this 10-week class.



# EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## SCHOOL OF THEATRE TRAINING

Classes for third to 12th grade  
20-week session: Oct. 2 to March 17

School of Theatre Training (SOTT) is a comprehensive 20-week program for studying the skills and techniques of acting and musical theatre.



**OPEN ENROLLMENT** classes are available to all interested students in third through 12th grade. **Tuition \$400 per session.**

**Foundations** (Third through 12th grade): Fundamental skill training for students new to the SOTT program.

**Core** (Fourth through 12th grade): Script work and an introduction to the business of acting. Students learn audition techniques and receive a professional headshot for use.

**Focus** (Fifth through 12th grade): Specialized concentrations in areas of acting and musical theatre.

**Technical Theatre** (Eighth through 12th grade): Students explore technical elements required to produce a show. Students serve as designers and running crew for the New Works class.

**CONSERVATORY** classes are available by audition only to students in fifth through 12th grade. These classes may require more outside assignments and a more rigorous commitment.

**New Works** (Fifth through 12th grade): Development of a new play or musical and tour the production throughout the community **Tuition \$400**

**Young Company** (Fifth through 8th grade): Rotate between acting, dance and voice classes **Tuition \$450**

**Acting OR Musical Theatre Company** (Eighth through 12th grade): Develop skill sets through an exploration of classical training **Tuition \$450**

**Pre-Professional Company** (Ninth through 12th grade): Explore acting and musical theatre in a college preparatory setting  
**Tuition \$500**

## ONSTAGE

OnStage bridges student work with a professional theatre experience. This intensive five-week program casts 160 students in four fully-produced shows during one weekend in the spring. Open-enrollment students participate in a lottery to receive placement in OnStage. Conservatory students are exempt from the lottery and receive early registration. **Tuition \$200**



**Lottery/Early Registration:** Feb. 26 to Feb. 28

**Auditions:** March 18 and March 19

**Rehearsals/Performance:** April 16 to May 20

## MASTER CLASSES

Master Classes offer acting and musical theatre intensives led by guest instructors during one weekend. **Tuition \$100 per session**



## LEARN MORE!

View the fall and winter class schedule, get details on all of our Education programs and check out our three convenient class locations. Visit [ctcharlotte.org/education](http://ctcharlotte.org/education) or call 704-973-2838.

# TICKETS & SERVICES

## TICKETS

Tickets start at just \$12, except for PlayPlay! Theatre performances, which cost even less at \$10 per ticket.

Prices vary depending on date and time of each performance. If you don't find the seats or price you're looking for, be sure to check alternative dates and times or call the Box Office for guidance. Every person, regardless of age, must have a ticket.

## EXCHANGES

We know family schedules change. That's why we offer easy exchanges!

**Subscribers** may exchange their tickets for no additional charge when requested at least 48 hours before their originally scheduled performance and subject to the availability of the preferred performance. Comparable seating is not guaranteed, but we'll do our best to place you in the best seats available.

**Non-subscribers** may also exchange their tickets, for \$2 per ticket (plus sales tax), when requested at least 48 hours before their originally scheduled performance and subject to the availability of the preferred performance. There may be a price difference between your original performance and your new performance.

## GROUP DISCOUNTS

Our performances are perfect for student groups, Boy Scout and Girls Scout troops, Y Guides Tribes, fundraising parties, church outings, family get-togethers, company outings and any other gathering of family, friends or business associates. We offer several levels of competitive pricing for large groups seeking a unique and memorable experience for their staff, constituents and families.

By attending Children's Theatre of Charlotte productions as a group of 10 or more, you can access benefits available exclusively to groups.

- discount pricing on tickets**
- easy payment plans
- study guides
- personalized planning assistance

Visit [ctcharlotte.org/groups](http://ctcharlotte.org/groups) for more information or call 704-973-2828.

## SCHOLARSHIP TICKETS

Through our Community Involvement Program, Children's Theatre of Charlotte provides tickets to families and organizations that work with disadvantaged youth or receive public assistance.

- Tickets should only be used by the family or organization that requested them
- If unable to attend, the recipient must notify the Box Office at least five days before the event
- As some performances are not suitable for younger audiences, we ask you bring only children of the recommended ages. Please do not bring children under 3 years old.
- Scholarship tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit [ctcharlotte.org/financial-aid](http://ctcharlotte.org/financial-aid) to complete an application for our scholarship ticket program. If you have questions about scholarship tickets, please call the Box Office at 704-973-2828.

# 2017-18 SHOW CALENDAR

## August

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## September

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## October

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <sup>SFP</sup>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <sup>ASL</sup>
29	30	31				

## November

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
			1	2	3	4 <sup>ASL</sup>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <sup>SFP</sup>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## December

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <sup>SFP</sup>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 <sup>ASL</sup>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

## January

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14 <sup>ASL</sup>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <sup>ASL</sup>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## February

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
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## March

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24 <sup>ASL</sup>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## April

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
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29	30					

## May

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5 <sup>ASL</sup>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## June

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Calendar Key

- PlayPlay
- Mary Poppins
- The Snowy Day
- The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical
- Balloonacy
- Mr. Popper's Penguins
- The Imaginators
- And in This Corner: Cassius Clay
- Caleb Sigmom Live! Nothing Up My Sleeve
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
- Madagascar - A Musical Adventure

SFP = Sensory-Friendly Performance  
ASL = Sign-Interpreted Performance

# SUBSCRIPTIONS OPTIONS & BENEFITS

Subscribe and not only will you **save up to 20%**, you'll also enjoy these special benefits:

- free ticket exchanges** when your schedule changes
- discounts on extra tickets** for your friends and family
- early registration for classes and camps**
- the best seats**, which you can keep all year long!\*

\* not available in Choose-Your-Own subscriptions

**We've organized each of our premium subscriptions by age to help families find the plan best suited for their children.**

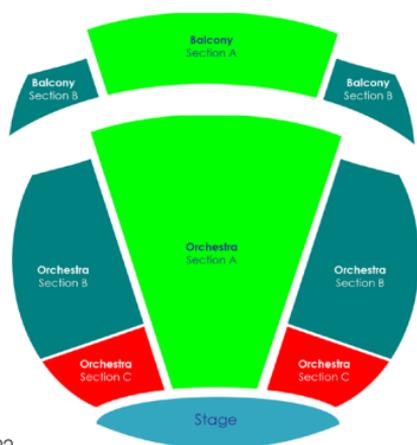
Have children of varying ages? Buy a subscription and add on shows. For example, a family with a 4-year-old and 10-year-old might buy an Explorer subscription and add on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and/or *And in This Corner: Cassius Clay*.

## Need more flexibility?

Consider buying a Choose-Your-Own subscription with three, four, five or more shows. You can create your own lineup of shows that meets your family's specific needs and save 10% off the regular ticket price! Choose-Your-Own subscriptions are available exclusively at [ctcharlotte.org](http://ctcharlotte.org).

## SEATING SECTIONS

### McColl Family Theatre



### Explorer Subscriptions (ages 4 and older)

#### Saturdays at 11 a.m.

The Snowy Day	Oct. 28
Balloonacy	Jan. 13
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Jan. 27
Madagascar...	April 14

#### Saturdays at 3 p.m.

The Snowy Day	Oct. 28
Balloonacy	Jan. 27
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Jan. 13
Madagascar...	April 14

#### Sundays at 2 p.m.

The Snowy Day	Oct. 29
Balloonacy	Jan. 14
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Jan. 28
Madagascar...	April 15

#### Sundays at 4 p.m.

The Snowy Day	Oct. 29
Balloonacy	Jan. 14
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Jan. 28
Madagascar...	April 15

### Dreamer Subscriptions (ages 6 and older)

#### Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Poppins	Oct. 6
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Jan. 12
Lion, Witch & Wardrobe...	March 9
Madagascar...	April 13

#### Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Mary Poppins	Oct. 7
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Jan. 20
Lion, Witch & Wardrobe...	March 10
Madagascar...	April 28

#### Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Mary Poppins	Oct. 7
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Jan. 20 (1 p.m. curtain)
Lion, Witch & Wardrobe...	March 10
Madagascar...	April 21

#### Sundays at 2 p.m.

Mary Poppins	Oct. 8 (1:30 p.m. curtain)
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Jan. 21
Lion, Witch & Wardrobe...	March 11
Madagascar...	April 22

### Adventurer Subscriptions (ages 8 and older)

#### Fridays at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Poppins	Oct. 13
The Imaginators	Jan. 19
And in This Corner...	Feb. 2
Lion, Witch & Wardrobe...	March 16

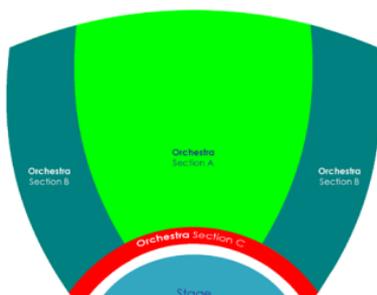
#### Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Mary Poppins	Oct. 14
The Imaginators	Jan. 13 (1 p.m. curtain)
And in This Corner...	Feb. 3
Lion, Witch & Wardrobe...	March 17

#### Sundays at 2 p.m.

Mary Poppins	Oct. 15 (1:30 p.m. curtain)
The Imaginators	Jan. 21 (4 p.m. curtain)
And in This Corner...	Feb. 4
Lion, Witch & Wardrobe...	March 18

### Wells Fargo Playhouse



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Charlotte, N.C. 28202

**Yes!** I want to **save 20%** on my tickets by buying an age-based subscription!  
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Subscription & Seating	Preferred Date/Time	Qty	Total
<b>Explorer (ages 4+)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A \$72 <input type="checkbox"/> B \$56 <input type="checkbox"/> C \$48	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat at 11am <input type="checkbox"/> Sat at 3pm <input type="checkbox"/> Sun at 2pm <input type="checkbox"/> Sun at 4pm		\$
<b>Dreamer (ages 6+)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A \$84 <input type="checkbox"/> B \$61 <input type="checkbox"/> C \$48	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri at 7:30pm <input type="checkbox"/> Sat at 11am <input type="checkbox"/> Sat at 3pm <input type="checkbox"/> Sun at 2pm		\$
<b>Adventurer (ages 8+)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> A \$84 <input type="checkbox"/> B \$61 <input type="checkbox"/> C \$48	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri at 7:30pm <input type="checkbox"/> Sat at 3pm <input type="checkbox"/> Sun at 2pm		\$
<b>PlayPlay! (ages 0-3)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> General \$16	<input type="checkbox"/> Thu at 10am <input type="checkbox"/> Thu at 12pm <input type="checkbox"/> Fri at 10am <input type="checkbox"/> Fri at 12pm <input type="checkbox"/> Sat at 10am <input type="checkbox"/> Sat at 12pm		\$

I'd like to add **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: The Musical** to my order before it goes on sale to the public! I'll get the best seats at the lowest price.

Seating Section	Preferred Date/Time	Qty	Total	
<input type="checkbox"/> A \$27 <input type="checkbox"/> B \$19.80 <input type="checkbox"/> C \$12	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri, Nov. 24 - 7:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Nov. 25 - 3 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Nov. 26 - 4 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Dec. 2 - 11 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Dec. 3 - 2 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Dec. 9 - 11 a.m.* <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Dec. 10 - 2 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Dec. 16 - 11 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Dec. 17 - 2 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs, Dec. 21 - 11 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Dec. 23 - 11 a.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Nov. 25 - 11 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, Nov. 26 - 2 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri, Dec. 1 - 7:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Dec. 2 - 3 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri, Dec. 8 - 7:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Dec. 9 - 3 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri, Dec. 15 - 7:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat, Dec. 16 - 3 p.m.** <input type="checkbox"/> Wed, Dec. 20 - 11 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Fri, Dec. 22 - 11 a.m.		\$

\* denotes sensory-friendly performance    \*\* denotes ASL sign-interpreted performance

I'd like to add **Caleb Sigmon: Nothing Up My Sleeve** to my order before it goes on sale to the public.

Seating Section	Preferred Date/Time	Qty	Total	
<input type="checkbox"/> A \$18 <input type="checkbox"/> B \$14.40 <input type="checkbox"/> C \$12	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri, March 2 - 7:30 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sat, March 3 - 3 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, March 4 - 4 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, March 3 - 11 a.m. <input type="checkbox"/> Sun, March 4 - 2 p.m.		\$

## Calculate your total

Subtotal	\$
Handling Fee	\$ 6.50
Sales Tax (7.25%)	\$
Donation	\$
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>

Your tax-deductible gift supports the portion of our annual budget not covered by ticket costs and other earned revenue.

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Check, payable to Children's Theatre of Charlotte.

Credit Card:  MasterCard  Visa Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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