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TO: Area Elementary & Middle School Principals, Teachers, and Home School Parents
FROM: Sandy Black, Executive Director Sandwich Opera House
RE: Performing Arts for Youth Programs for '06-'07 School Year

Enclosed is the revised schedule of Performing Arts for Youth programs for the 2006-07 school year. An order blank is included. **RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY ON THE ATTACHED ORDER BLANK. SEATING IS FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED.** Suggested grade levels are listed for each performance. In most cases 4th graders may attend those listed for K-3rd if curriculum applies.

THE COST PER SEAT (INCLUDING TEACHERS AND CHAPERONES) IS \$3.00 and may be paid by the individuals attending or funded through Parent/Teacher groups, Market Days, or Student Councils. **WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS. MONEY MUST BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE OR PLASTIC BAG WITH THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL, TEACHER, AND NUMBER OF SEATS INCLUDED IN THE PAYMENT. INCLUDE THE SAME INFORMATION IF YOU ARE PAYING BY CHECK.**

Shows will start promptly at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and last approximately 50 minutes. The Opera House is wheelchair accessible. Educational materials (when available) will be furnished to each school for copying and distribution to teachers.

A \$50 deposit **per school**, per year is required for all groups of 25 or more. It will be refunded upon request or may be deducted from the payment for the last performance your school attends. Deposits are forfeited for non-attendance of a performance for which seats have been reserved or for overbooking more than 5% without notifying us within 2 weeks of the performance.

Thursday, October 5, 2006 **K-8th** Fox Tales International

WHAT LIES BETWEEN: LEWIS AND CLARK'S JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN
Join Brian "Fox" Ellis as Meriwether Lewis and Barry Cloyd as William Clark as they engage the audience in this musical theater production that recreates the night before they left, a campfire at Fort Mandan, and the night of their return. Sit around the campfire regaling in the stories and songs from their exploration of the West.

STATE GOAL16: Understand events, trends, individuals and movements shaping the history of Illinois, the US, and other nations.

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

THE STINKY CHEESE MAN Pre-K - 4th Emerald City Theatre

A whirlwind of wacky, whimsical wisecracks, starring the usual fairy tale suspects. An hilarious adaptation that remains delightfully true to the Caldecott-winning book.

STATE GOAL 27: Know how images, sound and movement convey stories about people, places and times.

STATE Goal 2: Read and understand literature representative of societies, eras and ideas.

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Thursday, October 26, 2006

CRIME SCENE SCIENCE

3rd-8th

Mobile ED Productions, Inc.

An explanation of Forensic Science, critical thinking and problem solving, with references to most scientific principals, with humor, a touch or two of magic and plenty of fun with "The Great Cat Caper."

STATE GOAL 11: Understand the process of scientific inquiry and technological design to investigate questions, conduct experiments and solve problems.

Thursday, November 2, 2006

MIKE OFFUTT'S ULTIMATE SCIENCE SHOW K-8 Artists of Note

1993 recipient of the NSF Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Math Teaching

This show is an unusual demonstration of oddities and seemingly magical "tricks" with explanations of the scientific principles which make these remarkable feats possible!

Guaranteed to be fun, educational and memorable for all who participate... the perfect program to awaken a child's natural interest in science. It's NOT Magic, it's SCIENCE!

STATE GOAL 13: Understand the relationships among science, technology and society in historical and contemporary context.

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Histories for Kids, Inc.

CELEBRATE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN'S 300TH BIRTHDAY! K-6

Inventor, statesman, and founding father - he seemed to do it all! Listen as Franklin, on the 300th anniversary of his birth, reminisces about his political life, writings, and scientific inventions and how they changed our lives today. *GREAT STUDY GUIDES!*

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Tuesday, November 21, 2006

THANKSGIVING TALES!

K-6 Folksongs & Foolery Entertainment

Everyone knows what Thanksgiving is all about -- turkey, parades & football, right! But there's a whole lot more to this holiday. Like the story of Squanto, a Native American forced into slavery in Europe, who when he returns home saves a group of settlers fleeing religious persecution. Did you know Mexican colonists celebrated the first Thanksgiving in North America in California in 1769? Or that ancient civilizations in Greece, India, Israel and China also had a thanksgiving festival? It's a feast of stories and songs to kick off an American celebration.

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Thursday, November 30, 2006

THE CHRISTMAS SCHOONER 3RD-8TH Tri-County Players 9 a.m. only

A musical based on the historic events of a 19th Century Great Lakes captain who sails the treacherous winter waters of Lake Michigan to deliver the Tannenbaum (the Christmas tree) to German immigrants in Chicago who otherwise would have no tree.

STATE GOAL 18: Understand the roles and interactions of individuals/groups in society.

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Tuesday, December 5, 2006

UNTANGLING THE TALE OF THE BIG BAD WOLF PRE K-4 Light-Hearted Productions

The Three Little Pigs are suing the Big Bad Wolf. Judge Mr. Meaer must make a ruling with help of the audience! The actors present two different sides of the popular story, The Three Little Pigs. With evidence and testimonies presented by the Pigs, the Wolf, as well as other fairy-tale personalities, children are encouraged to ask questions and analyze what they've seen in a mid-performance discussion. A poll is taken to see if the children believe the Wolf is innocent or guilty as charged. Their choice is played out in the end.

STATE GOAL 27: Know how images, sound and movement convey stories about people, places and times.

STATE GOAL 25: Understand the sensory elements, organizational principles and expressive qualities of the arts.

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

A LITTLE PRINCESS CHRISTMAS 2nd - 6th ArtsPower National Touring Theatre
Spirited Sara Crewe goes from riches to rags when her doting father disappears, leaving her in the clutches of the evil Miss Minchin. Now it's up to Sara and her friend Becky to save themselves while keeping up hope that Captain Crewe will return to save their Christmas. The powers of love, friendship and belief in miracles are all in this hit musical.

STATE GOAL 27: Know how images, sound and movement convey stories about people, places and times.

STATE GOAL 2: Read and understand literature representative of various societies, eras and ideas.

Thursday, December 14, 2006 4-8th GreatWorks Theatre Company

A CHRISTMAS CAROL - freely adapted from the story by Charles Dickens

A post-modern romp where Dickens meets disco, hoop skirts meet polyester, and Scrooge meets three ghosts who take him on a tour of his past, present, and future, giving him an overnight education on the true meaning of Christmas.

STATE GOAL 2: Read and understand literature representative of societies, eras & ideas.

STATE GOAL 26: Understand processes, traditional tools, and modern technologies used in the arts.

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

SECOND CITY BRASS K-8

Second City Brass's concerts are a unique opportunity to foster an appreciation of classical music as they explore each of the four brass instruments and the traditional role each one plays. Highlights will include: John William's, "Olympic Fanfare", "Flight of the Bumblebee", a jazzed-up version of "Rubber Duckie" and a feature for each instrument. The students are invited to choose the "coolest" of the brass instruments. Towards the end of the concert, Second City Brass builds a brass instrument out of a garden hose and a funnel!

STATE GOAL 26: Understand how works of art are produced.

STATE GOAL 25: Understand the sensory elements, organizational principles and expressive qualities of the arts.

Thursday, January 11, 2007

TAKE FLIGHT! THE MEDIEVAL FALCONER 4th-8th Caton Enterprises, Ltd.

“Up front” look at Falconry and the environment in the Middle Ages and contemporary world. Medieval Sport, environmental awareness, and birds and endangered species.

Birds are tethered to their perch and will not be flying around.

STATE GOAL 13: Understand the relationships among science, technology an society in historical and contemporary context.

Tuesday, January 23, 2007

THE INSPECTOR IWANNANO SHOW K-5th Mobile ED Productions, Inc.

Inspector Iwannano delivers a strong message within a comedy-packed magic-filled program. Students will learn to “focus on my actions” because actions show character and are involved in a mystery trying to uncover certain “character clues” -respect, trustworthiness, caring, responsibility, fairness and good citizenship. A special magnifying glass, a talking cartoon drawing, a contraption that creates an American flag, and a trust building game show are some of the exciting adventures the inspector will take your students on.

STATE GOAL 11: Understand the processes of scientific inquiry and technological design to investigate questions, conduct experiments and solve problems.

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

LINCOLN TALES TALL AND TRUE K - 8th Prairie Folk Theater

Tracing his rise from prairie state rail-splitter to America’s favorite president this blend of history and humor will attempt to disentangle the man from the myth. Told from the perspective of Austin Gullaher, a childhood friend of Lincoln who once saved his life, Brian “Fox” Ellis steps into character to allow the listeners to step back in time. With more than three hours of Lincoln Tales to choose from, this program can focus on his childhood, his career as a lawyer, his presidency or give an overview of his life.

STATE GOAL 16: Understand events, trends, individuals and movements shaping the history of Illinois, The United States and other nations.

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

MORE ALIKE THAN NOT 4-8 Arif Choudhury and Susan O’Halloran

With funny stories, scary stories, challenging stories, and affirming stories More Alike than Not brings alive two storytellers’ (one Bangladeshi-American and one Irish-American) distinct backgrounds and common humanity to illuminate the experience of being an American in a time of cultural tension and change. Young/old, man/woman, brown skin/white skin, Muslim/Christian, artist/business person, athletic/non-athletic - the divisions in our society and schools goes on and on. What is it like to be treated as an Outsider? Misconceptions and common threads are explored in stories of immigration, assimilation, life passages and religious and cultural identity so that past and present conflicts can transform into hope for the future. (Great for Black History Month)

STATE GOAL 18: Understand social systems with an emphasis on the United States.

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Thursday, February 22, 2007

ILLINOIS INVENTORS K-8th Histories for Kids, Inc.

A 20th century newspaper hawker will give you the inside scoop on Land-of-Lincoln legends, Marvin Camras (tape recorder), Lauren Hammond (electronic keyboard), Charles Pajeau (Tinker Toys), Levant Richardson (ball-bearing roller skates), Ives McGaffery (vacuum cleaner) and Whitcomb Judson (the zipper). *GREAT STUDY GUIDES!*

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Thursday, March 1, 2007

JOURNEY TO READTOPIA K-6 Quest

Covers the Reading portion of the ISAT teaching proven techniques needed to become better readers and excel. at the ISAT. This engaging storyline helps bring the concepts across in a memorable way.

Ruby has a reading test coming up and she's unhappy because she doesn't like the book and believes she is poor at reading. On her way home from school she finds a mysterious leather book. Upon opening the book she is invited on a journey to READTOPIA, a magical place where reading comes to life. There she meets Sophie and Josh, two other kids who are struggling with their own reading. Along the journey they learn the 4 Golden Rules of Reading: asking Questions, forming Connections, creating Mental Pictures, and making Inferences. Through their interactions with humorous characters as well as the audience, they learn how to overcome their challenges and bring their own reading to life.

STATE GOAL 1: Read with understanding and fluency

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES K-6th ArtsPower National Touring Theatre

Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert want a boy to help with the chores. They are not expecting Anne Shirley, an orphan with little more than a tattered carpet bag and a big imagination. ArtsPower's popular and heart-warming musical tells the story of vivacious Anne and her journey to find the family she's always wanted..

STATE GOAL 2: Read and understand literature representative of various societies, eras and ideas.

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

FREEDOM IS MY HOME 3rd-8th Charlotte Battin Productions

The Underground Railroad told from the point of view of a Quaker woman. Margaret Ella Scott is an abolitionist and active participant in the Underground Railroad activities in 1853. She has called together a group of interested people (the audience) who are there to learn about the "Railroad" and how they can help. She tells stories of daring escapes and of friendships born in the course of helping runaways. She explains the secret codes used and the risks that must be taken. And Finally, she leaves in the heart of each listener the question, "Can we stand by and let this happen?" **WOMEN IN HISTORY**

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Tuesday, March 29, 2007

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! Pre-K - 6th Theatrebam Chicago

Schoolhouse Rock Live! is a collage of songs from the Emmy Award winning musical cartoon series that began on ABC-TV in 1973. Featuring contemporary music styles and clever lyrics ("Conjunction Junction", "Interplanet Janet"), Schoolhouse Rock songs teach math, grammar, history and science with great clever lyrics and respect for all ages.

STATE GOAL 25: Understand the sensory elements, organizational principles and expressive qualities of the arts.

STATE GOAL 16: Understand events, trends, individuals and movements shaping the history of Illinois, the United States and other nations.

Thursday, April 12, 2007

IN THE BEGINNING American Eagle Productions PRE-K - 6TH GRADE

In the Beginning... From the creation to the Covenant, this is a stirring and original account of the early stories of the Bible.

STATE GOAL 2: Read and understand literature representative of various societies, eras and ideas.

STATE GOAL 27: Know how images, sound and movement convey stories about people, places and times.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR BUS DRIVERS KNOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP STUDENTS AND PARKING INCLUDED ON THE ORDER FORM.