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Registration started in August and is ongoing. To reserve seats, teachers register online at:

<http://www.mccallumtheatre.com/index.php/education/field-trips/reservation-process>

Seating is arranged on a first-come, first-served basis.

MCCALLUM THEATRE EDUCATION ANNOUNCES 2019-2020 FIELD TRIP SERIES!

PALM DESERT, CA – McCallum Theatre Education announces another power-packed season of Field Trip Series performances by companies such as Rhythmic Circus, Oxford Playhouse, Versa-Style Dance Company, Mnozil Brass, Backhausdance, as well as local orchestras The Desert Symphony and The Coachella Valley Symphony. At no charge, local students and teachers have the opportunity to experience and engage with thirteen culturally diverse works in music, dance, and theatre between September 2019 and April 2020.

“We are delighted to share with the greater Desert community just how significantly the McCallum invests in experiences for our local students, many of whom otherwise would not have an opportunity to attend a live performance in a professional theatre setting,” says Kaja Thuresson-Frary, McCallum’s VP of Education.”

These performances are made available at no cost and are attended by teachers and students from across the Coachella Valley and the High Desert.

“Palm Desert Charter Middle School students are so fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the beautiful McCallum Theatre for the Field Trip Series each year, and we are close enough to walk to and from the Theatre as well,” says 7th grade social studies teacher Mindy McLaurin, who will attend Cirque Mei with her students on September 24. “This Series provides our students with truly unforgettable, live action cultural experiences which partners with our curriculum.”

Among this season’s highlights...

Featuring top artists from around the world, the series kicks off on Monday, September 23rd with **People's Republic of China, Hebei Province – *Cirque Me***, one of China's finest troupes of its kind. Blending ancient artistry and breathtaking energy for a non-stop extravaganza of acrobatics, contortions tricks, juggling acts and balancing feats, the remarkable company features 40 elite circus artists and acrobats who will execute many of the most popular Chinese circus routines including Hoops Diving, Lion Dance, Collective Bicycle Skills, Flying Meteors, Foot Juggling, and Ladder Balancing Act that are guaranteed to dazzle and delight students and adults in a colorful and lively celebration.

In November, 24th Street Theatre, puts a breathtaking spin on a seemingly simple tale. In ***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane***, adapted for the stage by Dwayne Hartford from the award-winning novel by Kate DiCamillo, Edward Tulane is a porcelain rabbit who must learn the meaning of love: what it is to love, what it is to lose that love and how to find the courage to love again. With great respect for the human power of imagination, director Debbie Devine has masterfully created a highly stylized and dynamic play that promises to take you on a touching journey.

In February, Grammy-winning, internationally-touring, purple velvet tuxedo-wearing family funk phenomenon ***Secret Agent 23 Skidoo*** debuts on the McCallum stage with a sound and style that fashions a world intended for the whole family. Tapping into their award-winning original catalogue, this electric ensemble combines the highly literate lyrical style of golden age hip hop with the raw emotional power of funk and intelligent storytelling, inspiring a wide spectrum of audiences. Positive themes of empowerment, love, imaginations set loose, hope, ambitions, and dreams set the tone to evoke change in the world in positive ways, both personal and universal.

The 2019-20 Field Trip Series comes to a close in **April** with ***JazzReach***, featuring two days of three musical programs that are sure to take you on a rich musical journey. Captivating audiences around the world, JazzReach introduces new generations to the full evolution of jazz music, illustrating the degree to which the American experience and the sound of jazz have been greatly influenced, enhanced, expanded and refined by these rich, vibrant and diverse cultural heritages.

For a complete list of performances and full performance descriptions, please visit:

<http://www.mccallumtheatre.com/index.php/education/field-trips/performances>

McCallum Theatre Education, formerly known as McCallum Theatre Institute and established in September 1997, is the education division of McCallum Theatre for the Performing Arts, offering a spectrum of arts education programs for the community, including free and subsidized activities for close to 40,000 schoolchildren and classroom teachers each year at no cost to them. These programs are made possible through ongoing generous support by a large number of donors and sponsors. For information on opportunities to contribute to the Field Trip Series, please visit: <http://www.mccallumtheatre.com/index.php/giving/field-trip-performance-sponsorship>

The 2019-2020 Field Trip Series performance schedule:

People's Republic of China, Hebei Province - *Cirque Mei*

Monday, September 23, 2019 | 11am

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 | 9:30am & 11am

Recommended Grades: K – 12

Versa-Style Dance Company

Thursday, October 10, 2019 | 9:30am & 11am

Recommended Grades: K-12

The Desert Symphony - *A Diverse Musical World*

Thursday, October 17, 2019 | 10am & 11:30am

Recommended Grades: 2 – 12

Oxford Playhouse - *One Small Step*

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 | 9:30am & 11:30am

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 | 9:30am & 11:30am

Recommended Grades: 2 – 12

24th Street Theatre - *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 | 11:00 am

Thursday, November 21, 2019 | 9:30 am

Recommended Grades: 2 – 12

Rhythmic Circus - *Holiday Shuffle*

Monday, December 2, 2019 | 11am

Recommended Grades: K – 12

Backhausdance in Concert featuring The Studio Project Ensemble

Thursday, January 16, 2020 | 10am

Recommended Grades: 2 – 12

Secret Agent 23 Skidoo

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 | 9:30am & 11am

Recommended Grades: K – 5

Mnozil Brass - *Cirque*

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 | 10am

Recommended Grades: K – 12

The Coachella Valley Symphony

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 | 10am & 11:30am

Recommended Grades: K – 12

JazzReach - *Con Alma Y Fuego*

Monday, April 27, 2020 | 11am

Recommended Grades: 5 – 12

JazzReach - *Hangin' With the Giants*

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 | 9:30am

Recommended Grades: K – 5

JazzReach – *Ellington!*

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 | 11:00am

Recommended Grades: 2 – 8

For more information on the Field Trip Series, please contact Michael Flannigan, Education Program Coordinator (760) 346-6505 ext. 143.

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